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Subject: FW: Email - Request to Speak - Julia Adamson - Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas inc - Proclamations Limited to One Per Year for Organizations - CK 205-0
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Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 3:01 PM

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Submitted on Monday, May 13, 2024 - 15:01

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: Monday, May 13, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Julia

Last Name: Adamson

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: [REDACTED]

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Appleby Court

Ward: Ward 2

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas inc.

What do you wish to do ?: Request to Speak

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

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Governance and Priorities Committee

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.1.1 Julia Adamson – Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc. – Proclamations Limited to One Per Year for Organizations [GPC2024-0305]

Comments:

As attached

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



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May 2024

Governance and Priorities Committee
City Hall City of Saskatoon
222 Third Avenue North
Saskatoon

Deputy Mayor M. Loewen, Chair, and Members of the Governance and Priorities Committee

.1.1 Julia Adamson – Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc. – Proclamations Limited to One Per Year for Organizations [GPC2024-0305]

On behalf of the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas, I extend my sincere gratitude to Cindy Yelland, City Solicitor, Adam Tittlemore, City Clerk, and Jeff Jorgenson, City Manager, for their attention to our query of March 13, 2024, regarding Policy No. C01-028, The Flag and Proclamations Policy.

We stand behind the options presented by administration for approval and urge the Committee to consider voting in the affirmative for Option 2 or 3, preferably Option 3 for the betterment and enhancement of our community.

Option 2 proposes to increase the limit on the number of permitted proclamations per organization per calendar year from one to two (or any other number). This option maintains some limit on the number of proclamations while increasing the allowance, thus providing organizations with more opportunity to bring attention to important matters in our community.

Option 3 suggests removing the limit entirely, allowing organizations to make unlimited requests for proclamations. While this option would increase the workload for the City Clerk's Office, it would also provide organizations with the flexibility to advocate for various causes throughout the year.

We believe that either option would mitigate the dilemma of legal action and criticism levelled against municipalities for issuing proclamations in recognition of some causes and not others. By allowing organizations to present their own proclamations in alignment with proclamation bylaws, we can foster inclusivity and address concerns regarding fairness and equity.

Furthermore, we suggest that on the City of Saskatoon policy website, a sample format for protocol submissions could be added [similar to this one](#) for edification to groups considering submissions. This would provide clarity and guidance to organizations seeking to request proclamations, ensuring adherence to established protocols, Policy No. C01-028, and standards within the community. This would facilitate the work of the City Clerk's Office.

In our previous letter to the Governance and Priorities Committee on March 13, 2024, we highlighted the importance of proclamations in bringing attention to significant events and initiatives within our community. We firmly believe that the proposed changes to the Flag and Proclamations Policy will enable organizations across our amazing city to continue supporting important causes and events in Saskatoon.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to seeing positive changes that will benefit our community as a whole. Thank you for your dedication to enhancing the civic and cultural life of Saskatoon.

Warm regards,

Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc.

**Below is the sample proclamation letter for the ParticipACTION Community Challenge
Saskatoon ParticipACTION Community Challenge Month of June Proclamation**

Reason 1: WHEREAS, Get ready to participate this June to get active, connect with others and help your community be crowned Canada's Most Active Community and win \$100,000 to support local sport and physical activity initiatives!

Reason 2: WHEREAS, The ParticipACTION Community Challenge is a national physical activity and sport initiative that encourages everyone in Canada to get active throughout June in search of Canada's Most Active Community.

Reason 3: WHEREAS, the ParticipACTION Community Challenge affords weekly prizes to celebrate and recognize participating organizations, and amazing incentives to participate as an individual.

Reason 4: WHEREAS, Everyone in Saskatoon should have access to quality recreation, sport and physical activity opportunities that help them grow and thrive—physically, emotionally, and socially, including equity-deserving groups in particular Black, Indigenous, racialized, 2SLGBTQIA+, persons with varying abilities, low-income populations and newcomers to Canada. Such a campaign levels the playing field by reducing barriers to recreation, physical activity, and sport and building stronger and healthier communities.

Reason 5: WHEREAS, Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas has as its motto "Come to Nature, Come to Life!"

