## Walter, Penny

**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Tom Gode - Approval of Site Enhancement Design and Construction

for Richard St Barbe Baker Afforestation Area - CK 430-4

**Attachments:** letter of support RSBB to Committee.docx

From: Web NoReply < web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>

Sent: Sunday, January 7, 2024 7:45 PM

To: City Council < City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>

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Submitted on Sunday, January 7, 2024 - 19:43

Submitted by user:

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: Sunday, January 07, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Tom

Last Name: Gode

Phone Number :

Email:

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: 2nd st E

Ward: Ward 6

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):: Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Recommendation that City Council approve the design and construction of select site enhancements at the Richard St. Barbe Baker Afforestation Area (RSBBAA) in 2024

## Comments:

We urge the Committee to fully support the proposed design and construction as proposed. SOS Trees Coalition stands ready to assist the City of Saskatoon in any way we can to expand and protect our vibrant urban forest.

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



## **SOS Trees Coalition**

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7 January, 2024

To: The Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services

Re. Recommendation that City Council approve the design and construction of select site enhancements at the Richard St. Barbe Baker Afforestation Area (RSBBAA) in 2024

SOS Trees Coalition <a href="http://www.sostrees.ca/">http://www.sostrees.ca/</a> works in partnership with the City of Saskatoon, community organizations, private citizens and local media, to protect and expand the urban forest of Saskatoon.

While the RSBBAA as an afforestation area currently includes both native and non-native species including many elm & ash trees, all of which are highly vulnerable to disease. The proposed addition of 1800 native species of trees and shrubs will enhance the biodiversity of the trees, the understories and surrounding vegetation communities.

We know that trees are a major asset of the City and are important to help reduce the impact of our changing climate, maintain individual's health, and enhance the quality of life for all of our citizens.

We urge the Committee to fully support the proposed design and construction as proposed. SOS Trees Coalition stands ready to assist the City of Saskatoon in any way we can to expand and protect our vibrant urban forest.

We appreciate the City's time and effort to move forward with this initiative that will help the City continue to be a livable community for future generations. We look forward to a greener and more sustainable Saskatoon.

Tom Gode, SOS Trees Coalition trees@sostrees.ca