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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Julia Adamson - Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc - Curbside Organics Processing Contract Update - CK 7830-7
Attachments: MCPA - WestCompost- Letter.pdf; Marius_Fritz_West Compost Letter-1.pdf

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Date: Thursday, November 23, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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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 agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: November 1, 2023 SPC on EUC meeting 7.3.1 Curbside Organics Processing Contract Update [EUCS2023- 1102]

Comments:

Worship Mayor Clark and Councillors

This agenda item November 1, 2023 SPC on EUC meeting 7.3.1 Curbside Organics Processing Contract Update [EUCS2023- 1102] is set to come before a meeting again for follow up, and we wish to submit comments for consideration please. Thank you kindly.

Kind Regards

Julia

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

Subject: Urgent Concerns Regarding Proposed Composting Plans
Marius Fritz



November 17th, 2023

His Worship Mayor Clark and Councillors Office of the Mayor City of Saskatoon
222 3rd Avenue North Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

Dear Mayor Clark and Councillors,

I represent myself, & I write to you as a board member of Friends of Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc.

Noise pollution & smell pollution are both things that we must pay mind to as a community. Within two kilometers of Montgomery Place & Partridge, the stench would upset the neighborhoods, especially children at St. Marguerite School. Moreover, the landfill is already close to Montgomery Place, so the area does not need another waste facility in the vicinity.

My parents got a green bin just this year, & I know a lot of other homes in our Nutana neighborhood have also been composting. Saskatoon is a fast-growing city, & with many new neighborhoods popping up, we need a place further out of the city to process the mass natural waste.

A solution I have is to combine the landfill and the west compost depot, and move them far south of the city. This would be good because both are already south west of the city, and to bring them together could standardize the protocol for odour management. To bring each business together might also be good for communication, because a central place is good to control work flow

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,



Marius Fritz



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His Worship Mayor Clark and Councillors
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Re: Proposed Composting of Green Bin Collection at West Compost Depot

Dear Mayor Clark and Councillors,

We are writing on behalf of the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas, expressing our collective concern regarding the proposed composting plans that have recently come to our attention. We share the apprehensions raised by the Montgomery Place Community Association (MCPA) and other concerned residents, particularly in relation to odours and prevailing wind directions.

As an environmental group we recognize that composting, when done wisely and well is very much needed to take pressure off of our landfill. However, converting an open compost windrow facility to include kitchen waste has the potential to attract [vectors](#) and vermin such as rats, raccoons, [wild boar](#). Coyote and fox would be attracted to meat scraps, as well as being enticed by the rats, rodents and raccoons, a part of their diet

Placing fencing around the open windrow composting facility is one humane method to keep animals out of the actual site. However, fencing does not deter animals from being drawn to the site and thereby accessing neighbouring areas or being subject to roadway mortalities. It would be unfortunate to create a processing facility that may attract our native mammalian wildlife, only to subject them to pest management or extermination.

Any potentially adverse side effects need to be mitigated which means great attention to the control of odours. The odours are emissions of bioaerosols and microbial [volatile organic compounds](#) (VOCs) which arise from moulds, virus, algae and pollens. The concentrations of micro bacteria and fungal organisms in the air cause not only unpleasant odours, but also allergies and health symptoms.

In addition to residents, odours would affect the diverse user groups who frequent the Richard St. Barbe Baker Afforestation Area, George Genereux Urban Regional Park, and the tourists disembarking at the National Historic Site of the Canadian National Railways VIA rail station. Therefore, we stand united with MCPA in seeking solutions that prioritize the concerns of people, the environment, and our native wildlife.

In conclusion, we respectfully request that the City of Saskatoon thoroughly assess the potential impacts of the proposed composting plans on our community, its residents, the environment, and our native wildlife. We ask that the city administration proceed with due diligence and be proactive in addressing these issues in design, public consultation, and appropriate composting site management. We appreciate your attention to detail in this matter and look forward to a collaborative and informed decision-making process. This Saskatoon composting laboratory could well inform neighbouring agricultural producers, and green groups in Saskatoon, should solutions be found for the aforementioned concerns and disseminated through an education and awareness programme.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas