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From: City Council
Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Nicole Hein - Arts, Culture and Events Venues 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget - CK 1700-1
Attachments: COS Payments to Prairieland for SaskTel Centre.pdf

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 4:35 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
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Submitted on Monday, November 27, 2023 - 16:17

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: Nicole

Last Name: Hein

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Neighbourhood: [Adelaide/Churchill](#)

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):: City Council – Budget

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 6.3 Arts, Culture and Events Venues 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget CCB2023-1111 GPC2023-0614

Comments:

Your Worship the Mayor and City Councillors,

I am writing to express my concerns about the City's annual payments to Prairieland Park, which often reach over \$300,000 for "SaskTel Centre Expenses."

Prairieland Park is listed as a payee on two separate lines in the Public Accounts: "Saskatoon Prairieland Park" and "Prairieland Park"; the exact same entity, in two separate places in the Public Accounts, receiving two separate amounts. The "Prairieland Park" line shows that the City is paying this non-profit, non-tax-paying entity to work inside of a taxpayer facility – SaskTel Centre.

That this entity unfairly competes with tax-paying businesses is bad enough, but the fact that the City of Saskatoon is actually paying this entity to offer services off-site at a taxpayer facility is an affront to the residents of Saskatoon. City Administration has told me that these payments are not related to any specific GL number, work order, or activity number. Does this money flow freely to SaskTel without any oversight?

It may be argued that Prairieland is the only company with the resources to offer staff as a service; however, there are thousands of residents of Saskatoon who could easily fill the casual positions at SaskTel Centre, without the City having to pay money on top of the wages.

I wish to ascertain the benefit of paying another convention centre – that competes with SaskTel for events – to offer services at a taxpayer facility. What makes SaskTel Centre so special? TCU Place doesn't get additional staff from Prairieland, do they?

Additionally, I would like to express my concerns about what impact this will have on the future DEED if the City is already willing to pay the entity down the street for services at its own facility. I also believe that it is in the best interest of the residents of Saskatoon to understand how paying this non-tax-paying entity at a premium benefits the taxpayers and their interests now and into the future.

Thank you for addressing this issue.

Sincerely,
Nicole Hein

Attachments:

- [COS Payments to Prairieland for SaskTel Centre.pdf](#)81.72 KB

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

Supplier	Supplier Name	Company Code	Clearing Status	Journal Entry Date	Journal Entry	Journal Entry Amount (CoCode CrCy)	Explanation
2023 - SAP Report							
1003331	Saskatoon Prairiela	1000	1	6/20/2023	2000004062	ZV	1,500.00 SPL Day - Deposit
2022 - SAP Report							
1003331	Saskatoon Prairiela	1000	1	11/1/2022	2000056961	ZP	106,417.01 Capital Grant: Amusement Tax - 2022 Exhibition
1003331	Saskatoon Prairiela	1030	1	10/25/2022	2000002922	ZV	16,682.56 Facility Rental for "SPL (Saskatoon Public Library Days"- includes food & beverage
1003331	Saskatoon Prairiela	1030	1	6/9/2022	2000002352	ZV	1,000.00 Deposit for "SPL Days"
1003331	Saskatoon Prairiela	1000	1	1/6/2022	2000030152	ZP	109,255.65 Capital Grant: Amusement Tax - 2021 Exhibition
							<u>233,355.22</u>
	PrairieLand Park						<u>324,023.00</u> Sasktel Center Expenses
2021 - SAP Report							
	Saskatoon PrairieLand Park Corp.						0 Did not meet our \$50K threshold for reporting
	PrairieLand Park						<u>159,401.00</u> Sasktel Center Expenses
2020 - Epicor							
	Saskatoon PrairieLand						- Did not meet our \$50K threshold for reporting
	PrairieLand Park						<u>137,298.00</u> Sasktel Center Expenses
2019 - Epicor							
	Saskatoon PrairieLand Park						99,597.00 See Epicor Summary Tab
	PrairieLand Park						<u>371,882.00</u> Sasktel Center Expenses
2018 - Epicor							
	Saskatoon PrairieLand Park						97,335.00 See Epicor Summary Tab
	PrairieLand Park						353,569.00 Sasktel Center Expenses
2017 - Epicor							
	Saskatoon PrairieLand Park						124,494.00 See Epicor Summary Tab
	PrairieLand Park						310,000.00 Sasktel Center Expenses
2016 - Epicor							
	Saskatoon PrairieLand Park						129,486.00 See Epicor Summary Tab
	PrairieLand Park						378,495.00 Sasktel Center Expenses

Saskatoon Motor Group	160,000
Saskatoon Motor Products - 1973 Ltd	153,250
Saskatoon PrairieLand Park Corp.	203,355
Saskatoon Public School Division	112,000