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Date: Monday, January 13, 2025

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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First Name: Jory

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

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Address: [REDACTED] Churchill Dr

Ward: Ward 5

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 2:00 P.m. Council Chamber, City Hall

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Saskatoon Transit 2025 Fleet Renewal Request

Comments:

Hello, I'm writing this letter to comment on the upcoming decision regarding the fleet renewal request.

I would like to express my disappointment over the fact that the City is in a position where they have to either rely on further fossil fuel based transportation or not be able to fully deliver public transportation to meet needs. We have to wonder how many times we will have to encounter compromises such as this one where we have to determine whether service is functional, or whether it is sustainable..

I sincerely hope that the administration and council take into consideration the long-term objectives and needs of the city with regards to public transportation and achieving their emissions reductions goals. If they do, in fact, go forward with the administration's recommendation; they must make every effort to decarbonize the public transport system so that citizens may take sustainable, affordable and reliable transportation. There should not be a choice of reliable and affordable public transit or the climate. They are not mutually exclusive. This choice comes from a lack of considering all factors - particularly environmental and sustainability, resulting in making choices that band-aid now and allow for more choices that delay needed changes.

As noted in the admin report "the updated 10 year fleet renewal strategy is planned to be presented to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation in Q2 2025 alongside the CUTRIC Saskatoon Transit Zero Emission Transition Plan report as the CUTRIC study will influence the type of buses (i.e. diesel and/or zero emission buses) proposed in the strategy...

It will consider population growth and anticipated modal shift over time and target meeting industry standards for fleet average age and service life of buses."

To avoid future compromises and delays in achieving the City's environmental and sustainability objectives, council and administration must include emissions and climate impacts as well as the financial impacts of continued emissions in their updated fleet renewal strategy. To do so will ensure all necessary factors are included in determining the future of our public transportation to ensure its reliability, sustainability and affordability.

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