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From: 28(1)
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 11:00 AM
To: Mayor
Subject: [External email] Concern Citizens Response to Vote Against Energy Industry

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Good Morning Sandra,

My name is 28(1) and I am writing you this morning to voice my shock and disgust with the motion and vote yesterday by city council to restrict energy companies from sponsorship, naming rights & advertising in our city and on city property. I realize that both you and my councilor in ward 4 voted against the motion, but my frustration and trust in city council have diminished all the same.

After reading some of the responses of council members that voted in favor of this motion. Regardless of if their words are sincere or if they are simply trying to deflect and spin it, it seems that perhaps their intention is to promote technology and green energy initiatives by putting down and dejecting the energy industry and the people who work in it. If this is the case, I believe that council can find other ways to do this without disparaging these industries and the residence that work in them. I am not aware of a impending threat to change the name of parks in the city like Victoria Park to Crude Oil Corp. park. If there is, maybe this could be looked at on a per case basis. However, we need to acknowledge, that we live in a city largely populated by current and past energy industry workers. It is mind boggling to me that the councilor that made the motion was Daniel LeBlanc in Ward 6, which is home to the Co-op Refinery (the biggest and one of the top employers in the city) and many industrial company which service it, various oil and gas companies, SaskEnergy and SaskPower. Obviously, this is part of Daniel's personal agenda as it does not and would not reflect the residence or businesses that he is suppose to represent. I find his lack of understanding in who he represents and our situation to be absolutely alarming. I trust that he is feeling the heat from his constituents this morning and hope that he issues a full apology shortly. He should go as far as to consider resignation.

Give society some credit, people have come to understand and realize that we need to move towards a more sustainable future. The path towards a cleaner future is one that is no longer resisted by the majority of the population, but at this point we are still dependent on fossil fuel energy to uphold or way or life, keep the heat on, offer support our municipalities and actually bridge the gap towards a more sustainable future. I wind turbine doesn't walk and set itself up in country side. I imagine that many of these councilors, sounds like all seven drive electric vehicles. In Jason Mancinelli backpedaling and confusing statement release this morning, he notes that car manufactures will no longer make gas powered vehicles within 14 years. This might be entirely true and a lot can happen within that timeframe, however, the power grid within this province it not going to change overnight. Right now, everyone that drives electric in Regina is primarily using coal power to charge it. The grid will be much more diversified by 2035, but unfortunately we do not have access to hydropower and wind and solar will not make up the full difference once the coal plants are decommissioned. So, as it projects, the grid at that time will be primarily natural gas powered, yes, another fossil fuel. A better alternative to coal, a move in the right direction to reduce emmissions, but still a fossil fuel. Even this change will be a massive undertaking and I hope that council is ready to pick up the pieces as many of the primary industries that built Regina and employ its residence close their doors, ie; Co-op Refinery, Evraz and all of the secondary spinoff businesses that service them and others. Though, the Petro-chemical\plastic's industry look set to grow over the coming decades and I haven't read a thing about electric powered airplanes, the demand for fuels like oil and coal will surely drop. Also, many of these energy companies that council hopes to disparage and categorize with tobacco, porn and guns are some of the ones leading green initiatives. PetroCan and many of the other gas stations are installing charging

stations and many large oil companies are getting into wind and solar power. This investment in infrastructure will be vital to our transition. Be patient, its happening.

I don't believe that our City is in a position to turn down any sponsorship at the moment. More importantly, I don't believe that the hard working residence of this city that work for these essential energy companies, which uphold our current standard of living, should feel ashamed or have to explain to their children why the city is taking down the name of their company off of the stadium or other city buildings. Policy should not be made based off of virtue signaling, it needs to be informed, backed by facts and mindful of our reality. We need to work toward initiatives and drive change into a sustainable future. The residence of this city are not opposed to this, but this it not the way to achieve it and it raises serious concerns about the ability of our council to make responsible decisions on behalf of the residence that it represents. Please know that every email and call that you and your councilors receive today only represents a small fraction of the Regina's population that are upset and hurt from councils vote yesterday.

Sincerely,

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From: 28(1)
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 9:04 AM
To: Mayor; Cheryl Stadnichuk; Bob Hawkins; Andrew Stevens; Lori Bresciani; John Findura; Daniel LeBlanc; Terina Shaw; Shanon Zachidniak; Jason Mancinelli; Landon Mohl
Subject: [External email] Your recent decision re: fossil fuel companies.

