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STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
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**Monday, April 12, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
Via Teleconference Hosted in the Council Chamber, Saskatoon City Hall**

**Committee Members: Councillor T. Davies, Chair,
Councillor M. Loewen, Vice-Chair,
Councillor C. Block,
Councillor S. Gersher,
Councillor D. Hill,
and His Worship, Mayor C. Clark (Ex-
Officio)**

**PLEASE CONTACT THESE COUNCILLORS BEFORE MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021,
AND SEEK THEIR SUPPORT IN CLOSING THE MEADOWGREEN RECYCLING
DEPOT PERMANENTLY!**

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thrown to the ground, sometimes causing the house to shake. This happens at least 4 times per week, sometimes more often, and takes between 45 and 60 minutes each time.

The bin fires, which happen often, are now even closer to our property and can spread to the trees in close proximity.

Is this situation better than it was? Certainly, although things were so bad that anything is an improvement. Our fear that you will assume this 'honeymoon' period means that the problem is solved. It is not:

1. The noise is unacceptable. We pay over \$3,100 yearly in property taxes for the privilege of having our ears assaulted week and week.
2. Since the temporary fencing was installed last Friday, we have already had to close up openings created by pedestrians wanting a more convenient exit from the depot.
3. Debris caught by the wind while bins are being emptied continues to invade our yard and alley.
4. The remaining BIOHAZARD against the west fence has not yet been cleared away. A bobcat could cut through any snow or ice left.
5. A commissionaire sitting in a car at the entrance to the depot does not see what people are dumping. On Good Friday from my kitchen, I heard the unmistakable sound of furniture and metal being dumped. I ran around to the entrance to alert the 2 commissionaires chatting and completely oblivious to events. Meanwhile an entire ½ ton full of bikes and furniture was being unloaded. Eventually the commissionaires had the culprit retrieve the bike, table, dresser and large chairs he had already binned.
6. This site is used as often by businesses as it is by residents of the area, for whom it was intended. Existing signage to this effect is completely ignored! As I'm writing this letter, Easter Sunday 3:00 pm, an SUV with the business name clearly marked on the side, arrived to empty its contents. A business! The commissionaire simply sat in his vehicle. When I asked the person unloading if he realized this is for residents, not businesses, I was told to mind my own business. So, what is the point of having a commissionaire on site? Obviously he has no authority or interest to control the situation.

We strongly urge the city to finally close down this site and to move it out of this neighbourhood!