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From: City Council
Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Hope Moon - Letter of Support for Meewasin - CK 1700-1
Attachments: MVA Funding letter.pdf

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 4:29 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
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Submitted on Monday, November 27, 2023 - 16:20

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: Monday, November 27, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Hope

Last Name: Moon

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Duncan St

City: Halifax

Province: Nova Scotia

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: City meeting on Preliminary Business Plan and Budget Review

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Support of Meewasin

Comments:

Dear Saskatoon City Council,

We understand that during a tough budget year Saskatoon must make difficult decisions on where to allocate money. However, we feel that the decision to freeze the CPI increase rate for the Meewasin Valley Authority (MVA) will have a negative impact on the quality of life of everyday Saskatonians that considerably outweigh the savings.

A 2017 City of Saskatoon analysis has placed the value of the MVA at \$182.65 million annually in tourism, climate regulation, recreation, water treatment, and erosion control. Indeed, the MVA is a steward of one of Saskatoon's greatest assets. The health and maintenance of the valley's health and recreational infrastructure requires funding that is in line with rising costs.

Saskatoon consistently ranks as a city with the lowest greenspace per capita among mid-sized Canadian cities in national reports like the National Climate League standings. However, living in Saskatoon this lack of greenspace may not be apparent because the MVA carefully maintains and expands a network linking residents of low- and high-income neighborhoods alike to spaces where people can play, commute to work, escape the heat of a summer's day, access traditional foods and medicines, and foster an appreciation of nature.

Natural areas act as a buffer to extreme weather conditions we are experiencing and are projected to increase. It protects species at risk. Now more than ever, the city needs to invest in its natural infrastructure to keep it healthy for uncertain times to come.

Eroding the funding of the MVA will reduce the contribution of this vital space to the life of the city. Therefore, we ask that you reconsider your decision.

Sincerely,

Adrian Werner
Hope Moon

Attachments:

- [MVA Funding letter.pdf](#)50.42 KB

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

Mayor & Council
222 Third Ave North
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

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