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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, November 20, 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):** SOS Trees Coalition

**What do you wish to do ?:** Submit Comments

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** he City meeting on Preliminary Business Plan and Budget Review, commencing November 28th, 2023 at 930am,

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Urban Forest Operating & capital budget

**Comments:**

Attached

**Attachments:**

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



# SOS Trees Coalition

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20th November, 2023

Your Worship, the Mayor, and Saskatoon City Councillors;

On behalf of SOS Trees Coalition we hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express SOS Trees Coalition's appreciation for the work you have done to continue the commitment to protecting and growing the urban forest. Trees provide such a wide range of environmental services from improving mental health, physical health, reduce pollutants, captures rain water and reduces the pressure on storm drains, removing smoke from the air, generally making Saskatoon a city we all want to live in. The inclusion of funding to begin implementation of the Urban Forestry Management Plan, the continuation of the Elm Wood Disposal pilot and maintaining the Urban Forestry department operating budget will help to move Saskatoon toward a more sustainable future. Thank you.

While there is still concerns left to be resolved including;

- Reducing the pruning cycle of park and shelterbelt trees to 7 years.
- Reaching the goal of budgeting \$1 million toward the Urban Forestry & disease prevention fund.
- Increasing tree planting so all neighborhoods can enjoy the canopy cover so richly valued in our old neighborhoods.
- Increase planting native trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses to reduce watering requirements for parks and greenspaces and support biodiversity.

The value trees add to our community becomes more obvious each year as temperatures rise and the climate continues to change. Addressing climate change continues to be critical for our children's future and we appreciate your attention to our green infrastructure.

SOS Trees Coalition looks forward to continuing to work with Council & administration to improve the protection and expansion of our urban forest.

Respectfully,

Linda Moskalyk  
President  
SOS Trees Coalition