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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:** Monday, November 27, 2023

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

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

**First Name:** Cristian

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**City:** Saskatoon

**Province:** Saskatchewan

**Postal Code:** [REDACTED]

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

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** November 2024-25 Budget Meetings

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** environment and sustainability projects - budget.

**Comments:**

I sending this letter to suggest some changes in urban building codes to allow and encourage sustainable construction.

**Attachments:**

- [Saskatoon Council Letter.pdf](#)68.68 KB

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

Saskatoon, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023,

To whom it may concern,

My name is Cristian Pereira. I have lived in Saskatoon for two years after having lived in several European and South American cities.

I have been interested in environmental issues for several years. Since the birth of my daughter two years ago, these issues have become not only a personal interest but a real concern about the future of the next generations.

I believe cities play a very important role in changing people's habits. Big changes start with small actions at the local level. Although I have only lived briefly in Saskatoon, I like getting involved in my community and neighbourhood. Recently, I have seen several single-family houses being built and sold in my neighbourhood. There are many more under construction now. Those houses meet the environmental criteria of the last century. I believe new constructions should respond to several essential contemporary demands, such as energy saving, using clean energies - solar energy-, the big housing problem and the possibility of making neighbourhoods more friendly for people by placing small local businesses to avoid the habitants having to take the car even if they would get a coffee. We need more mixed occupancy buildings; they are more efficient than a single-family house. A real strategic policy is needed. Is the city considering doing something about it? In parallel, I saw some programs to help individuals and companies invest in cleaner energy. But the fact that I do not see any new house with solar panels calls my attention to a city where sunlight hours per year are comparable to a Mediterranean city like Barcelona. Does the city communicate well about the possibilities of financing or subsidies for this kind of project?

On the other hand, during the summer, I use the bicycle as a mode of transportation. I am amazed at how little the city does in terms of alternative modes of transportation. This year, the free service scooters have arrived, which can be seen as a step forward. However, I have not seen any special lines for bikes or scooters. I know the city is covered with snow for six months, but it doesn't take much infrastructure to encourage using modes of transportation other than cars.

What is the city's strategy for alternative mobility?

As I said before, I have concentrated on personal and local issues without evaluating much more global issues, such as energy generation, where fossil fuels are still very important, despite having a lot of potential in renewable energies such as solar or wind. I hope the city improves in terms of clean energy creation.

Respectfully,  
Cristian Pereira  
Ward 6 citizen.