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Hi there

The Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas wish to present this letter of support for for the Green Pathways portion of the agenda during the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities, and Corporate Services on Monday June 6th, 2022.

We do not wish to speak.

Thanks kindly

Julia Adamson
Chair
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[on behalf of the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc. -a Canadian non profit](#) registered charity 777143876RR0001 and SK provincial non profit; entity number 102084283.

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Learn from the last 50 years, and take action together for the next 50 years!

[June 5, 2022 50th anniversary of World Environment Day Tree Planting Commemoration](#)

[June 9-12 iNaturalist BioDiverCity Challenge](#)

[July 22, 2022 Reviving Local Heritage Feature presentation at Remail Modern.](#)

National Forest Week September 17-25, 2022 commemorating and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Green Survival Program and the afforestation tree nursery project in Saskatoon

The [14th Annual Education for Sustainable Development Recognition Event](#) and [agenda](#)

[The Legacy of Saskatoon's Secret Forest films and education package](#)

[The Forest Underground Hope for a Planet in Crisis virtual event now on YouTube](#) a touching and poignant workshop by Tony Rinaudo. Rinaudo was the 2018 Laureate of the Right Livelihood Award and bestowed the Member of the Order of Australia. Rinaudo, the “alternative Nobel” winner was portrayed in a documentary “Forest Maker” created by German director and film maker Volker Schlöndorff. Following the making of the film, a panel session went into the FMNR approach, and the African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative (AFR100)

<http://friendsareas.ca/>

The afforestation areas are situated in the West Swale Yorath Island Glacial Spillway, a sacred site in Treaty 6 Territory and Homeland of the Métis. Those who entered into Treaty 6 are the *nêhiyawak* (Cree), *nakawē* (Saulteaux), and *yankton* and *yanktonai* (Nakota) people. May our relationships with the land, standing peoples, forests, and waters teach us to honour and respect the past and invite us to move forward in harmony. May we all come together as friends, to find inspiration and guidance from histories, languages, and cultures which broaden our understanding and community collaboration for the present and future.



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Green Pathways Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities, and Corporate Services on Monday June 6th, 2022.

This year, the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas [Friends] are celebrating the 50th anniversary 1972-2022 of the tree planting at the afforestation areas. It is also the Centenary celebration of the International Tree Foundation initiated by Richard St. Barbe Baker. We are taking this time to thank the City of Saskatoon [CoS] for their support in helping with the promotion of these new afforestation stories and the creation of safe urban regional parks at the afforestation areas in the City of Saskatoon.

The Green Pathways Report for SPC on EUC shows best practices as the CoS carries forward on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities and is much to be commended.

Time and again, the CoS rallied around the afforestation clean up efforts further promoting UN SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production. With the support from the city for environmental protections and restoration work the afforestation areas provide a safe habitat for 24 species at risk in compliance with UN SDG 15 Life on Land. Further to this, the CoS provided support for UN SDG 4 Quality Education as classrooms engage in place-based science and heritage learning. Over 200 students have engaged with the afforestation areas and curriculum package with the Friends, and another 100 are expected in June. The CoS support enabled tours, park visitors during COVID, and also in winter months on track for UN SDG 3 Good Health and Well-Being. The Friends appreciate the advice from the City going forward under the UN SDG 17 partnerships for the goals. The afforestation areas represent nature-based solutions for climate action, UN SDG 13 and show the CoS as a visionary leader in environmental planning. 2022-2032 the International Decade of Indigenous Languages coupled with the 2021-2031 UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration are compliant with the work being done by the Friends and these are significant parts of the afforestation rich geological, historical, natural, and cultural heritage celebrating the very roots of the afforestation areas. Heritage legacy works, science, conservation, and hands on learning about the land, the environment and sustainability ensure our future. These themes resonate with the CoS Green Pathways report.

Saskatoon residents in the very first global City Nature Challenge did make a mark even in the earliest days of spring April 29 – May 2. Saskatoon placed second among 5 registered Canadian Prairie Cities for observers, observations, and identifications. Such standings show the commitment of the citizens of Saskatoon to support vital conservation research while connecting with nature and enjoying the outdoors. The ranking of Saskatoon in the City Nature Challenge came about from the support from the City of Saskatoon, and their recognition of importance in an environmental education opportunity for the citizen scientist amid the general public. Thank you for the recommendations by CoS administration and the help provided to make CNCYXE2022 a success.

The Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas wish you the best of luck with the Green Pathways project for the City of Saskatoon, we have learned much from your commitment to the environment and the leadership role the city plays in determining best practices going forward.

Sincerely

Julia Adamson, Chair



On behalf of the non profit
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