

Bryant, Shellie

From: S Finney <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: August 22, 2019 10:40 AM
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Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

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City: Saskatoon
Province: Saskatchewan
Postal Code: [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):
Subject: the greenest city
Meeting (if known):
Comments:

Imagine if our city became the greenest city in Canada? Saskatoon would become famous. Imagine the tourists this status would attract. Imagine the creative and thoughtful people and caring parents that would move here.

A truly green city is a healthy city—good for the health of the body and the happiness of its citizens. It would also mean more natural beauty to gladden the heart.

Research has also demonstrated that neighbourhoods with more trees and shrubs have less crime.

Let's adopt the Low Emissions Community plan as a major step towards this goal. We can be a leader.

Attachments:

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Bryant, Shellie

From: Jason Hanson <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: August 21, 2019 10:53 PM
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Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 - 22:53
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Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2019
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
First Name: Jason
Last Name: Hanson
Email:
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City: Saskatoon
Province: Saskatchewan
Postal Code: [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):
Subject: Low Emissions Community Plan
Meeting (if known):
Comments:
We no longer have time to piss around.
- David Suzuki

This line from Dr. Suzuki was in the last issue of Planet S magazine. For over 30 years he's been warning people about a buildup of carbon in the atmosphere, and as with most climate modeling, his predictions have been very accurate: increased floods, droughts, and forest fires, melting ice caps, rising ocean levels, melting permafrost, increased methane, disruption to wildlife patterns, extremes in temperature, acidification of the oceans, etc. Apparently, his lifetime of advocacy has fallen on primarily deaf ears for him to resort to such blunt language. Can we blame him?

The science is unwavering. We have a limited window of time in which to mitigate global heating and avoid the worst of the consequences of decades and decades of unfettered growth. Should humans fail to take significant action now, we will doom future generations of all life on Earth to a shadow of what we've enjoyed for most of recorded history. It would be the most corrupt moral chapter in the book of humankind.

You'll hear opponents to the LEC Plan. To them, there is too much money to be made doing things the way they've always been done. Or too much fear to admit what's actually going on with the planet. Or too much bitterness that Saskatoon might end up doing more than its fair share. Or maybe just too much stupidity to grasp the magnitude of it all. To give these arguments any credence is to collaborate with the darker impulses of humanity, and will ultimately lead to what scientists predict as the sixth extinction event to hit Earth. If we will be remembered at all, it will be alongside the dinosaurs, with only our SELF-INFLICTED ANNIHILATION to differentiate the outcomes.

Oh, you might think, such lofty fire and brimstone rhetoric! Such doomsaying!
Well, David Suzuki might suggest that the time for soft-pedaling the climate crisis has long been over. Wishful thinking, half-measures, and gentle persuasion all left the building years ago. We cannot afford more delays. We cannot deny the problem any longer. And we cannot ignore how deadly serious this is.

Now is the time to take bold and decisive steps to do something to rein in our emissions. Saskatoon is "small", but every single community, in every single region, in every single country is going to have to face these realities, and those that do so earlier than later might have fewer nightmares. They might be able to answer the question the coming generation is bound to ask: "how could you let this happen?". And they might survive.

Please, move forward with the LEC Plan. Implement every last one of the actions. Choose a livable future.
Thank you for your attention.
Attachments:

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Bryant, Shellie

From: Julia Boughner [REDACTED] >
Sent: August 22, 2019 1:27 PM
To: Web E-mail - City Clerks
Subject: City of Saskatoon's Low Emissions Community Plan

Submitted on Thursday, August 22, 2019 - 13:26

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

==Your Message==

Service category: City Council, Boards & Committees

Account Number:

Subject: City of Saskatoon's Low Emissions Community Plan

Message:

Dear City Council,

As I have also expressed to Councillor Block in a message sent July 30, 2019, I am delighted to see and read the City of Saskatoon's Low Emissions Community Plan (all 120 pages of it) and I feel compelled to share with you staunch support from my family and I for this Plan. Saskatoon has vast economic and socio-cultural opportunity around our response to climate change mitigation, limited only by our creativity and ambition. These are very positive, exciting times for our city and its people.

