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From: 28(1)
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 3:07 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: [External email] Fossil Fuels. Hello there: I find it astounding that you and your city council can act and talk like complete and utter hypocrites and get away with it. Unless you are wearing animal skins and living in an animal hide tent then you are...

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From: 28(1)
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 12:14 PM
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Good afternoon,

My name is 28(1) and unfortunately I live in the ward that Dan LeBlanc “represents”. Let me start with a little background on myself. 28(1)

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It was actually brought to my attention by my neighbor to read about the fossil fuel sponsorship debate currently before city council. With anything, before I speak, I educate myself. So I went online to read about the proposal. To sum it up, I was furious. I did allow myself 24 hours of “cool down” before I decided to use my voice. I know that the backlash from the public is apparent. I ask that you and all council members listen. These people voted for you, now it’s time to listen to them.

The seven councillors that voted for this proposal need to put the brakes on and educate themselves. Take a moment to actually think about the detrimental implications by approving this proposal. You have the premier’s attention in a negative way. Not far behind Mr. Moe are many others. The economic impact that this would have on an already unstable economy would potentially ruin people’s livelihood. Does that mean that this is not an important issue? Absolutely not. I just feel as though it is not an issue that needs to be tackled in such a grand scheme right now. Take a look at the smaller scale and chew off little bits at a time. We have many other issues right in front of us that need addressing NOW. Last time I checked, we are still in a pandemic.

What would happen if the city lost their municipal surcharge dollars from the crowns? What would happen if these large companies and trucking fleets decide to make a point and allocate their funding, sponsorships and dollars elsewhere? You would be “spitting in the face” of many. With the loss of money comes the loss of jobs. Is the city prepared to support the bill for economic losses? No need to worry about the name on that park because there is no money to even develop that park. But wait....the city can pay for it. The 7 councillors who voted for the proposal to be approved will forfeit their wages and livelihood. No? That would take food from their tables? Didn’t think so. No money for proper policing? Why not? The city is over run with garbage and parks go without maintenance impacting our environment? Where did all the city workers go? Oh right, no money. Are these 7 councillors willing to take food from the tables of children? Behind every company are real people doing real jobs to put food on their tables. Federated Co-op employs thousands of people and brings food to our tables. We are going to punish them? This is just one of many corporate entities that you are shaming.

Let’s move on to another issue brought up. Since you have the premier’s attention, I feel like this is a frustrating issue for many. Why is it that Saskpower has a 29 million dollar municipal surcharge when Saskenergy has a 4.3 million dollar municipal surcharge??! This is proof that the people of the province are at the mercy of a greedy corporation. Power is ridiculous in comparison to energy. People struggle every month to hand over their hard earned money to the highest paid crown corporation in our province. I am in full support of our crowns. However I don’t think that we need to suffer

to pay for a new head office, or astronomical wages in comparison to the wages of other crowns in our province. You want to take on a big issue? There it is.

I live on a block where I know I can count on one hand how many people in these households have post secondary education. Fourty four percent of the houses on my block are rental dwellings. That means that 44% do not pay the property taxes. The owners do. The owners likely live in different wards. In my opinion, many of the people in my ward voted for Dan LeBlanc because he showed up on our doorsteps promising to try and increase minimum wage...during a pandemic. Anyone would jump at the thought of more money. These people did not research and make educated decisions in their voting. They just recognized the name on the ballot. But kudos to Dan. He used "money" to get the vote. So tell me this....how is that not hypocritical in what he's doing now? How are you going to gain votes with the promise of money when you want to take away money? These corporations give money with the promise of something. At least the corporations have the means to follow through with their agenda. Potential wage increase in exchange for your vote. Sponsorship in exchange for advertising rights. HmMMM.

Why can we not work with companies to ask for their assistance into programs that would develop the environmental concerns?

Lastly, I know that making decisions for our city is not an easy feat to take on. I wouldn't want the job. At least not with everything that I have on my plate. I feel like the 7 councillors need to stop and listen to the 4 opposing votes. One could learn a lot from a veteran such as John Findura. Someone who has seen and lived through complete government dictatorship where there are no choices. Listen to the people who voted for you. Educate the people on both sides. Opposing opinions are entitled, yes. There are many other precedents that our city can set and lead for our future.

I encourage you to share my email with the other councillors. I thank you for your time and consideration. Your leadership is a breath of fresh air for this city.

Yours truly,

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