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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Sonja Vrinten - Tree Protection Bylaw - CK 4200-0

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I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

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

Date: Sunday, January 28, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Sonja

Last Name: Vrinten

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] McKercher Dr

Ward: Ward 8

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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 9957 (CC2024-0102)

Comments:

January 28, 2024

Saskatoon City Council

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Dear Mayor Clark and Councilors:

RE: City Council Meeting January 31, 2024

My name is Sonja Vrinten, a constituent of Ward 8.

I'm writing you to ensure that the Tree Protection Bylaw 2024 and Trees on City Property Policy – Proposed Bylaw 9957 (CC2024-0102) are endorsed and ratified.

Protection of urban greenspace and its expansion in our city is essential. At a time when cosmopolitan cities are regretting their hard space planning and having to reinvest in green spaces, we are given the opportunity to protect what we have. I urge you to take it.

Environmental change is a reality and city planning must consider this in its development or incur higher costs in the future. Studies have shown that cities with 40% tree canopy can reduce temperatures by up to 12 degrees. Additionally, flooding of storm water drains is mitigated by green space and its ability to act as a sponge. Trees are the best source of carbon filtration and general filtration of pollutants such as the forest smoke our city now contends with.

The beauty of our city stems from its unique connection to the forest and trees. The riverbank and its natural attraction are a testament to this. The jewel in the crown of our city is not the attractive new business or house structures, it is The City of Bridges. Bridges connecting beautiful landscapes of trees and forest that spill into our urban city scapes. Protect this by adopting and upholding Bylaws to ensure the preservation and expansion of our city's trees.

Thank you,

Sonja Vrinten

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