In the report, I swooned at the line item about making all new municipal buildings Passive House; and I would urge the City to assess how it can extend this requirement to all new buildings, especially residential homes, condos and apartments. I yearn for even more frequent, easy public transit so that when I choose to stop biking in the winter, I can still leave my car at home even more than I might with current bus routes and schedules (love the 'baby bus' service, BTW). Local electric car charging stations (paired with solar-powered coffee shops?) are improvements that I'd love to see more of. I'd also wish for the city to manage waste and recycling even more effectively (I assume that the City Council has had conversations with the SK Waste Reduction Council about this issue?). I wonder if the City is also able to tie its strategy into the Green New Deal approach to a more people-driven economy (again, I assume that this is a conversation that Council has had, but I'd to note the idea in my letter here).

In sum, my household (and many families and neighbours whom I know in my Buena Vista neighbourhood) really want (and need) the City of Saskatoon to take the direction outlined in this climate change mitigation strategy, including with how our city looks after its citizens as we move into the next and very existentially crucial decade of global warming.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like to pick up on any of the points I've raised. Now is the time to invest as much city money as possible in response to global warming, not in the least because all Saskatonians will reap many more dividends in the coming years and decades.

Despite the August 22nd arrival of my missive, I hope that it can still be printed and included in the agenda for the upcoming Council meeting on Monday, August 26th.

Best regards,
Julia Boughner
Attachment:

==Your Details==

First Name: Julia

Last Name: Boughner

Confirm Email:

Email:

Neighbourhood where you live: Buena Vista

Phone Number:

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Bryant, Shellie

From: barbara hanbidge <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: August 21, 2019 2:03 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 - 14:03
Submitted by anonymous user: 142.59.66.23
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Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2019
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
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Last Name: hanbidge
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City: Saskatoon
Province: Saskatchewan
Postal Code: [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): N/A
Subject: Low Emissions Community Plan
Meeting (if known):
Comments:

Mayor Clark and members of the Saskatoon City Council. This letter is to let you know that my partner Rod Johnson and I strongly support the Low Emissions Community Plan. We have worked for years, on our own time and at our own expense, to make our home much more energy efficient, to decrease the amount of power, natural gas and water we use, to decrease the water we put back into the sewer system and as much as possible to produce our food from our home garden. We would welcome any or all of you to our home at any time to see what we have done and discuss why we have gone this route.

We have done the above because we know this will make a small difference in Saskatoon's climate footprint and we hope to lead by example.

We have two hydronic panels on our roof to preheat the water coming into our home and have put up photo-voltaic panels for electrical production.

I could go into much more detail but I value your time as our mayor and council. The City of Saskatoon needs to move forward with this Climate Action Plan. It is a road map and we will not do everything listed in the document but if we do not start, move forward and significantly decrease our emissions we are doing ourselves and the earth that we live on a huge disservice. History will be our judge, as will the Saskatoon citizens who come after us.

Please support the LEC Plan.

B. Hanbidge

Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
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Bryant, Shellie

From: Tim Quigley <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: August 22, 2019 9:06 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Thursday, August 22, 2019 - 21:06
Submitted by anonymous user: 204.83.109.136
Submitted values are:

Date: Thursday, August 22, 2019
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
First Name: Tim
Last Name: Quigley
Email: [REDACTED]
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City: Saskatoon
Province: Saskatchewan
Postal Code: [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):
Subject: Low Emissions Community Plan
Meeting (if known):

