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**From:** Web NoReply <[web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca)>  
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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:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**First Name:** Verna & Peter

**Last Name:** Gallen

**Phone Number :** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**  
**Address:** [REDACTED] Haight Crescent  
**Ward:** Ward 8

**What do you wish to do ?:** Submit Comments

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** City Council, 31 January 2024

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Tree Protection Bylaw

**Comments:**

Attached letter submitted in support of the Tree Protection Bylaw before Council.

**Attachments:**

- [TreeProtectionBylaw\\_Verna&Peter.docx](#) 15.02 KB

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

January 24, 2024

Dear Mayor Clark and Members of Saskatoon City Council

We would like to express our support for the proposed Tree Protection Bylaw that you will be considering at your meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

As long-term residents who walk the streets of our City on a daily basis, we have been dismayed at the number of beautiful, healthy, fully grown trees that have disappeared in many yards in numerous neighbourhoods throughout Saskatoon. Apparently, not all people recognize the significant monetary investment represented by each tree much less the important benefits each one provides to the surrounding community in terms of water conservation, wildlife preservation, and protection from the elements. The real cost of losing these trees was made all too clear this past year when extreme temperatures ranging from -40 degrees to +40 degrees turned treeless neighbourhoods into inhospitable zones that were too cold or too hot to walk.

During the current climate crisis, Saskatoon needs to do everything it can to keep our shared urban tree canopy, which has taken decades to establish, as extensive and healthy as possible.

The proposed bylaw recognizes that trees are always vulnerable to senseless removal or damage by unthinking contractors or home owners. We urge you to put this bylaw in place and provide the enforcement mechanisms that are needed to ensure trees are treated as community assets that deserve our protection.

Thank you for considering our perspective on this matter

Verna and Peter Gallén