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Subject: FW: Comments - Joel Van Impe - Saskatoon Transit Full-Fleet Zero Emissions Bus Implementation Plan - CUTRIC Report
Attachments: May21_TransitZeroEmissionBus_joelvanimpe.pdf

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>

Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 4:37 PM

To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>

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Submitted on Monday, May 19, 2025 - 16:36

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: Monday, May 19, 2025

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Joel

Last Name: Van Impe

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Willowgrove Lane

Ward: Ward 10

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

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Wednesday May 21st at the 9:30am
Regular Business Meeting of City Council

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.2.5: Saskatoon Transit Full-Fleet Zero Emissions Bus
Implementation Plan - CUTRIC Report

Comments:

May 21, 2025

222 3rd Ave North

Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

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Sincerely,

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

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