Comments: I urge City Council to adopt the Low Emissions Community Plan. It is not perfect but it is definitely a step in the right direction. I have two reservations: (1) I would like to see the implementation of the plan be much earlier than planned--the world is in a climate crisis and needs to take action now; (2) I am skeptical of the Public Private Partnership proposal. P3s cost the public more in the end. First, the company has to borrow on the private market at a higher rate than the public can finance through the Bank of Canada or through bonds. Second, there is, of course, the profit margin that is extra. Third, the company is responsible for maintenance but they no doubt pad the contract in order to do that and, if they should go out of business, the public is left holding the bag. Finally, as like as not, the private company won't be unionized whereas the public sector is mostly unionized. With those reservations in mind, I hope that Council will quickly move on this plan. We should be a leader, not a follower, in this area. Please ignore the selfishness of the business organizations. Besides only wanting to protect their own interests, they are so silly that they don't realize (a) the absolute requirement to move against climate disaster as soon as possible; and (b) the cost savings that will result. I cannot believe that they would oppose a plan that would save the citizens of Saskatoon \$14 billion dollars.

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Bryant, Shellie

From: Sherry Olson <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: August 22, 2019 9:30 PM
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Submitted on Thursday, August 22, 2019 - 21:30
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Date: Thursday, August 22, 2019
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Last Name: Olson
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City: Saskatoon
Province: Saskatchewan
Postal Code: [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):
Subject: Low Emissions Plan
Meeting (if known): August 26
Comments:

I have read through the Low Emissions Plan and wanted to take the time to encourage the council to support this plan and these targets. I would like to take a moment to explain why beyond those detailed in the report.

Like you, I live in this city and have an environmental impact by the use of the services it provides. Also, my impact reaches far outside of the neighborhood as many of the things I use come from outside of the community. Water passes through other provinces into the oceans and the air I breathe is shared across borders. My impact is just like everyone else's. When our impact touches land, air or water, it touches innumerable species. It does not discriminate, only penalizing those that create negative impacts. It will penalize us all if we don't act with enough veracity.

My husband and I have seven children and nine grandchildren. While I am very privileged to be living in Treaty 6 territory with its peoples for decades now, my family has great diversity. My guess is I am a lot like many others North Americans with family across the globe. My family spans from the west coast to (nearly) the east coast of North America all the way to South America, then all the way to New Zealand and even distant relations in Europe and Asia. All these places are important to me and likely many are to you. We are very privileged here and we cannot and should not immune ourselves from decisive action. We have played a part in our in the issue and we must be just and address the issue with our best foot forward. We cannot pretend it is not real or leave it for someone else to contend with.

I try to minimize my impact by doing a lot of small things like walking to work (-49 is a day I won't forget!), biking, busing, recycling, composting where I can, reducing, refusing straws, choosing products from producers using sustainable practices and even using my ceramic cup for a coffee pick up. I share my concerns with friends. However, in the big picture, the most important impact I can make in my community is asking you to support decisive action. The small changes I make won't be as meaningful as the ones you are discussing and thus I want to lend my support to the plan.

When we talk about improving the common good we realize it is challenging to monetize it. This is going to cost us, at least initially. Like a bad diet, it takes years to penalize us. There is an instant death pill out there, but most of us poison our bodies slowly with poor choices, not seeing the effects for years. It becomes a hard habit to break that is more expensive to fix the longer you leave it. We expect to pop a pill and it be an easy fix without trying to solve the root problem. That is what the last century has been for humankind. We have slowly become accustomed to things that need to be changed. What seemed like a good idea at the time, doesn't work so well in the long run. There is no easy pill, yet we need to change. We need to act. When changes are applied with thoughtful consideration, benefits will be reaped. We need to move together with other communities world wide taking the right direction. Know, I look forward to living in a contender as a Sustainable City!

I realize you must scrutinize the to make it the best feasible option; however, people in our community must see leadership taking the matter seriously to know they must as well.

My best wishes for you as meet this challenge.

