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Subject: BRT on Broadway
Meeting (if known): Council April 29, 2019
Comments:
Mayor Charlie Clark & City Councilors
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It saddens me that there is so little respect for public opinion in Saskatoon today. A vast majority of community, merchants and Nutana folks as well as former Saskatonians and tourists are aghast at the suggestion of a BRT corridor on Broadway Avenue. There is another BRT option which the majority agree would be favourable : Eighth Street, across Sid Buckwold Bridge to First Avenue. I am baffled that the mayor and City Council disregard this option and hold to Broadway as their choice despite a vast majority who oppose it. Joni Mitchell's lyrics 'you don't know what you've got till it's gone...' ring true for the majority of our tax payers and community at large. This disconnect between City Council and voters is disheartening. Saskatoon's strength and success is built on strong community sharing a common vision to do something remarkable. The Mayor refers to it as collaboration. In this case City Council has a vision which is clearly not shared by the majority. Collaboration cannot be expected. Associations, groups, businesses, merchants, community members have come forward through letters, petitions and presentations demonstrating clear evidence of their opposition to the BRT on Broadway. The Mayor and Council defy the majority. Our city is nothing without its members and its tax payers. This disconnect will weaken our Public Transit System, weaken The BRT that our ever increasing taxes are paying for and especially it will weaken the faith we have in true democratic representation which results in the collaborative spirit that has developed over many years. Many will not attend this Council meeting April 29, 2019 as it is seen as a mockery of community and democratic leadership to those who have spent time and energy only to witness this new reality in the governance of our city. It is difficult to endure this heart breaking reaction to the cry of a caring community. The outcome is already clearly decided by the city recommendations for the BRT.

Along with a vast majority of the community of Saskatoon, I support a BRT route across Sid Buckwold Bridge to First Avenue.

The majority of Saskatonians are hoping for a Mayor and City Council who believes in them and who works with them in a true collaborative effort.

Respectfully,

E. Baldo

Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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