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Councillors,

I have been hearing a lot in the media and wanted to comment that I find it unacceptable that Council is considering charging for garbage collection by weight/bag, given that the City is unable to offer a complete recycling program. This is the 5th Canadian city I have lived in and I have also lived in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Charging for garbage by bag/bin size can be found in Europe, BUT ONLY where there is a full recycling program in place to capture all plastics/metals/batteries, etc.

Currently, Saskatoon citizens are unable to recycle all of their non-compostable garbage. Moreover, I find it absurd that we are so worried about compost items that decompose at the landfill anyway? This is a nice to have, not a need to have in my view. If people want to pay for green bins, this is an optional fee for service in my view.

However, as a taxpayer, I am not willing to pay for this proposed change to waste collection, which I doubt many (any?) citizens have requested. This 'service' seems aimed at actually providing less 'service' for more tax money! More pressing for our city and our environment is the diversion on non-compostable garbage from our landfill. I can't be the only ratepayer who see this clearly. If I were a councilman/woman wanting to be re-elected, I would focus on capturing all recyclable materials and not inconvenience a lot of the population for the interests of a few

You have so far left a ridiculous legacy of actions that are very out of touch with the populace (read: charging for garbage, compost bins, bike lanes, firepits). Please don't create issues where they don't exist and work on Saskatoon's solving real ones (read: econ growth, road signage, traffic, leisure facilities/programs, tourism).

I voted for this administration. I didn't vote to re-elect Atch and am only now coming to appreciate the true legacy he and his administration left with the success of the Remai, River Landing, Belsher Place, the new bridges and overpasses, et al. These are the sorts of things that make the city livable for citizens and attractive to visitors and prospective investors/migrants. Please stop riding on Atch's coat tails, stop fiddling at the periphery and work on core issues-deal with the rail issues, an LRT or express transit lanes for buses/HMV. Please!

Regards,
Carol Schmidt