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

Date: Thursday, November 23, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Sonja

Last Name: Vrinten

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] McKercher Drive

Neighbourhood: [Wildwood](#)

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):: Special Budget Meeting

Comments:

Environmental expenditures

Attachments:

- [City budget meeting.docx](#)15.14 KB

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Nov 23, 2023
Saskatoon City Council
222 3rd Avenue North
Saskatoon, SK
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Dear Mayor Clark and Councillors:

RE: Multi-year Budget

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

I'm writing you to ensure City environmental initiatives are given top priority at the upcoming multi-year budget meeting.

Protection of urban greenspace and its expansion as well as, green public transport and recycling programs are expenditures I urge you to prioritize.

As an avid runner I can vouch for the impacts our greenspaces have. Air quality last summer meant I was unable to run outside for a large part of the season. On the less impacted days when out running, I was able to notice a significant impact in air quality once I hit a canopy of trees. It was quite amazing.

Green spaces not only greatly improve air quality, they provide beauty and tranquility that every Saskatoon citizen appreciates especially during these times of climate uncertainty.

Please consider our place in global climate change. Do not underestimate the impact our City and your budgetary decisions can have. Expenditure in these areas is not only a moral obligation, but also an investment into the resiliency of all Saskatoon citizens. Please work towards efforts which solidify our place in this drive and return our city its rightful title – Paris of the Prairies.

Thank you,

Sonja Vrinten