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**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Chad Hammond - Wild About Saskatoon - Tree Protection Bylaw - CK 4200-0  
**Attachments:** WAS Letter to City Council\_RE Tree Protection Bylaw\_Jan 26, 2024.pdf

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**From:** Web NoReply <[web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 27, 2024 10:32 AM  
**To:** City Council <[City.Council@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:City.Council@Saskatoon.ca)>  
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Submitted on Saturday, January 27, 2024 - 10:29

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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:** Saturday, January 27, 2024

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

**First Name:** Chad

**Last Name:** Hammond

**Phone Number :** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] Evergreen Blvd

**Ward:** Ward 10

**Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):** Wild about Saskatoon

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

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

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Tree Protection Bylaw, Agenda item 11.2.1

**Comments:**

To Saskatoon City Council  
From Wild about Saskatoon

We submit this letter in full support for passing Bylaw No. 9957, The Tree Protection Bylaw, 2024. Wild about Saskatoon is an established advocate for nature within the city and the measures within this new bylaw will help to preserve the valuable ecosystem support services of our city's urban canopy.

Currently valued at \$520 million, Saskatoon's urban canopy is a critical natural asset and is one of the few city assets that increases in value year over year. Roughly 50% of the trees in Saskatoon are located on city property and, thus, it is within the city's capacity and authority to ensure the longevity of the urban forest. In return for the trees protecting our city's residents (human and beyond) and the land upon which they grow from climate-related harms, it is a responsibility the city carries to protect the trees from injury and disease.

In the context of the city's Natural Areas Policy Framework Admin Report (Dec 2023), which summarized the city's engagements with residents and stakeholders about policy and process gaps, it is important to note that the establishment of this bylaw is a first but not final step in assuring adequate protection for our urban canopy.

We wish to highlight two identified gaps within Appendix 2 of the report (Current State Summary), as they are particularly relevant to the protection of city trees:

5.3 – Valuation: It is noted that the broad monetary, community, and ecosystem value of natural assets, including trees, is often diminished or unrecognized during development. Education about natural assets seems to be essential to the rollout of this new bylaw, so that their true valuation can be integrated into the designing and planning of developments (whether infill or new neighborhoods).

5.4 – Enforcement: A bylaw will have more regulatory power than recommendations or best practices, but the report notes challenges in enforcing natural asset protections. The primary regulating body (the Parks Department) will require additional resources and tools to support their effective administration of the provisions within this bylaw.

Thank you for considering our comments on this important bylaw to secure our canopy's future.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Blythe, Andrea Carroll, Candace Savage, & Chad Hammond

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**Attachments:**

- [WAS Letter to City Council RE Tree Protection Bylaw Jan 26, 2024.pdf](#) 205.7 KB

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



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