

Dear Fellow citizens of Saskatoon,

The Saskatoon farmer's market is a precious entity in our city. It must remain a real farmers' market where the people of Saskatoon and region can buy fresh food and food products raised, grown, baked or made by fellow Saskatchewaners. We do not need a public market, which replicates a grocery store, selling products purchased from enormous distributors and then re-sold.

Real farmers markets like the SFM are rare - a destination for both visitors and for residents. I moved to Saskatoon in 1999 and have been a patron of the SFM since then, having followed it through its various locations. This location is the best- both summer and winter, with the indoor space and the plaza. For me and for many people Saturday is not Saturday without a long visit to the market to buy food, to talk to 'my' farmers and producers, and to have a coffee with the friends who join me.

Let's support our local farmers, bakers and makers, who work hard to produce great food for us-- it's sustainable, it's ethical, and it's about supporting community. We do not need another Costco- (we have one, no two!) We need an authentic farmers market and we are lucky to have one so let's keep it!

Thanks for your attention

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