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Hi there  
Attached is a letter for a request to speak before City Council.  
Julia Adamson  
on behalf of the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc.

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***Stay Tuned for our 2022 anniversary events!***  
***Get involved with our local and global initiatives.***  
***Learn from the last 50 years, and take action together for the next 50 years!***

June 5, 2022 celebrating the 40th anniversary of Richard St. Barbe Baker's last tree planting.  
Arbor Week 2022 celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Green Survival Program and the afforestation project in Saskatoon and what spring tree planting means  
70 years since Dr. George Genereux won his Olympic Gold Medal July 25-29 1952  
July 22, 2022 celebrating the 100th anniversary of the International Tree Foundation started by Richard St. Barbe Baker!  
National Forest Week commemorating celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Green Survival Program and the afforestation tree nursery project in Saskatoon and what autumnal tree planting means  
***To celebrate the first 50 years, send in your inspirations for the afforestation area 50 amazing challenges!***  
***So many years, so very many stories.***  
***Send us your idea for a challenge, share a story, amaze everyone with a photo***



**Friends of the  
Saskatoon  
Afforestation  
Areas Inc.**

*To: City Clerk, to City Council*  
*From: Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc.*  
*Re: 2022 City Nature Challenge Participation*  
*Request to Speak*

Here's a great opportunity for the City of Saskatoon to get citizens connected to nature while taking part in an international event designed to track biodiversity. The City Nature Challenge (CNC) is an annual event run by the Community Science teams at the California Academy of Sciences and the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. Since launching in 2016, the CNC has grown into an international event that inspires people around the world to find and document wildlife (flora and fauna) in their cities. Last year over 419 cities in 44 countries participated, including 26 Canadian cities from coast to coast. It's a friendly challenge to see which city can gather the most observations of nature, find the most species, and engage the most people. Last year participants tracked over 1 million observations!

The CNC is a fun, simple, and family-friendly event that's easy to execute and can easily fit within public health guidelines. Using the free downloadable app found at [iNaturalist.ca](https://iNaturalist.ca), people can search for and document their local biodiversity simply by taking pictures and uploading them through the app or online. It's a wonderful way to get local area residents involved in a "citizen science" event that contributes to an international database of biodiversity.

The CNC 2022 event takes place April 29 – May 2, and we would welcome official involvement from the City. Anyone can participate in the CNC, and inspiring people to explore local green spaces and natural habitats has added benefits, including developing a record of local wildlife or finding invasive species. [

By collaborating with Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc, your involvement would help increase citizen participation as we compete against other Canadian cities. It will also showcase Saskatoon's commitment to biodiversity and conservation. Depending on your desired level of involvement the City of Saskatoon could help promote the event through its communication channels, encourage staff, volunteers, City departments and City officials to get involved, challenge other cities in the area or host other activities as you see fit. We would love to add the City of Saskatoon logo to the challenge logo, if you would like to collaborate or help-organize.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss a collaboration with City of Saskatoon to participate in the CNC 2022 event. Please contact me at your convenience. Thanks for considering this request to have Saskatoon involved. To learn more on what the CNC is all about, visit [citynaturechallenge.ca](https://citynaturechallenge.ca)

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The City Nature Challenge Canada initiative is led by

