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Date: Monday, November 27, 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): Gordon Tootoosis Nikaniwin Theatre

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Community Support 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget
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Comments:

Dear Members of City Council,

As the General Manager of Gordon Tootoosis Nikaniwin Theatre I am writing to encourage you to reconsider the decision made at the August 15, 2023 Special Budget meeting to have an overall funding freeze under Community Support for grant funding. Our organization receives funding through the Culture Grant Program; this grant program is included under Community Support and will be negatively impacted by a funding freeze.

The arts sector has been particularly hard hit by the pandemic and is also challenged by recent increases to the cost of living and supplies. Costs to produce arts programming have risen exponentially. In some cases this increase is as much as 100%. It is also becoming harder to maintain suitable salaries and work opportunities to retain staff in the arts sector in Saskatoon. People simply go elsewhere – either leaving the arts sector or moving away from the city entirely.

The support our organization receives from the City of Saskatoon is valued and appreciated. Any increase to arts funding will have a positive impact on the community and quality of life in Saskatoon.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yulissa Campos

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