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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Julia Adamson - Additional Information on Elm Wood Disposal and

Pilot Program Results - CK 7830-1 x 4200-4

Attachments: DutchElmDiseaseCityCouncilFeb22-REV.docx

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Submitted on Monday, February 20, 2023 - 16:06

Submitted by user:



Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, February 20, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Julia

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Friends of the Saskatoon

Afforestation Areas inc.

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: City Council Meeting: Wednesday, February 22, 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.1.2 Additional Information on Elm Wood Disposal and Pilot Program Results [EUCS2023-0202]

## Comments:

His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

We wish to submit the attached letter to item 8.1.2 Additional Information on Elm Wood Disposal and Pilot Program Results [EUCS2023-0202] on the Feb 22 City Council meeting from the non profit environmental charity Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc.

Thank you Kindly

Julia Adamson

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

## **Attachments:**

DutchElmDiseaseCityCouncilFeb22-REV.docx165.67 KB

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



## Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc.

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City Council Meeting: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 Items:

- 8.1 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services
- 8.1.2 Additional Information on Elm Wood Disposal and Pilot Program Results [EUCS2023-0202]

We are writing to express our support for enhanced communication and education programs for ensuring proper elm wood disposal. As a non-profit environmental charity focused on the health of Saskatoon's Afforestation Areas we truly appreciate the efforts by the City of Saskatoon on this urgent conservation concern.

During eight public community volunteer trash cleanups and additional ecological restoration events at the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas we discovered disposed elm wood and branches. We took proper disposal measures for the removal of elm branches and bags of elm detritus many times at our expense. This highlights the need for improved communication and education programs to promote the proper disposal of elm wood and mitigate the spread of Dutch Elm Disease. The new barriers may prevent ingress into the forest by those dumping elm illegally, and enable rapid response to any dumping taking place at the perimeter or parking areas.

The Richard St. Barbe Baker Afforestation Area and George Genereux Urban Regional Park are very near the 11<sup>th</sup> street compost, and unfortunately this proximity may have been causing the hazards to the forested areas. The Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas communicate the City of Saskatoon's informational programs in our educational campaigns and we are committed to working with the city to mitigate the spread of Dutch Elm Disease.

Thank you so much for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Julia Adamson on behalf of the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc.