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Submitted on Saturday, August 12, 2023 - 14:20

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Saturday, August 12, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Mary

Last Name: Uzelman

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: [REDACTED]

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

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Address: [REDACTED] Ash Street

Neighbourhood: [Exhibition](#)

City: sasktoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): 02/08/1951

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Special Budget Meeting

Comments:

This letter is addressing the budget discussion around climate change initiatives to be taken by the City of Saskatoon

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

Dear Mayor Clarke and Councillors,

My name is Mary Uzelman and I am a constituent of ward 7,

I'm writing to you to express my concern over the possible cuts and delays that are being discussed in the upcoming multi-year budget.

My biggest concern comes from the fact that the City of Saskatoon's Climate Plan could be cut or delayed. We are living in a time where further delay of climate mitigation is unacceptable and irresponsible. For the 2024-2025 budget, funding towards Saskatoon's Climate Plan and beyond should be given priority.

As a citizen of Saskatoon I want my city councillor to support and fund programs, services and initiatives that will fight the climate crisis. I know that climate change is not isolated. I know that climate change will impact Saskatoon as it is already impacting much of the world including many areas of Canada. I want to see initiatives, services and projects to help mitigate the effects of climate change funded and prioritized.

I would hope that other items being considered for funding such as continued expansion and development beyond what is already slated by the city will be put on hold. I support more building and higher density development in the already developed areas of Saskatoon.

I also realize that the big projects being considered such as the new library and downtown events centre are considered under different funding streams however, I urge you to consider putting these projects on hold until the city budget is under control. The citizens cannot continue to fund major projects.

I hope that during the next budget meeting on August 15 and in the November budget meeting, strategies outlined in the City of Saskatoon's Climate Plan are given priority and are not considered for austerity measures. I hope you represent these views during the budget discussion and showcase yourself as a councillor who represents not only the desires and needs of the community but also protects and secures its future as well.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Mary Uzelman