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Thursday, May 17, 2018 3:33 PM

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Submitted on Thursday, May 17, 2018 - 15:33 Submitted by anonymous user: 128.233.5.154 Submitted values are:

Date: Thursday, May 17, 2018

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Greg Last Name: Fowler

Address: UofS

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan Postal Code: S7N

Email:

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

Greg Fowler (VP, Finance & Resources, UofS) requests the opportunity to speak at the City Council Committee meeting on June 20, 2018 re: Bus Rapid Transit. If he is added to the speaking list and it is possible, please add him at the start of the agenda.

Thank you.

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May 24, 2018 9:23 AM

To:

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Subject:

Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Thursday, May 24, 2018 - 09:22 Submitted by anonymous user: 207.236.215.126

Submitted values are:

Date: Thursday, May 24, 2018

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Michael Last Name: Mehak

Address:

City: Toronto Province: Ontario

Postal Code: M4L

Email:

Comments: I would appreciate the opportunity to talk in support of the new Rapid Bus Transit Plan.

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May 28, 2018 1:14 AM

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Submitted on Monday, May 28, 2018 - 01:14 Submitted by anonymous user: 207.195.120.210 Submitted values are:

Date: Monday, May 28, 2018

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Peggy Last Name: Sarjeant

Address:

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan Postal Code: S7N

Email:

Comments:

As plans for Bus Rapid Transit move forward, the Saskatoon Heritage Society is becoming increasingly concerned about the potential impact of the proposed Broadway Avenue Blue Line on Saskatoon's oldest commercial district, the heart of the original Temperance Colony.

The ambience of the street plays a crucial role in reinforcing Broadway's historic sense of place. BRT buses every 10 minutes, in addition to a regular bus line, will increase traffic to such an extent that any suggestion of an historic main street will be placed in jeopardy.

The Broadway 360 Development Plan was adopted as a framework for preserving and enhancing the Broadway Avenue corridor. The Plan calls for a pedestrian friendly environment, sidewalk patios and the preservation of the centre boulevards.

The BRT proposal pays no attention to this Plan. In fact, the proposal has led to much uncertainty surrounding the future of the central boulevard and its trees and the value placed on the pedestrian experience.

Improved public transit is a good thing but it should not come at the expense of our historic streets. One solution would be to extend the 8th Street route over the Sid Buckwold Bridge and along 1st Avenue to service Midtown Plaza and the Central Business District.

It is clear that confusion and unease surround the proposed Broadway BRT. We would welcome clarity, and a willingness to consider other BRT options. Broadway is a special place, the birthplace of Saskatoon. It deserves careful attention to maintain its historic identity.

We ask Council to initiate further discussion concerning the proposed Broadway BRT route. We would be pleased to speak to the issue at a future meeting of the appropriate committee or at City Council.

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June 04, 2018 4:36 PM

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Submitted on Monday, June 4, 2018 - 16:36 Submitted by anonymous user: 207.47.245.128 Submitted values are:

Date: Monday, June 04, 2018

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: DeeAnn Last Name: Mercier

Address:

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan Postal Code: S7N

Email: d Comments:

Hi,



I would like to speak to the Governance and Priorities meeting on the Transit Plan. If possible, could the proposed map for the Broadway area be on the screen during my presentation?

Thanks, DeeAnn

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June 05, 2018 5:00 PM

To:

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Submitted on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 - 17:00 Submitted by anonymous user: 142.165.205.156 Submitted values are:

Date: Tuesday, June 05, 2018

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: John Last Name: Williams

Address:

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan Postal Code: S7T

Email:

Comments:

To His Worship and City Council,

I would like to address the Governance and Priorities Special Meeting pertaining to Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Wednesday June 20 in Council Chambers.

Thank you

The results of this submission may be viewed at: https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/234659



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From:

Brent Penner <br/> <br/>brent.penner@dtnyxe.ca>

Sent:

Friday, June 08, 2018 10:38 AM

To:

Web E-mail - City Clerks

Cc:

Randy - Riversdale Business ImprovementDist (External; DeeAnn Mercier; Chris Beavis; Jorgenson, Jeff (City Manager's Office); james.macdonald@saskatoon.ca; Beveridge, Michelle (Mayor's Office); Anderson, Lesley (CY - Planning & Development); Gardiner,

Angela (TU - Transportation); Schulz, Chris (CY - Planning & Sevel poment)

Subject:

Letter re BRT

**Attachments:** 

Letter to City Council re Bus Rapid Transit routing through Downtown Saskatoon

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Good morning,

Please accept the attached letter. I respectfully ask it to be included in the information package His Worship and City Councillors receive as part of the agenda for the June 20 GPC meeting. This letter was the result of a motion made at the April meeting of the Downtown Saskatoon Board of Management.

I anticipate speaking at the June 20 meeting as well.

Thank you,

Brent



**Brent Penner** 

**Executive Director** 

Downtown Saskatoon | Business Improvement District 306.664.0709 | brent.penner@dtnyxe.ca | dtnyxe.ca

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June 8, 2018

Mayor Charlie Clark & City Councillors City of Saskatoon 222 Third Avenue North Saskatoon, SK S7K oJ5

His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council:

#### Re: Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) & Proposed Routing through Downtown Saskatoon

Downtown Saskatoon is supportive of improvements to Saskatoon's transit network and how those improvements could contribute to the vitality of our district. Improving transit is included within our 2017-2019 Strategic Plan. We are supportive of ensuring people can get into and out of Downtown Saskatoon by whatever mode of transportation they choose, and see transit improvements as a way to open up this option to a greater number of people. We understand the potential to access federal funding for BRT and agree our city must be positioned to access these funds.

