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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Julia Adamson - Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc - Approval of Site Enhancement Design and Construction for Richard St Barbe Baker Afforestation Area - CK 430-4

Attachments: January 31 RSBBA City Council letter.pdf

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I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Monday, January 29, 2024

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): Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas inc.

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL Wednesday January 31, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.1.1 Approval of Site Enhancement Design and Construction for Richard St Barbe Baker Afforestation Area [EUCS2023-0406]

Comments:

Letter Attached.

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- [January 31 RSBBA City Council letter.pdf](#) 100.65 KB

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



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His worship, Mayor Charlie Clark, councillors
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Honorable Mayor Clark and Respected Members of the City Council,

8.1.1 Approval of Site Enhancement Design and Construction for Richard St Barbe Baker
Afforestation Area [EUCS2023-0406]

On behalf of the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas, we are writing to express our sincere appreciation for the City of Saskatoon's efforts in advancing the Pathways for an Integrated Green Network Implementation Plan. We are particularly delighted to witness the success in securing funding from Infrastructure Canada's Natural Infrastructure Fund (NIF) for the 2024 Site Enhancement Project at the Richard St. Barbe Baker Afforestation Area (RSBBAA).

If approved, this initiative may roll out in the autumn of 2024, coinciding wonderfully with National Forest Week and Maple Leaf Day celebrations in September 2024. We, the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas, have submitted a request for a proclamation and flag-raising ceremony during National Forest Week, aiming to celebrate the invaluable contribution of trees and forests to our community.

It is heartening to see the City taking proactive steps in aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 15 (Life on Land), Goal 13 (Climate Action), and Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities). Additionally, this initiative is a commendable contribution to the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030).

Considering the broader context, we are acutely aware of the urban management challenges faced by cities like those in Iran, where issues such as green space are notably absent. Saskatoon, in contrast, stands out as a city we greatly admire for its commitment to preserving greenery amid urban development. The unique character of Saskatoon, with its green spaces, sets it apart from the crowded cities that have unfortunately lost much of their natural beauty.

In light of the ongoing urbanization trends globally, we wish to express our opinion regarding the pace of construction in Saskatoon. While we recognize the need for development, we believe it is essential to strike a balance that safeguards the City's green spaces and trees. If construction continues at the current speed, there is a risk of losing the natural beauty that defines Saskatoon. We have seen similar challenges in cities like Toronto and Vancouver, where the rapid pace of development has led to a reduction in greenery, limiting visibility and contributing to environmental concerns.

We are willing to support any efforts that promote sustainable urban development, maintaining the delicate balance between progress and environmental conservation. Preserving green spaces is crucial not only for the aesthetic appeal of the City but also for the overall well-being of its residents.

Once again, we wholeheartedly recommend that City Council support the approval of the design and construction of the 2024 RSBBA Site Enhancement Project. This project not only contributes positively to our community but also aligns with our collective commitment to maintaining Saskatoon's unique and cherished green spaces. We believe these enhancements will not only address existing challenges but also contribute significantly to the overall well-being of the community for a sustainable and accessible green space. We recognize the substantial benefits that the proposed enhancements will bring to the users of the afforestation area, especially those with co-morbidities, seniors, and youth.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to witnessing the continued improvement and preservation of our beloved afforestation areas.

Sincerely,

Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas