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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Downtown Saskatoon Business Improvement District
Subject Urban Forestry Management Plan
Meeting (if known) SPC on Environment, Utilities, and Corporate Services
Comments
Please find attached a letter from the five Business Improvement Districts pertaining to Item 7.2.2.

Thank you,
Brent Penner
Executive Director
Downtown Saskatoon BID
Attachments
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His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
City Hall, City of Saskatoon
222 3rd Avenue North
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

Dear Mayor Clark and City Council,

Re: SPC on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services
Item 7.2.2. Urban Forestry Management Plan

This letter is a response to the Urban Forestry Management Plan and to publicly acknowledge the important role the urban forest plays and must continue to play in our important business districts, and to ensure that items 3.3 and 3.4 within the report are given top priority in the overall urban forestry management plan.

In short, trees are good for business. As stated in a 2018 study by the Center for Horticultural Research at the University of Washington, *“healthy and well-maintained trees send positive messages about the appeal of a district, the quality of products there and what customer service a shopper can expect. They are an important component of any program to attract shoppers and visitors.”*

It is for this key reason that we are passionate about the trees in our district being properly cared for and replaced in a timely manner when necessary. We respectfully ask that replacement trees be larger than what we typically see when a mature tree needs removing. Unfortunately, we have seen small trees vandalized, and in some cases city staff tell us that they may not replant due to the vandalism.

Below are recent examples of trees planted in 2020 in the 300 block of 2nd Avenue South that have been destroyed. Unfortunately, this needless vandalism occurs far too frequently in our districts where small trees are planted to replace more mature trees that died.



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We acknowledge that trees in urban districts do face a challenging environment. In many cases, salinity levels are higher than what is ideal for a tree to thrive. Perhaps the City can work to establish approved products that are utilized in our commercial areas to help with de-icing but will not damage the trees. The City of Minneapolis has embarked on this and is working with BIDs, property owners, and City staff to find alternatives to products that are more tree friendly and less damaging to cement sidewalks and concrete paves. Whatever products are put on our sidewalks and roads can also end up in the river which reinforces the need for environmentally products that can also reduce slips and falls in our long winters.

We look forward to working with the City of Saskatoon on these important topics. To conclude, would you rather sit on an outdoor patio on a treelined street or one without any?

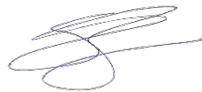
Sincerely,



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Brent Penner
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Executive Director
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Dan Matthews
Executive
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cc: Konrad Andre, Operations Manager – Parks Department, City of Saskatoon
Darren Crilly, Director of Parks, City of Saskatoon
Lynne Lacroix, General Manager, Community Services