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Dear Mayor and Councilor:

RE: motion to restrict energy companies from advertising

I am trying to understand how a negative political motion of this nature could be brought before council to begin with. The vote in favour of the motion brought national interest and put Regina on the map in a very negative way. It made the national news. I had friends from across Canada contact me to ask, "what the heck is going on in Regina?"

How is it that a motion of such a political nature and with such serious negative financial implications could make it to the agenda. Why is it that several city councilors try to push national and international environmental issues at a civic level. I think all councillors need a crash course on what is a valid civic concern and trying to push your own personal and the world's environmental agenda. I find it baffling that local politicians try to solve national or world environmental issues and use their role at city council to try and do so. If it's not a civic responsibility then it has no basis going before city council. Solving the world's greenhouse gas and climate change problem is not up to Regina city council. It is this city's responsibility to provide the best services to its taxpayers in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible. The city must follow all provincial and federal environmental laws but it is not up to this city to try and determine them.

There was a city councilor in the late 1970's (I'm not sure of the date) that brought a motion before council to declare or make Regina a nuclear free zone. This is at the height of the cold war where there was threat of a nuclear world war. The motion was unanimously passed in favour of making Regina a nuclear free zone. It included having signage on the highways entering the city limits of Regina declaring Regina a nuclear free zone. It was quite laughable. Welcome to Regina, we are a nuclear free zone. It was like if suddenly there was a WW3 that Regina somehow would be spared or that nuclear fallout would somehow stop at the city limits. You can understand how such a stupid motion would pass. Who would vote against the motion and in favour of having nuclear or radiation in Regina. The point is the motion should have been vetted and never been allowed to reach the council chamber. Local civic politics has no control or influence on issues affecting the entire planet. The same as the motion that came before council week. It should have been vetted and should have never been allowed to Regina council chambers.

Council members are elected by their constituents and elected to represent their constituents. It was pretty clear that this motion did not come on behalf of the constituents but at someone's own personal political agenda. The fact that he doubled down on his comments the following day is really troubling.

I hope that motions such as this never reach the council chambers again and that our new and green council members understand that they were elected to represent local civic concerns from their constituents and not use the position to try and make their own personal political statement.

best regards,

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