Reason 6: WHEREAS, we aim to honour Professor Emeritus Don Bailey, Father of the College of Kinesiology and Father of ParticipACTION Canada, and the late Professor of Radiology George Genereux, friend of Saskatoon, and Olympic gold medalist and namesake of an afforestation area

Proclamation Statement: NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas request a proclamation for June 1-30, 2024, throughout the City of Saskatoon.

Personal Invitation: We, the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas, encourage all organizations, including but not limited to churches, schools, youth groups, long-term care homes, sports groups, cultural organizations, community associations, varying abilities advocacy groups, businesses, and community members, to take advantage of the resources available from the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas and ParticipACTION Community Challenge for their contributions.

Note: To win the challenge, the City of Saskatoon administration needs to opt in. Let's get in and win!

As a side note, which would be a huge bonus: The ParticipACTION introductory sessions noted that in cities with "leisure centres," each centre register and then submit the "participant head counts" in the activities, or time slots. Alternatively each instructor could register their "class" as a "group or organization" and do their own head count to be eligible for the weekly prizes. Additionally, could the Parks Department forward our contact information or send their own email blast to encourage registration by sports groups and individuals who use the sports fields / facilities of Saskatoon?

The City's participation in the ParticipACTION Community Challenge can be on individual levels as determined by administration as is the case with individual participation in the challenge. i.e., people can choose to be active through their daily activities including; gardening, adaptive yoga, physical therapy, walking the dog, cycling, wheeling, walking to the corner store or doing the triathlon. Our ask acknowledges that the City is looking for ways of cutting and reducing the budget, perhaps this is something which merges and aligns with current practices and procedures and is not too much hardship.

THIS SOUNDS LIKE THE BEGINNING OF A SEPARATE DOCUMENT, LETTER OR WHAT?

We, the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas, are writing to express our enthusiasm and support for the City of Saskatoon's participation in the ParticipACTION Community Challenge. As proud recipients of the ParticipACTION grant and the TD Parks People Grant, we are eager to see our city register and join in this national initiative to promote health and wellness.

The ParticipACTION Community Challenge presents a remarkable opportunity for Saskatoon to showcase its dedication to physical activity, social engagement, and mental well-being. By opting in, the City of Saskatoon has the potential to become Canada's most active community and be eligible for the \$100,000 grand prize or the regional prize.

We believe that "Together We Move," as the ParticipACTION slogan suggests, embodies the spirit of collaboration and collective action. It resonates with our motto, "Come to Nature, Come to Life," emphasizing the importance of connecting with nature and promoting active lifestyles.

To assist in rallying support and maximizing participation, we have attached our June [calendar of events](#) and [our fit list](#), outlining planned activities and initiatives for the month of June. Additionally, we are actively engaging in a letter-writing blitz campaign to encourage sports teams, businesses, schools, youth groups, church groups and other organizations across Saskatoon to join the ParticipACTION Community Challenge.

The ParticipACTION Community Challenge not only promotes physical activity but also champions equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. Everyone in Canada should have access to quality sport and physical activity opportunities that help them grow and thrive—physically, emotionally, and socially. The ParticipACTION community challenge is proud to provide funding to community organizations promoting or delivering sport and physical activity opportunities in June

to equity-denied groups, including Black, Indigenous, racialized, 2SLGBTQQA+, persons with disabilities, low-income populations, and newcomers to Canada. This funding aims to level the playing field by reducing barriers to physical activity and sport, thereby building stronger and healthier communities.

We encourage all individuals to register on the ParticipACTION Community Challenge website, commit to getting active throughout June, and explore the multitude of opportunities available to promote physical activity in our city.

Together, let's join hands to make Saskatoon the most active community in Canada. By working collaboratively, we can build a stronger, healthier, and more vibrant city for all residents. To date, we know that the University of Saskatchewan has opted in, as well as the Meewasin Valley Authority.

Thank you for considering our request that the City of Saskatoon opts in to the ParticipACTION Community Challenge, and we look forward to your support in this endeavour.

Sincerely



Julia Adamson, Chair
Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas
Supporting ParticipACTION Community Challenge & UN
Sustainable Development Goals SDG

