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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Julia Adamson - Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas inc -Delivering on the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan - 2023 Progress Report - CK 116-1 Attachments: GPC May 15 Progress Report.pdf From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca> Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 2:57 PM To: City Council < City. Council@Saskatoon.ca> Subject: Email - Communication - Julia Adamson - Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas inc - Delivering on the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan - 2023 Progress Report - CK 116-1 --- Replies to this email will go to Submitted on Monday, May 13, 2024 - 14:55 Submitted by user: 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: Phone Number: Email: Llive outside of Saskatoon: No.

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

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Item 8.3.1 Delivering on the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan - 2023 Progress Report [GPC2024-0502]

## **Comments:**

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

Item 8.3.1 Delivering on the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan - 2023 Progress Report [GPC2024-0502]

As representatives of the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas, we extend our heartfelt commendations for the City's important initiatives outlined in the *Delivering on the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan - 2023 Progress Report*. Specifically, we wish to express our appreciation for the City's efforts in preserving green spaces through residential infill development, while remaining sensitive to the aesthetic, cultural, and heritage landscape of the existing community.

The launch of the Green Network Program stands as a testament to the City's commitment to environmental sustainability. We applaud the initial focus on communication, monitoring, partnerships, and accountability, and eagerly anticipate the upcoming work in 2024 to advance Green Network projects such as Natural Area Management Plans, Wetland Policy and Processes, and Irrigation. We eagerly anticipate the Deliver a Green Network awareness campaign slated for the summer of 2024.

Furthermore, we wish to commend the city for its proactive measures in addressing the threat of Dutch Elm Disease (DED) through the implementation of DED protocols and the new Tree Protection Bylaw. These initiatives, coupled with necessary education and new processes, are vital steps toward effective protection of urban trees in Saskatoon.

In the progress report, we are pleased to see that the Green Network is integrated, managed, and enhanced to protect land, air, and water resources. We firmly believe that the Pathways for an Integrated Green Network will be a tremendous asset to our community, prioritizing environmental sustainability and fostering a harmonious coexistence between people and nature.

We urge the Committee to continue championing the implementation of the Green Infrastructure Strategy in Saskatoon. By creating sustainable habitats for both people and nature, strengthening partnerships, incorporating Traditional knowledge, and increasing ecoliteracy in the community, we can ensure a thriving and resilient urban environment for generations to come.

Thank you for your dedication to preserving our green spaces and advancing environmental sustainability in Saskatoon. We look forward to continued collaboration and progress in the years ahead.

Warm regards,

Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc.