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His Worship Charlie Clark and councillors of Saskatoon

The Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc not profit charity wishes to submit the following letters to the upcoming committee meetings please.

The City of Saskatoon website is undergoing maintenance, so we are emailing our request in via email to present this information to the committees.

We have no videos to submit, and we do not wish to speak.

Kind Regards
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Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development, and Community Services (PDCS)
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Subject: Natural Areas Policy Framework [PDCS2024-0103] - Agenda Item 8.3.1 - January 10, 2024

Dear Members of the Standing Policy Committee on PDCS,

I hope this letter finds you in good health. The Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas extends its gratitude for your dedication to the well-being and sustainable development of our beloved city.

We are writing to express our wholehearted support for the Natural Areas Policy Framework [PDCS2024-0103], as presented in the upcoming meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. The report, authored by Anastasia Conly, Senior Planner with the City of Saskatoon, is a significant step towards fostering the conservation and enhancement of our natural areas.

Green spaces are the soul of a community, and the proposed framework recognizes their vital role in defining our sense of place and quality of life. From nature trails to wetlands, these areas contribute to an inclusive, healthy, and active lifestyle while providing essential natural services. They enhance community resilience, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and generate economic benefits.

The Richard St Barbe Baker Afforestation Area, named after the inspirational visionary and environmentalist Richard St. Barbe Baker, is a testament to the power of green spaces. St. Barbe Baker's legacy of saving and planting billions of trees has had a profound impact globally. It is fitting that he was honored as the first inaugural Honorary Life Member of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

The proposed Natural Areas Policy Framework aligns seamlessly with the goals outlined in "Pathways for an Integrated Green Network: An Implementation Plan for Saskatoon's Green Infrastructure Strategy." By pursuing tools and policies to support the identification, prioritization, conservation, and designation of natural areas, Saskatoon takes a significant step towards sustainable and integrated urban development.

The comprehensive overview in the report, including the engagement overview, current state summary, and tools summary, reflects thorough consideration and analysis. The identification of

priorities, such as a Natural Area Policy, Screening Improvements, Mapping and Prioritization Resource, Administrative Procedures, Heritage Property Designation, Design and Development Standards, Zoning Tools, and a Natural Areas Acquisition Fund, demonstrates a holistic approach to natural area management.

We understand that there may be future financial implications, and we appreciate the commitment to identifying and reporting on these matters during subsequent phases of the project. The Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas supports the administration's thorough investigation of the proposed tools and the engagement of internal and external stakeholders.

As stewards of the environment, we recognize the importance of these initiatives in creating a resilient, vibrant, and sustainable Saskatoon. We commend the City's dedication to pursuing tools that contribute to the protection and enhancement of our natural assets.

We urge you to approve the Natural Areas Policy Framework and believe that its implementation will significantly contribute to a more environmentally conscious and resilient future for our city.

Thank you for your time, commitment, and consideration of this vital matter. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact of this framework on Saskatoon's natural areas.

Sincerely,

Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas [Your Contact Information]