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It is disappointing to read of the majority decision regarding the future of sponsorships by fossil fuel companies. We do not believe your personal agendas in any way mirror the thinking of most citizens. These companies are not illegal, unethical, or immoral regardless of what those councillors who voted in favour think. They are good corporate citizens, employ thousands of Regina residents, pay taxes, and support countless community events. We cannot imagine a more impactful slap in the face.

While we all have an interest in working towards more renewable energy sources, to demonize those who are meeting our present energy needs is not helpful. Please reconsider your thinking and just stop what you are doing.

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From: 28(1)
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:31 AM
To: Mayor
Subject: [External email] mayor@regina.ca

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Good Morning

I have just been following the news.

Im not from Regina but travel there for football games.

I must say I'm very disappointed in the news that you are banning advertisements from energy companies for the city of Regina.

I drive from an area to the football games and do you know how many people this decision may result in hurting the Rough Riders

Who ever thought we would see an energy producing province have our Capital City do something so stupid?

I'm not against the green energy but there is not enough of it out there yet. They have no real platform on the future of it.

It is coming but until we have a complete substitute for it we need oil and gas.

How many of your vehicles run on oil and gas?

How many taxpayers does the city have that work for the oil and gas?

Hou much tourism does the city get from people like me and my family get from the oil and gas.

There will be serious consequences on the Rough Riders because a huge company is a sponsor of them.

Pipe is made in Regina but now with this decision why would anyone buy from the company in your city.

I love Saskatchewan but this is unreal.

Yes we are a democratic country but your council members could not have thought this through.

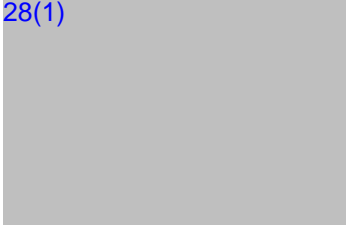
I will be trying to get my money back from the Riders for our family's season tickets.

Sorry again I know you do not care about this email, but someone has to stand up and say enough is enough.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Thank You

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From: 28(1)
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To: Mayor
Subject: [External email] Executive Council

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Mayor Masters.

Congratulations on your new position. You will do a fantastic job.

Upon hearing the news of the executive council vote regarding energy companies, I quickly became embarrassed to be from Regina. Not only is that a ridiculous decision, but how is this a priority for your administration? I am disgusted to know that my tax dollars are paying the salaries of this executive committee to even have such discussions. They have to have better things to keep themselves occupied. If not, perhaps you need to lean out that committee. Your predecessors put so much effort into changing the culture that Regina is truly a great place to live and work but your executive council set all that back where residents are once again embarrassed to call Regina home. Thank you so much for voting against this motion and showing that you at least have some common sense. And I agree with you that the Coop refinery is one of the pillars in our community as is SaskEnergy, SaskPower, fuel stations, etc. Like it or not, we cannot survive in our climate without fossil fuel use so to turn your back on them is irresponsible and hypocritical. I hope your executive committee also realizes that roads are built from fossil fuel derivatives, as are plastics, batteries, solar panels, windmills, and thousands and thousands of other articles you touch and rely upon every day.

If you are so serious about reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting the whole green initiative, there are much more responsible initiatives you can pursue (and not look so ridiculous). Perhaps start with your own city culture where at every construction site you see every vehicle endlessly idling. Or how about doing something about the train crossings on ring road where millions of dollars are wasted in delay and vehicle operating costs waiting for the trains? Think of all those emissions sent into the atmosphere waiting on trains. Or how about converting your fleet to electric vehicles? Or how about phasing signals better to reduce the amount of starting and stopping? All of these will have a much larger positive impact on the environment than banning advertising.

Just be smart.

Thanks for your time. You do not need to respond.

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From: 28(1)
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To: Bob Hawkins; Mayor
Subject: [External email] The Vote on Fossil Fuel Companies and City of Regina Support

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The provincial government has an issue with the city of Regina's vote on this topic at its next meeting. They have indicated it could affect the revenues the city receives from the provincial government.

My point is clear. I do not want to pay additional property tax because councillors have an issue with fossil fuels.

Taxpayers have and are paying far too much for what is important to councillors and special interest groups versus what is important to all citizens of Regina.

Your opinion is secondary to the constituents.

The issue is important. The ramifications of the decision have an effect on taxpayers and is far more important.

In the past I have sent numerous emails to my councillor and the mayor on issues important to the city. It appears you will be getting a copy of all of them in the near future.

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