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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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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: Saturday, August 12, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Jory

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Province: Saskatchewan

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Saskatoon Climate Hub

What do you wish to do ?: Request to Speak

If speaking will you be attending in person or remotely: In person

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE - PUBLIC- SPECIAL

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 4.1

Comments:

hello,

I will be speaking on behalf of the Saskatoon Climate Hub and it's allies, reading the attached statement during Tuesday's Governance and Priorities Committee meeting. Any questions answered will be on behalf of the Saskatoon Climate Hub.

Thank you for your time

Jory

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,

We are writing on behalf of the Saskatoon Climate Hub and our community allies. We recognise the complex ongoing discussions regarding the City's 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget. We appreciate the attention that you gave to our former letter and we're glad to see the items within it were addressed.

We'd like to reiterate the need to continue funding Saskatoon's Low Community Emissions Plan and the goals and projects within the City's Climate Action Plan. Now is the time to fund and support the city's climate objectives as the climate emergency is unfolding before us. The 2023 wildfire season in Canada has been clear evidence of the present impacts of climate change felt in Saskatoon^{1 2 3}. This is why we urge you to take the necessary action to fund Saskatoon's climate and environmental goals, so our community can mitigate and adapt to the aggregate effects of climate change.

We expect that today, and in your continued budget deliberations, you commit to the goals set out within the Climate Action Plan and prioritize emissions reductions in the city. That you do so by crafting a budget that ensures Saskatoon's sustainable and economic growth while respecting the goal to transition to a resilient low-carbon future by 2050, if not sooner.

Pursuing these commitments means you will not be alone. A considerable and growing base of Saskatonians, as represented by the coalition of organizations who are supporters of this letter, are eager to support the path towards a sustainable future. This means that City Council has a unique opportunity to show their dedication and leadership toward this agenda and do what is necessary for the future of our community.

On behalf of the Saskatoon Climate Hub and its Allies, thank you for your consideration and work on these vital issues.

¹ https://saskatoon.weatherstats.ca/metrics/health_index.html

² <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/sask-air-quality-wildfire-smoke-1.6907055>

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<https://news.usask.ca/articles/colleges/2023/usask-experts-sound-warning-over-wildfire-smoke-drought-conditions.php>

Sincerely,

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