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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 ?: 11.2.1 The Tree Protection Bylaw, 2024 and Trees on City Property Policy - Proposed Bylaw No. 9957 [CC2024-0102]

Comments:

Letter Attached

Attachments:

- [CityCouncil January 31 2024-Tree Bylaw.pdf](#)104.67 KB

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Monday January 29, 2024

His Worship Mayor Charlie Clark
City of Saskatoon
222 3rd Avenue North
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

Dear Mayor Clark and Esteemed City Councillors,

Re: Item 11.2.1 - The Tree Protection Bylaw, 2024 and Trees on City Property Policy - Proposed Bylaw No. 9957 [CC2024-102]

The Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas wish to express our gratitude for your dedication to the environmental well-being of our city. As stewards of our local ecosystems, we find it imperative to offer our insights and recommendations concerning the proposed Tree Protection Bylaw, 2024.

Firstly, we commend the City for taking the initiative to replace Policy C09-011, Trees on City Property, with the proposed Bylaw No. 9957, The Tree Protection Bylaw, 2024. This step is an initial first step to align with best practices observed in various municipalities across Canada and serves as a significant stride towards safeguarding our urban tree canopy. The new proposals are indeed a significant milestone for the City of Saskatoon in comparison with the ineffectual Policy C09-01. That being said, the proposed bylaw could be more robust in the ways described below.

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that [several cities](#), including the City of New Westminster, City of Surrey, and City of White Rock, have implemented stronger bylaws that include Tree Protection Securities on trees during construction. This additional layer of protection has proven effective in preserving the integrity of urban forests during periods of development and construction.

Moreover, we highlight the recommendation from the City of Saskatoon Tree Protection Policy Update report ([File No PK 4210-0, September 9, 2019](#)) by the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities, and Corporate Services. This report advocated for the incorporation of security deposits and compensation. We urge the City of Saskatoon to consider these recommendations as they align with the best practices in urban forestry.

The Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas acknowledge the myriad benefits that trees contribute to the urban tree canopy, emphasizing not only replacement value, but also their natural capital value. In line with this, we draw attention to the comprehensive [Natural Capital Asset Valuation](#) report ([File No. 1657-002, May 2020](#)) submitted by the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities, and Corporate Services. The report explored various aspects beyond the greenhouse replacement cost, including hedonic price analysis, ecosystem services, historical and heritage value and a myriad of other services.

We also wish to bring to your attention the remarkable findings from other cities, such as [City of Mississauga Urban Forest Study](#), where trees sequester 10,000 tonnes of carbon annually, valued at \$285,000. Large trees, in particular, store significantly more carbon than smaller ones, and their strategic placement near residential buildings can lead to substantial energy savings. This underscores the importance of considering the full value of ecosystem services when formulating and implementing tree protection policies and replacement costs.

If trees must be removed, we recommend proactive measures for successional planting to maintain leaf area density and ensure the continued ecological benefits of our urban forest. So, we seek clarification on pro-active measures for successional planting to maintain leaf area density in cases where trees are removed and the replacement formula is applied.

In conclusion, the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas wants to ensure this bylaw will contribute to the long-term sustainability of our city. We sincerely hope that our recommendations will be considered during the deliberation of Item 11.2.1. We believe that with a few changes Saskatoon can set a precedent for progressive tree protection policies

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we appreciate your dedication to creating a greener and healthier Saskatoon for current and future generations.

Sincerely,

Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas