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Attachments: August 15, 2023 Budget Meeting Letter.pdf

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Submitted on Monday, August 14, 2023 - 16:56

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: She/her/hers

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City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: August 15th Special Budget Meeting

Comments:

Dear Mayor Clark and Councillors,

Please find enclosed my letter regarding the August 15th Special Budget Meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Mackenzie Burnett

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

August 14, 2023

Saskatoon City Council
222 3rd Ave North
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

Dear Mayor Clark and Councillors,

My name is Mackenzie Burnett. I am writing as a resident of Ward 6 to personally express my concern about the proposed spending cuts related to the Transportation and Environmental Health Business Lines in the City of Saskatoon's 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget. I understand that you are working to decrease the deficit, but I ask that you not cut spending on Transportation, Environmental Health, or the Climate Action Plan. By spending strategically today, you can help safeguard the health, safety, and prosperity of Saskatonians in years to come.

I invite you to recall the 2021 Western North American heat wave, during which record temperatures endangered people throughout western Canada and the United States. I was working remotely from Alberta at the time, while my boss lived and worked in Saskatoon. She is a healthy woman in her forties, but collapsed in her home when she overheated. Her son found her and had to call her an ambulance. Fortunately, she recovered quickly.

I invite you to reflect on the 2023 fire season, which has destroyed an unprecedented amount of land and infringed on the safety of thousands. My parents in Edson, Alberta had to evacuate twice before the end of June due to encroaching fires. Each time, they left not knowing whether they would see their home again.

I also invite you to think about the smoke that has lingered over the province this summer. I have been conducting research in northern Saskatchewan since May, and have seen the smoke have a noticeable impact on health and productivity. My colleagues and I have had to go home early on several occasions due to experiencing headaches and shortness of breath. How has the smoke affected you?

As you can see, climate change is already affecting the health, safety, and prosperity of people in Saskatoon and throughout the world. We cannot afford to delay climate change mitigation and adaptation any longer. I hope you will keep this in mind as you develop the 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget. Again, I ask that you not cut spending on Transportation, Environmental Health, and the Climate Action Plan. Instead, I ask that you sufficiently fund these areas so that we may meet the commitments the City of Saskatoon has made and protect the health, safety, and prosperity of current and future generations. Thank you for all the work you have already done on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Mackenzie Burnett
Ward 6 Resident