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Subject: Saskatoon Farmers' Market - City Council agenda 9.8.1
Meeting (if known): City Council
Comments:

I write to add my voice to concerns being expressed about the proposed RFP for the market building at River Landing.

Reviewing the administration report being considered at this meeting, there appear to be fundamentally contradictory goals for the space; indeed, these are to be assessed as part of the same RFP scoring:

- keeping the market "animated" 6 days a week
- supporting local food

It appears that the 6 days a week component is driving this proposal - and would take priority - but it's not clear what that is based on, beyond the unsolicited proposals from third parties. Is there in fact public concern that the Farmers' Market isn't open on enough days?

You will have heard other explanations about the challenges relating to most local producers maintaining a presence at the market for six days.

I urge the Council to proceed carefully. You've built something special with the new location for the Farmers' Market. While an RFP might appear to be the most transparent approach, the core expectation of a 6-day market would mean an RFP that is stacked against the current vendors, resulting in a market that is much less authentic, and less supportive of the local economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Attachments:

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