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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: Friday, November 17, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Jory

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Neighbourhood: [River Heights](#)

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Saskatoon Climate Hub and it's coalition partners

What do you wish to do ?: Request to Speak

If speaking will you be attending in person or remotely: In person

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: November 28th Budget Meeting

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: After the CFO's Budget Introduction and Overview

Comments:

Attached is a letter that my colleague at the Saskatoon Climate Hub, Aisha Adelah, will present to council. We would like to be placed at the beginning of the meeting after CFO's introductory remarks (based off of last year's agenda) as our comments are general and do not pertain to a specific line item

Thank you!

Jory

Attachments:

- [ClimateCoalitionLetter.docx.pdf](#) 1.74 MB

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

November 17, 2023

Saskatoon City Council
222 3rd Ave North
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

Dear Mayor Clark and Councillors,

We represent a coalition of organizations and concerned citizens who are united in response to the climate crisis that our city is experiencing.

The backgrounds, objectives, and projects of those represented by our coalition vary. We include people who support such diverse causes as ecology and conservation, Indigenous rights and reconciliation, union and labour organizing, healthcare, housing, transportation, and education. Our very diversity allows us to see how the current crisis impacts many different facets of our lives in Saskatoon, both personally and as a community. In coming together, we can fathom how many critical issues are all bound together by the effects of climate change.

We believe that this broad, foundational understanding of the climate crisis should also inform the city's budgets and policies now and in the future. There is no time to waste on rhetoric or delays when the cost of inaction is so great. Your continued unwavering focus on and support for minimizing climate change in our city will leave future generations with better health, more economic and social prosperity, more trees and green spaces, and a higher quality of life.

The Saskatoon Climate Hub and its coalition partners urge Mayor Clark and Councillors to champion action and use its decision making power to enable the city to face the climate and environmental crisis head on. When all of us look back on the choices made during this time, our children and grandchildren will thank us for taking the necessary actions to preserve their future.

Sincerely,

