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Subject: City Council Meeting Dec. 19 follow up to Agenda item 7.2.1 Natural Areas Management Pilots – Small Swale and Richard St Barbe Baker Afforestation Area [CK 4110-38]

Meeting (if known): City Council Meeting Dec. 19
Monday, December 19, 2022

Request to Speak.

Letter As attached.

Kind Regards
Julia Adamson

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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.

[Richard St. Barbe Baker Afforestation Area Directions](#)
[George Genereux Urban Regional Park Directions](#)

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Support the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas, and celebrate the beauty of the afforestation areas landscapes, flora and fauna of the forests! Make a donation towards a [breathtaking inspirational calendar](#) email us for more information. Make a donation towards a couple calendars also for friends and family this holiday season. In gratitude for the partnership with Sask Polytechnic

Stay tuned for the iNaturalist City Nature Challenge Saskatoon and area CNCYXE2023 for four days this spring **April 28 to May 1, 2023** for in the field nature organism discovery.

<http://friendsareas.ca/>

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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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His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

December 19 City Council Meeting A follow up item to the [Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services Monday, December 05, 2022 meeting](#), Agenda item 7.2.1 [Natural Areas Management Pilots – Small Swale and Richard St Barbe Baker Afforestation Area \[CK 4110-38\]](#)

The Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc. (FSAAI) is very pleased to see the recommendation by Administration with regard to proceeding with the development of pilot management plans for the Small Swale and Richard St Barbe Baker Afforestation Area (RSBBAA).

We very much encourage City Council to approve this recommendation moving forward.

As pointed out in the reference reports these two areas combined provide over \$1,000,000 per year in ecosystem services. Using the figure of up to \$16,000 as the value of a large, healthy tree, [as referenced in a 2017 City of Saskatoon report](#), the value of the RSBBAA would be much higher.

In addition:

- In RSBBAA over 17 species at risk have been identified on either e-Bird or through iNaturalist photos
- The areas are prime places to study regeneration, ecological succession, geology, First Nations history and ethnobotany
- The West Swale is a remnant of the Yorath Island Glacial Spillway. The spillway and its connection to the river valley influenced paleo-Indian activity in the area. The potential is there to study spiritual, medicinal, and nutritional uses of the area from a First Nations historical perspective. The post-contact historic Old Bone Trail is another heritage element
- Honouring the legacy of Richard St. Barbe Baker, a pioneering Global Conservationist, who had many ties to Saskatoon
- The role of these areas as carbon sinks
- Protecting these areas matches many of the goals identified by the UN for both Sustainable Development and Ecological Restoration

Thank you,



Julia Adamson

On behalf of the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas. Inc.