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I believe that members of City Council, especially on this City Council, are tone deaf to citizens' concerns; especially members of the public who do not agree with them. Even though this letter to City Council is probably a waste of time, I will write anyway so that those who strongly oppose the ridiculous idea of charging residents for the collection of garbage are heard.

I pay over \$3500 per year in property taxes. I certainly don't receive \$3500 in value from the city. I have to rake leaves from city trees on my boulevard, and have to cut the boulevard grass at my own expense. I collect the endless, invasive elm and maple tree seeds from city-owned trees at curbside to allow for easy water flow. I've done this for decades and accept that it is all part of being a responsible citizen. We're lucky to get our streets swept in Holiday Park once in a blue moon, and rarely (if ever) get our streets plowed in winter.

The VERY LEAST the city could do to help residents with the maintenance of their property is to allow them adequate garbage collection. Why should I have to PAY EXTRA for the privilege of disposing the "city's" leaves and the "city's" tree seeds? We don't even get properly weekly garbage pick-up from October to April! I suppose Councillors never see the unsightly over-flow of receptacles during these months?

Most residents, having been forced to do so by a former Draconian City Council, are actively recycling as best they can. I question, however, the debris collection statistics from the Waste Manager Brenda Wallace, and believe that her department is "cooking the statistics" when it comes to compost debris in order to substantiate her (and City Council's) call to begin charging residents for their future garbage collection. Frankly, I DO NOT

trust the Waste Manager or her department, nor do I trust the elected and unelected eco-zealots on the city's "garbage"/waste/environment committee who are so determined to force city residents--especially seniors and others on fixed incomes--to begin paying for something that should be included in one's property taxes. Most city residents don't receive the substantial salaries of city councillors or most of their over-paid staff!

Rather than continue to gouge city residents endlessly (due to the endless fiscal mismanagement of Saskatoon) and, in fact, IF compost/organic material is causing such a problem of pressure on the landfill, why not simply distribute the green compost bins to residents AT NO EXTRA CHARGE to them (the costs should be built into the waste management budget which taxpayers already pay--after all, there appears to be "new" tax dollars found to order and pay for the ridiculous notion of providing different sizes of waste bins to every household!). Certainly inform residents of the reasoning behind such move, rather than cajoling them with threats, scare tactics, and the extra burden of increased taxes. I certainly sympathize with those who are seniors and those with physical challenges who will have to deal with yet another bin, but at least they won't suffer the unfair penalty of having to pay more for the privilege of helping the city manage and maintain the current landfill. Surely many of the overpaid administration staff (presumably who are intelligent enough to find the money necessary internally) can come up with a sensible, adequate, fair, and reasonable cost-effective plan without charging residents extra fees while sitting at their desks or spending all day in endless, meaningless, and costly meetings.

Saskatoon is increasingly becoming a running joke run by incompetent neophytes and weird elected and un-elected kooky zealots who cannot come up with a reasonable, fair, and cost-effective garbage collection plan without the extra and added burden of gouging city residents. Forcing residents to pay for their garbage collection will ultimately result in more problems with illegal dumping or neighbours (or transients) using other's bins, failing to maintain their or city-owned property, and generally making Saskatoon more of a pig sty.

The endless propaganda campaigns of the city's administration crowing about how it provides residents with consultation and bogus online surveys are offensive and simply window-dressing. Decisions are made with only a minutiae of resident input--and usually from those who agree with the administration and City Council. While the recent online poll from 6-7 June 2018 conducted by CTV News, Saskatoon is not scientific, the results are interesting: the poll found that an overwhelming 63% vs. 37% of respondents said "NO" to the question: "Should the City of Saskatoon charge residents based on the size of their garbage bin?" I'm sure that members of the administration, City Council, and the Waste Manager will dispute the results but the same can be said with any polls or surveys the city may come up with.

I won't be holding my breath and expect that City Councillors will go ahead stubbornly with the ridiculous idea of charging residents extra for garbage collection, spend hundreds of thousands or millions of tax dollars needlessly on more unnecessary garbage bins (but not supply residents with complimentary compost/green bins which apparently may solve the supposed pressure on the landfill). These City Councillors don't seem to have residents' best interests at heart and want to bully citizens into submission. It's a shame.

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