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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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City Watson

Province Saskatchewan

Postal Code [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Animal Save Movement Saskatoon

Subject The Plant Based Treaty

Meeting (if known)

Comments

I would be interested in attending and speaking at a Council meeting on the Plant Based Treaty.

Attachments

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

His Worship Charlie Clark, Mayor of Saskatoon and Council
222 Third Avenue North
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

July 20, 2022

Dear Mayor Charlie Clark and Council,

I invite you to take a positive action for our climate today and endorse the new Plant Based Treaty initiative. Although I don't live in Saskatoon, when we go to a larger city in SK for shopping, dining, entertainment, visiting grandchildren, Saskatoon is where we usually head. I would love to see my favorite Saskatchewan city endorse the Plant Based Treaty and show the world what a progressive city Saskatoon is.

A planetary catastrophe is looming and we are suffering from a climate, ocean, biodiversity and animal crisis. The UN Secretary-General António Guterres' described the release of the 2021 International Panel on Climate Change Sixth Assessment as a 'code red' for humanity.

The evidence is irrefutable; greenhouse-gas emissions from fossil-fuels and animal agriculture, along with deforestation are at record levels and accelerating fast. Extreme weather and climate disasters are increasing in frequency and intensity and billions of lives are at immediate risk. Yesterday, in Coningsby, England the temperature soared to 40.3, the highest temperature ever recorded in the UK — breaking the record set just the day before in London at 40.2.

The Plant Based Treaty is designed to put food systems at the forefront of combating the climate crisis. Modeled on the popular Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, the treaty aims to halt the widespread degradation of critical ecosystems caused by animal agriculture and to promote a shift to healthier, sustainable plant-based diets.

Why target animal agriculture as well as the fossil fuel industry?

- Eighty-three % of global farmland is used for animal agriculture yet supplies only 18% of calories.
- Animal agriculture is responsible for deforestation which is driving species extinction. Around 80% of Amazon deforestation is caused by animal agriculture.
- Animal agriculture is the main cause of two greenhouse gases: methane and nitrous oxide and produces 60 % of the greenhouse emissions produced by all forms of agriculture.
- Concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFO's), or factory farms, provide optimal growing conditions for zoonotic diseases to grow, mutate, spread and develop into pandemics, much like wet markets where large numbers of animals are confined together in small spaces.

We need government action to help change the global food system by incentivizing planet friendly plant-based foods. Canada's 2019 Food Guide, that recommends eating more plant based proteins and less animal protein, is a step in the right direction. Governments at all levels can operationalize the Canada Food Guide in their procurement policies i.e., commit to ordering plant-based meals for City

meetings and conferences and transition City cafeterias and other jurisdictions the city oversees to plant-based.

SK is the largest producer of lentils, flax, wheat, oats and canola, all commonly used in the production of plant based foods. Supporting the production of plant based foods supports and reinvests in Saskatchewan farmers.

I encourage you to visit www.plantbasedtreaty.org where you can endorse the treaty and learn more about the campaign goals and why it's critical to the future of our planet. You will be able to find out which politicians, scientists, celebrities, groups, businesses, and cities i.e., Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina, City of Boynton Beach, Florida, US, Mudra City, India, etc., are joining you in endorsing this important initiative. Make sure you download our 10 Ways Cities Can Help guide.

Thank you for taking action today to secure a future for all.

Sincerely,

Margaret Henderson

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