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Subject RE: 2022 and 2023 Indicative Budget

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Comments

Please accept the attached document as my input as part of the review of the proposed indicative rates.

Attachments

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Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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31 August 2021

Finance Committee
City of Saskatoon

Re: Regarding withholding Prairieland Park Amusement Tax

Dear Madam Chair and Committee members,

Our local Saskatoon, property tax-paying, not-for-profit organizations have been hit hard over this pandemic. I propose that the City of Saskatoon enforce the Amusement Tax on Prairieland Park Corporation and that those funds go back into the COS to help other not-for-profit entities within our city that are not afforded the many extraordinary benefits that Prairieland Park already receives. I ask that you make withholding these funds a regular practice going forward as well.

Currently, a few City Councillors personally pay for membership to this private Prairieland Park club which yields them personal benefit yet they continue to vote on Council regarding Prairieland Park business. The COS Solicitor did not mention this circumstance in her previous statements and only discussed if a conflict existed for the COS assigned Prairieland Park Corporation Board representative (who currently is not a paid personal club member).

To me, this is a clear case of conflict of interest because those Councillors are not 'assigned' to this task by City Council and instead personally pay for full membership at their own expense. I ask that any Councillor in this situation should now excuse themselves from this and any future vote regarding financial or operational activities of Prairieland Park going forward as a statement of fair and clear governance. To avoid doing this sends the wrong message as I am sure you understand.

May I ask that Council mandate that for any taxpayer funds to be given to the Prairieland Park Corporation, that all executive salaries and benefits be publicly disclosed. Taxpayers should not be giving money to such a private corporation when the highest paid salaries are kept hidden from public view.

It appears that Prairieland Park Corporation will soon formally ask for another 7 to 8 million dollars of COS taxpayer funding for a field to host their FOR-PROFIT PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM. If you agree to this, then taxpayers will carry the brunt of this forever. Another Remail Modern, if you will. I prefer to keep CEO Mark Regier at his past statement that he takes pride in not taking funding from the Saskatoon Taxpayer. There is no good reason to stop that now in my view.

Thank you

Cary Tarasoff, Saskatoon, SK