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**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Jason Hanson - LiveableYXE - CK 430-19 **Attachments:** LYXE letter 2025\_g\_.pdf From: Web NoReply < web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca> **Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2025 12:16 PM To: City Council < City.Council@Saskatoon.ca> Subject: Email - Communication - Jason Hanson - Liveable YXE - CK 430-19 --- Replies to this email will go to Submitted on Friday, March 21, 2025 - 12:05 Submitted by user: Anonymous 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: Friday, March 21, 2025 To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council Pronouns: He/him/his First Name: Jason Last Name: Hanson Phone Number : Email: I live outside of Saskatoon: No Saskatoon Address and Ward: Address: Ave H S

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): LiveableYXE

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

Ward: Ward 2

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments? (if known):: REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL Wednesday, March 26, 2025

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.1.4 SEAC - 2025 Work Plan [ADV2025-0301] (or appropriate alternative per city clerk)

## Comments:

Dear Mayor Block and Saskatoon City Council,

Congratulations on your well-deserved election victories in 2024! Your commitment to public service during these challenging times is truly commendable. As you've already demonstrated remarkable resilience in facing unexpected challenges like record snowfall, international tariffs, and even annexation threats, we're confident in your ability to lead Saskatoon towards a brighter future.

At LiveableYXE, we envision a city that nurtures the well-being of all its residents. We believe that a liveable city is one where citizens thrive, supported by a healthy environment, reliable services, safe housing, a vibrant business ecosystem, a rich cultural scene, and inclusive lifestyle options.

We're excited to partner with you in reimagining Saskatoon's future. Our coalition of nonprofit groups is passionate about enhancing the quality of life for all residents. We see immense potential in viewing our city's assets through a new lens – where parks are hubs of community vitality and libraries are investments in our collective future. By prioritizing the health and happiness of our population, we can create a foundation for sustainable economic growth and prosperity.

As you embark on your four-year term, we encourage you to embrace a "liveability" perspective when addressing city issues. This approach often reveals that initiatives enhancing social well-being can be both cost-effective and efficient in the long run. The success of the city-managed organics program is a shining example of how forward-thinking policies can yield significant benefits.

We have a unique opportunity to set Saskatoon apart as a model of progressive urban development. By learning from past experiences, such as the challenges faced by Kansas following their "tax cut experiment", \* we can chart a course that balances fiscal responsibility with investments in our community's quality of life.

We're enthusiastic about the potential for Saskatoon under your leadership. By making decisions that are both fiscally prudent and deeply considerate of our residents' needs for safe, healthy, and fulfilling lives, we can create a winning strategy for everyone. This approach will not only benefit us today but will also lay the groundwork for a thriving Saskatoon in the years to come.

LiveableYXE and our member organizations – including Climate Justice Saskatoon, Wild About Saskatoon, Saskatoon Cycles, and many others – are eager to collaborate with you. Together, we can build a Saskatoon that stands as a beacon of liveability, resilience, and community spirit.

Thank you for your dedication to our city. We look forward to working alongside you to shape a vibrant and liveable Saskatoon for all.

With optimism and support, LiveableYXE Coalition liveableyxe.ca

\* In 2012, the state of Kansas implemented an agenda dubbed the "Great Kansas Tax Cut Experiment", where the governor slashed taxes in an attempt to "boost investment, raise employment, and jump-start the economy". It failed, leading to budget shortfalls, massive public service cuts, lower job growth, and leaving the state in "an ongoing atmosphere of fiscal crisis".

## Attachments:

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



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