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Date: Monday, May 06, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES AND CORPORATE SERVICES

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Agenda Items 7.1.1, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3

Comments:

Please see the attached letter - thank you

Attachments:

- [May2024SCHSupportLetter.pdf](#)104.96 KB

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Dear Mayor Clark and Councillors,

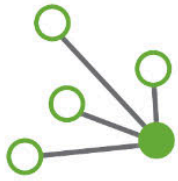
The Saskatoon Climate Hub (SCH) would like to express our support for the following regarding the upcoming decision reports for Tuesday May 7th's, 2024 Standing Policy Committee On Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services.

7.1.1 Dundonald Avenue Solar Farm Project Options

- The SCH fully supports the implementation and further funding of the Dundonald Avenue Solar Farm Project. This project is critical in getting Saskatoon toward moving away from fossil fuel consumption toward renewable energy. It also allows the city to reclaim energy generation for itself rather than relying on the provincial government. The ability to get this project funded and completed is paramount to ensure Saskatoon meets its goals for net-zero by 2050.

7.2.1 Small Swale and Richard St Barbe Baker Afforestation Area – Natural Area Management and Conceptual Master Plans

- The management and conservation of the city's swale and afforestation areas are crucial to adhering to a pathway of sustainable green infrastructure and development for 2050. This green infrastructure should be protected for its ecological significance and the ability to sequester carbon long term. The SCH supports the implementation of the natural area management plans and conceptual master plans to secure the protection and embrace the conservation of Saskatoon's biodiversity in the face of climate change.



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7.2.2 Flood Control Strategy Update – Cumberland Park

- Climate adaptation is a major cornerstone in a community's climate action plan. As the climate and environment around us changes, we will face more serious weather events and natural disasters such as, flooding, droughts, storms and heatwaves. To better protect and prepare our communities from these disasters the SCH strongly supports the development and funding of adaptation infrastructure. However, the design of a dry storm pond will require the consultation of biodiversity experts and communities living around the area. Prior to any construction the SCH strongly encourages the city and administration to consult biodiversity experts and members of the community to ensure that this type of infrastructure is developed appropriately. We also note that adaptation, although critical, is only one pillar of climate action. The City should also utilize its resources towards the crisis by funding and implementing large scale mitigation projects to complement adaptation projects - a dual strategy would result in financial savings, community preparedness and increased safety and security of infrastructure such as homes, businesses, roadways and parks.

7.2.3 Establish Capital Project – City-owned Organics Processing Facility

- The SCH supports a proposed city-owned organics processing facility in Saskatoon. The benefits of such a project are threefold: first, the city would reduce waste that is diverted to the landfill which would extend the life of the landfill and reduce methane gasses being released upon the breakdown of organics. Second, being owned by the city would allow residents to have a more direct say in the direction of the facility compared to being operated by a third party, while simultaneously shielding residents from risk associated with costs. As costs are largely fixed with a city-owned facility, this aids in keeping the price of collections and processing down. Lastly, a city-owned facility put decisions making in the hands of residents and council, allowing for a more flexible and dynamic approach to meeting community needs (waste management and composting) while meeting climate action goals (the goal to net-zero and decreased methane gas emissions)

Now is the time to invest, plan and prepare our community for the ongoing climate crisis and city council must ensure it is taking the correct steps to do so. By supporting initiatives and projects outlined above, city council and administration will be enabling a city where a sustainable and environmentally secure future is possible, by building and preserving the necessary infrastructure needed to make that future a reality.

Sincerely,

Jory Vermette on behalf of the Saskatoon Climate Hub