Sincerely,
Sherry Olson

Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/332205>

Bryant, Shellie

From: Robert Clipperton [REDACTED]
Sent: August 23, 2019 2:36 PM
To: Web E-mail - City Clerks
Subject: Communication to Mayor and Council - Meeting - August 26, 2019

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Agenda Item 9.3.1.1 Low Emissions Community Plan

Bus Riders of Saskatoon would like to express our full support for those aspects of the Low Emissions Community Plan that are related to Transit.

These would include:

- 1) Building compact complete communities and transit oriented development
- 2) Switching the 100% of the Municipal Transit Fleet to electric vehicles that use renewable energy sources by 2030
- 3) Adopting a target of shifting at least 10% of personal vehicle trips to transit by 2050
- 4) Improve walking and cycling infrastructure to increase the active transportation share.

Thank you for taking our views into consideration.

Robert Clipperton, Steering Committee
Bus Riders of Saskatoon

Bryant, Shellie

From: Nancy Howse <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: August 23, 2019 2:32 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Friday, August 23, 2019 - 14:32
Submitted by anonymous user: 128.233.5.86
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Date: Friday, August 23, 2019
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Last Name: Howse
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City: Saskatoon
Province: Saskatchewan
Postal Code: [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): homeowner and taxpayer
Subject: low emissions community plan
Meeting (if known):
Comments:

I want to express my strong support for the low emissions community plan, and compliment you on having it prepared.
It is very thorough and well researched.

However, it is only a start on what everyone has to do to save our home planet, but hope is very important to human society, in addition to a live-able climate.

It may look like a waste of time and money to a few very short sighted, selfish people, but to the majority of increasingly concerned citizens, it looks like our only hope for the future.

But maybe we should save the time and money of having a long discussion about it, and just get down to implementing it right away.
By the way, I am a homeowner and taxpayer in Saskatoon.

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Bryant, Shellie

From: Gail Stevens <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: August 24, 2019 10:29 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Saturday, August 24, 2019 - 10:29
Submitted by anonymous user: 206.75.53.188
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Date: Saturday, August 24, 2019
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
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Last Name: Stevens
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City: Saskatoon
Province: Saskatchewan
Postal Code: [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):
Subject: Recommendation Concerning Low Emissions Community Plan
Meeting (if known): Council Meeting August 26
Comments:
Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Few decisions will have the depth and breadth of impact as the recommendation before you concerning the Low Emissions Community Plan. Few decisions will impact the welfare of people in our city and beyond our borders to this degree, now and in the future. In the context of the climate emergency informed by climate science, Council's bold action now to reduce Saskatoon's toxic emissions is both responsible and pragmatic.

I urge you to vote "YES" to the recommendation from the Committee on Environment, Utilities, and Corporate Initiatives, "That engagement with Community and Stakeholders is undertaken to further advance planning and to develop comprehensive implementation strategies for preliminary initiatives included in the Low Emissions Community Plan". In addition, I urge you to authorize substantial funding to enable the City's Administration to be effective in this critical work.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of this historic decision.

Respectfully,
Gail Stevens
Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/332483>

Bryant, Shellie

From: Candace Savage <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: August 25, 2019 6:57 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Sunday, August 25, 2019 - 18:56
Submitted by anonymous user: 142.165.218.47
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Date: Sunday, August 25, 2019
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
First Name: Candace
Last Name: Savage
Email: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Albert Avenue
City: Saskatoon
Province: Saskatchewan
Postal Code: [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):
Subject: Low Emissions Community Plan
Meeting (if known): City Council August 26

Comments: I have spent the last several years studying the history of Saskatoon. It was shocking to discover how uniquely vulnerable this community is to disturbances in the climate. According to documents in the City Archives, the shadow of the 1930s drought persisted in Saskatoon until 1944. Through that entire period (1931-44), the economy of this city essentially ground to a halt, with no more than half a dozen "modern" homes built each year. Some years, not a single one was constructed. If any place should take climate change seriously, this is it. We don't need anyone to paint a dystopian picture of what the weather can do to us. We've seen it all in technicolor. For the sake of our mutual wellbeing, it makes sense to move forward, step by careful step, to protect our economy and our climate. Please endorse and fund the next increment of the Low Emissions Plan.

Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/332663>

Bryant, Shellie

From: Candace Savage <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: August 25, 2019 9:20 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Sunday, August 25, 2019 - 21:20
Submitted by anonymous user: 142.165.218.47
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Date: Sunday, August 25, 2019
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
First Name: Candace
Last Name: Savage
Email: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Albert Avenue
City: Saskatoon
Province: Saskatchewan
Postal Code: [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):
Subject: Low Emissions Community Plan
Meeting (if known): Council, August 26

Comments: In recent years, as part of a larger project, I have been studying the history of Saskatoon. It was shocking to learn how uniquely vulnerable this community is to the variations in the climate. The drought of the Dirty Thirties triggered a profound local recession that lasted for fourteen years, quickly bringing the economy to a standstill. According to records in the City Archives, the construction of "modern" homes (those graced with indoor plumbing) virtually ceased between 1931 and 1944 because of an inescapable downward spiral triggered by climatic events. Given this past experience, we should know better than anyone that climate change -- unchecked -- will be bad for business, bad for our mental and physical health, destructive in so many ways. For the sake of the future wellbeing of our community, please support the sensible next steps outlined in the Low Emissions Community Plan.

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Bryant, Shellie

From: Jay Brown <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: August 25, 2019 7:31 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council
Attachments: low_emissions_plan_-_letter_august_26.pdf

Submitted on Sunday, August 25, 2019 - 19:30
Submitted by anonymous user: 96.125.245.183
Submitted values are:

Date: Sunday, August 25, 2019
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
First Name: Jay
Last Name: Brown
Email: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Patrick Crescent
City: Saskatoon
Province: Saskatchewan
Postal Code: [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):
Subject: Agenda Comments for Saskatoon's Low Emissions Community Plan (9.3.1)
Meeting (if known): City Council Monday August 26, 2019
Comments:
Hello,

Please find attached comments I would like to submit for agenda item 9.3.1 The Low Emissions Community Plan [CK. 375-4] during the General Business Meeting of Council for Monday, August 26, 2019.

Thank you

Jay Brown
Attachments:
low_emissions_plan_-_letter_august_26.pdf:
https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/webform/low_emissions_plan_-_letter_august_26.pdf

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/332671>

Saskatoon City Council
August 26, 2019
Saskatoon, SK

RE: Support for Saskatoon's Low Emissions Community Plan (9.3.1)

We can do very little to influence the canopies of the Amazon, the waters in the Strait of Hormuz, or the icefields of Greenland - but we can make a ripple in the currents of Saskatoon.

As I approach my 30th birthday, my thoughts turn to the next three decades of my life. In 30 short years, I need to build a family, maximize my career and secure a retirement that lasts another 30 years beyond my final clock out. These are all no menial tasks, and only the effort of a lifetime spent improving and investing in oneself will success be achieved. If no plans are developed and focus is steered astray, the risk of narrowed opportunities grows.

We are at the epicentre of a moment where we either decide to be satisfied with perpetuating a self-deprecating cycle of apathetic ignorance or we decide to make bold choices at the expense of our current comfort to build a future that isn't forced to make compromises for the past.

The next 30 years are going to be marked with paying off the debts of a legacy of misinformed decisions made in the previous century. The more we procrastinate to pay off these debts, the higher their costs will become. We cannot enjoy the fruits of our future if we are hindered by the liabilities of our past.

Saskatoon is small, but that does not mean we cannot be larger than ourselves. Change does not occur if those few bold visionaries do not take the first steps forward to create a path that only they could see and now others follow.

If you make the decisions required now, you will protect the investments I will continue to make. In 30 years, we will be well-positioned to enjoy our generous returns.

