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Submitted on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 - 08:31

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: Tuesday, November 21, 2023

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): Climate Action Group

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Budget decision making

Comments:

We wish to emphasize the importance of Climate Action as foundational to budget decisions.

Attachments:

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

November 18, 2023

Dear Mayor Charlie Clark and the Saskatoon City Council members,

We, a group of Saskatoon citizens, are concerned about the impacts of climate change. The year 2023 is proving to be a year uncovering for us what the future may hold. We think of the rampant forest fires which changed the quality of our air and our ability to move about freely. We enjoy the warm temperatures well into November, but ask 'will the temperatures continue to rise unabated? What then?'

The City of Saskatoon has done well in developing climate action plans at the local level. We affirm the work done on the active transportation Wayfinding projects. The green bins have been a huge benefit keeping compostable materials out of the landfill. The Climate Action Plan and Student Action for Sustainable Future work is commendable. Much good and necessary work has already been supported and funded by the City Council.

Recognizing the complexities of a balanced budget, as represented by the City's 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget, we want to affirm and encourage you to maintain and increase funding to the City's Climate Action Plan. This is not the time to postpone the implementation of plans to mitigate and adapt to climate change. This is the time to strengthen our resolve to radically reduce our use of fossil fuels, and therefore GHG emissions, and pivot to more sustainable fuel sources if we are to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. This is the time for action.

Please prioritize the critical importance of our climate in your budget decision-making. What you decide makes a difference – a difference to citizens living at all economic levels. The well-being of all people needs to be considered. (We are aware of the growing number of homeless citizens on our streets and their needs in a city where affordable housing shortages persist.) Let us reiterate our concern: Don't postpone implementing the Climate Action Plan. Consider how the power of your decisions impacts Saskatoon citizens as measured in well-being for all. Create a balanced budget in favour of climate change mitigation and adaptation. Lead the way in our world as forward-thinking decision-makers who act in just ways for the benefit of all. Make it known that we are living for the welfare of our children and their children until seven generations.

Sincerely,

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