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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Justin Fisher - Environmental Health Business Line Information - CK 430-72 x 1700-1

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>

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To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>

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Submitted on Monday, August 14, 2023 - 15:34

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: Monday, August 14, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Justin

Last Name: Fisher

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Main Street

Neighbourhood: [Varsity View](#)

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Governance and Priorities Committee

Comments:

Dear Mayor & Council,

I have been on the record over the years speaking and writing to Council and councillors about environmental and transportation initiatives, and in support of specific initiatives like the Low Emission Community Plan, the Bus Rapid Transit plan, and the Active Transportation plan, among others. I understand that the city is facing a budget shortfall, to a large extent due to inflationary pressures and a lack of outside funding support, e.g. from the province. As Council works to navigate this reality, I write today to urge you not to cut costs associated with the above-mentioned initiatives. Importantly, many of these are long-term cost-saving measures, and it would be extremely short-sighted to cut environmental programs to address immediate budgetary concerns when they will no doubt save the city money over the years to come. And, beyond monetary concerns, initiatives like the LEC Plan are critical for Saskatoon to play a meaningful role in addressing climate change, which is a moral imperative and extremely important to so many in this city. Again, I urge you not to try and address immediate budget shortfalls by cutting on environmental and transportation initiatives that are going to help modernize this city, and help us all adapt to this changing climate.

Sincerely

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