I encourage this council to not flinch and take the actions required to continue to create a city that proves what leadership requires. Please support the actions necessary to propel our "Low Emissions Community Plan" forward.

Sincerely,

Jay Brown
Saskatoon Resident

Bryant, Shellie

From: Beth Johnson <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: August 25, 2019 7:52 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Sunday, August 25, 2019 - 19:51
Submitted by anonymous user: 71.17.188.125
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Date: Sunday, August 25, 2019
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
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Last Name: Johnson
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City: Saskatoon
Province: Saskatchewan
Postal Code: [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):
Subject: City Low Emissions Plan
Meeting (if known): Council Meeting Monday August 26
Comments:
I am very encouraged to learn that Council is taking action to limit climate change. I do hope that you will be able to move the recorded action plans to earlier dates wherever possible to mitigate the disastrous effects on the climate in Canada and world wide. Thank you for giving strong leadership on this issue.
Yours sincerely,
Beth Johnson
Attachments:

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Bryant, Shellie

From: Justin Fisher <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: August 25, 2019 2:52 PM
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Date: Sunday, August 25, 2019
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
First Name: Justin
Last Name: Fisher
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Address: [REDACTED] Main Street
City: Saskatoon
Province: Saskatchewan
Postal Code: [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Climate Justice Saskatoon
Subject: Low Emissions Community Plan letter of support
Meeting (if known):
Comments:
Dear Saskatoon City Council,

We are writing in support of the recently released Low Emissions Community (LEC) Plan. We view this type of comprehensive 'blueprint' to achieve our greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets as exactly what is necessary to support our transition to becoming a low-carbon community.

Climate Justice Saskatoon is a community group based in the city. We are volunteers and community organizers of different ages, skills, and backgrounds, and we work together to create and support action on climate change.

The starting point for our activities is the most current climate science. As you are no doubt aware, the Paris Agreement of 2015 set a global target of "holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change." According to the more recent 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report on the impacts of global warming above 1.5°C, this goal suggests the global community collectively needs to achieve a 50 per cent reduction in emissions in the next 15 years, and below-zero emissions in 40 years. While the targets approved by City Council in 2017 fall short of the aspirational target of holding warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, we recognize the strategic advantage of focusing on immediate implementation and ensuring we achieve short term, interim targets. To that end, we recognize that the LEC Plan is simply what is needed to achieve those targets. We do, however, urge City Council to iteratively update these targets to remain in line with the science as we move toward mid-century.

Saskatoon is one community of many around the world that emits greenhouse gases contributing to global average temperature rise. As author Douglas Adams says, "the single raindrop never feels responsible for the flood." Ultimately, we can hardly expect any other jurisdictions to do the work if we are not willing to do it ourselves. While our emissions in absolute terms are one part of a larger problem, there is growing recognition

globally that every community needs to prepare for decarbonization. Furthermore, communities worldwide also need to invest in resiliency measures that will help address the changes to come.

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Dear Saskatoon City Council,

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First Name: Orlene
Last Name: Martens
Email: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Ewart Avenue
City: Saskatoon
Province: Saskatchewan
Postal Code: [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Resident City of Saskatoon
Subject: Low Emissions Support
Meeting (if known):
Comments:
Please support Saskatoon's plan for drastically improving low emissions.
We need a progressive Saskatoon Now.

Thank you for seeing the importance of climate and energy issues. Make us a location in Canada that is not waiting for a negative and harmful outcome outcome. Let's not be the deniers of what happens with high emissions.

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Last Name: Martens
Email: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Ewart Avenue
City: Saskatoon
Province: Saskatchewan
Postal Code: [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): GO Developments
Subject: Low Emissions Environment
Meeting (if known):
Comments:
Please discuss the importance of the low emissions plan for our future generations. We love Saskatoon and area and don't want to cause any needless pollution that will harm the area. Let's bring back a healthier Saskatoon of 50-100 years ago. We can do it with your leadership!

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