We are aware that City Council directed civic administration to examine Third Avenue as the basis for further engagement and design at a meeting on November 20, 2017. Downtown Saskatoon has been part of that engagement, and has worked to ensure business and property owners also were involved. Based on what we have heard from those in attendance, and feedback we have gathered and shared with the city, we believe there is overwhelming opposition to BRT routing along Third Avenue. We share the concerns of those opposed to a Third Avenue route.

Downtown Saskatoon has a strong preference for First Avenue as the north-south running route for BRT Downtown with entry via the Sid Buckwold Bridge for the following reasons:

- Downtown Saskatoon has met with several property owners along First Avenue and we believe there is support for the project based on feedback received during those meetings;
- Midtown Plaza supports the project on First Avenue and they are a key destination, a large employer, high potential for BRT users, and control significant property Downtown, in a location that provides good City Centre access;
- As Saskatoon grows towards 500,000 people over the next 40 years, the opportunities for growth and densification along First Avenue, and west and north of First Avenue are significant;
- We believe that potential BRT users are weighted more to businesses to the west of Third Avenue than to those east of Third Avenue:

- Businesses on Third Avenue have expressed significant concern that their business will be negatively impacted by BRT on Third Avenue;
- Third Avenue between 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets underwent major renovations for streetscaping improvements a few years ago. Installing BRT on this street would result in that investment being lost. In contrast, First Avenue has not seen those types of improvements and with BRT would come enhancements to the public realm;
- First Avenue is well positioned to better link Downtown with Riversdale, North Downtown strategic infill and the existing Warehouse District;
- It is extremely likely that when investments are made in new public assembly facilities, they will be located west of First Avenue making the decision around BRT routing fundamental to the success of those future projects;
- The City is planning major changes to Idylwyld Drive as part of the Imagine Idylwyld Project.
   Locating key transit infrastructure on First Avenue will support opportunities for
   densification along Idylwyld Drive and First Avenue as well as locations west of Idylwyld into
   Riversdale, and areas north of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

We look forward to continuing to build a Downtown that is strong and vibrant, and a destination for residential, retail, cultural, and business development in the City of Saskatoon.

Sincerely,

Brent Penner

**Executive Director** 

CC:

Jeff Jorgenson, City Manager

Chris Beavis, Chair, Downtown Saskatoon Board of Directors

Jim McDonald, Director of Transit

Randy Pshebylo, Executive Director, Riversdale BID

DeeAnn Mercier, Executive Director, Broadway BID

City Council

Sent:

June 10, 2018 2:15 PM

To:

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Subject:

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Submitted on Sunday, June 10, 2018 - 14:14 Submitted by anonymous user: 216.197.246.106 Submitted values are:

Date: Sunday, June 10, 2018

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Mike
Last Name: Winter
Address:
City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan Postal Code: S7H

Email:

Comments:

I am requesting to speak at the Special/Joint Governance and Priorities Committee Committee & Commission Meetings on June 20th, 1:00 pm regarding the use of off-site levies from infill development.

Mike Winter Buena Vista Community Association

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June 11, 2018 10:26 AM

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Submitted on Monday, June 11, 2018 - 10:25 Submitted by anonymous user: 216.174.141.145 Submitted values are:

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Date: Monday, June 11, 2018

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Jerome Last Name: Nicol

Address:

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan Postal Code: S7K

Email: i

Comments: Request to speak at Special Governance & Priorities Committee meeting on June 20/18.

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June 12, 2018 6:03 PM

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Submitted on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 - 18:02 Submitted by anonymous user: 70.64.119.131

Submitted values are:

Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2018

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Debbie Last Name: Taylor

Address:

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan Postal Code: S7N

Email:

Comments:

I would like to address

Council regarding the BRT being proposed for Broadway Ave.

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE SASKATOON To:

Sproule, Joanne (Clerks)

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RE: Special Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting June 20, 2018 on the Issue of RECEIVED

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From: Catherine Folkersen [mailto:president@nutana.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 12:12 PM

To: Sproule, Joanne (Clerks) < Joanne. Sproule@Saskatoon.ca>

Subject: Special Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting June 20, 2018 on the Issue of BRT

Hi Ms Sproule,

I have attached a letter for the Special Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting of June 20, 2018. I also wish to have an opportunity to address this committee.

I hope this works, Catherine

Catherine Folkersen, President Nutana Community Association http://nutana.ca/



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Nutaria Community Association

Catherine Folkersen, President Nutana Community Association c/o 639 Broadway Ave Saskatoon, SK S7N 1B2

Ms Joanne Sproule, City Clerk City of Saskatoon 222 3rd Ave North Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

June 13, 2018

Dear Ms. Joanne Sproule,

Re: Special Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting June 20, 2018 on the Issue of BRT

On behalf of the Nutana Community Association I wish to address the Governance and Priorities Committee on June 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 in the Council Chambers to provide our association commentary on the issue of Bus Rapid Transit in our neighbourhood.

There are many opinions on the proposed system that City Council will assess in coming to a decision about the future of transit in our city. Our association understands that there may be changes required to accommodate this new system. Change is a challenge in any environment but is often necessary.

Our hope is that the BRT system enables Broadway entertainment users to move into and out of the area in a more efficient way. Once bars close down residents often are subjected to the unpleasant actions of some revellers. If there were a system, such as BRT, to move partiers out of Broadway reliably and quickly this would be a bonus to our residents. It may also reduce inebriated drivers on our streets. The system would need to operate after bar closing hours to be effective perhaps on the 3 highest bar usage nights each week.

I wish to speak to the issue of BRT improving the late night atmosphere in our residential areas that border the Broadway entertainment district through improved transit options out of this area.

Sincerely,

Catherine Folkersen, President