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To Mayor Masters,

Attached is a pdf of what I am hoping to 28(1) Honestly my heart broke with how this all transpired. If you would like to discuss this I would be more than happy to. I have already addressed my concerns with councilor Lori Bresciani who not only contacted me promptly but had a great conversation.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mayor Masters,

First, I would like to thank you for allowing me the time to speak. It was very disappointing to hear what transpired at the city executive meeting and how. There are many issues that plague any city, province or country for that matter and it is up to our elected officials to be the voice for their citizens, not just one opinion or agenda but for all. We all want what is best for our city, our families and our future. How we do that will either positively or negatively affect the outcome and as councillors you have an obligation to make those decisions with all the information and take time making those decisions weighing out the benefits and risks.

What is alarming is that the issue at hand "how to penalize the energy sector in our city" was intentionally brought up by one councillor who came in prepared with his intentions unbeknownst to the other councillors. This created a situation putting other councillors in a position to make what they believe an immediate, impulsive decision, believing it was a "moral obligation" without any proper preparation or information from both sides. This councillor is a lawyer, his profession in a sense is the art of persuasion, to persuade the judge or jury to believe what he says is correct, but in that situation, there are rules a judge and opposition opinion from another lawyer, and everyone is aware of the issue at hand, this sadly was not the case. He approached the other councillors in a premeditated fashion prepared to basically convince, coheres and pressure others to vote his way. To put it simply, he hijacked the meeting.

We all know that eventually there needs to be changes to how we live and function and our dependency on energy, how we dispose of garbage etc. I believe these decisions cannot be made so quickly, rashly or strictly on emotions. The idea of penalizing a company based on one person's opinion or a small population is not democratic and how this decision was started is unprofessional. As citizen of this city who follows all rules pays all tax without complaint, I am disappointed that this decision is going to be made so quickly without proper consultation and

believe this is not the desire of the majority of the population. Councillors have a responsibility not only to those that voted them in but for everyone they represent.

The fact that our city per capita is one of the most dangerous places to live in Canada should take front stage. The city should be addressing safety, reducing violence, providing well managed civic centers which I would think would be a priority for our city. It is frightening that one councillor is taking advantage of what he calls his "trade" profession and using it for his own personal agenda, who has been a city councillor for all of two months to dictate what this city without proper investigation or concern or understanding. These are bold statements that have consequences, with huge impacts and those consequences have been ignored. This councillor and the others seemed to be completely unaware at what energy companies actually provide to our city as a way of giving back.

Why are energy companies bad? Any who lives at least here in Regina is a consumer, regardless of your stance or belief. If you drive a car, heat your home, fly a plane, take a vacation, buy your food at a grocery store, own a computer/phone, ride a bike these all required energy. The energy sector provides jobs, a way of life and in turn they donate to fund our cities, social programs, support our community and reduce the tax burden on its citizens. I don't believe green energy companies do the same. IF our councillors want to make change it should start with a plan, with tangible goals, that are realistic, we should be doing a self evaluation as a city to see what can be done to reduce our footprint at the municipal level not go straight to "down with energy" and absolutely no plan or REAL solutions.

Why not find ways to reduce our dependency on energy to make our city more self sufficient? Our stadium is light like a Christmas tree, we have more traffic lights than road, why not look at ways to do cloverleaf interchanges rather than four sets of traffic lights, or roundabouts. The city should focus on providing safe modes of transportation as alternatives to cars, improve how we dispose waste, lets face it recycling is just another form of garbage. Why not offer tax incentives for homes and businesses that do green options or improve their area with plants and trees, a tree program.

Here in Regina, we don't have the luxury of attracting new residents solely on our weather, so our focus should be on making our city as attractive as possible to its future residents by providing a safe, accessible, and attractive city. Taxing our citizens and small business to cover an individual's own personal belief is selfish and short sighted. This is a huge burden for OUR city, why not take advantage of the energy sectors generosity and use it for good? My other concern is where will this type of decision/logic lead? What is next? Sasktel? They provide the internet where you can access drugs and pornography? What about Saskatchewan Lotteries, they in a sense encourage gambling. Will anything be spared?

There seems to be these "social justice officers", yet these "officers" provide no solutions, no understanding of consequences or any actual change other than easing their conscience, the term salon socialist comes to mind. We should be putting things in place with proper consultation, risk assessments and a plan to reach our goal in a realistic fashion with realistic results in a responsible way that does not negatively impact our community. I don't about any of you but I don't have \$30,000,000.00 in the bank and after reading one councillor's comments was dismayed to hear "we (who's we) will get the money from somewhere", what?! How about putting your money where your mouth is and take the financial responsibility for your decision? If this is your fight pay for the cost or get the money without burdening the tax payer.

Making small changes over time with an end goal is much more responsible, realistic and achievable. As any politician, you have a responsibility to spend our hard-earned money appropriately. Just because it seems like an endless supply it is not.

I hope the city councillors take a step back, with the understanding that we have to change but with proper thought, plan of action, solutions and with the least amount of risk and negative impact to the community they represent. I ask the councillors to make decisions maturely, fairly without being bullied and fooled by one just one view. Remember, there are approximately 195, 000 eligible voters, ONLY 41, 527 people voted, representing 21.6% of our city's population obviously there are issues and imbalances that need to be addressed to make sure everyone's voice is heard, that is our constitutional right.

Sincerely,

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January 25, 2021.

City of Regina Council
710 King Street
Regina, SK
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Dear City of Regina Council,

I am writing today as a concerned citizen of Southwest Saskatchewan. The recent motion by Regina Council to restrict advertising by oil companies is absurd and ridiculous. It reflects poorly on not only the council, but also the City of Regina and our great province.

I suggest all oil companies rescind their advertising dollars with the city of Regina until the councillors who voted in favour have resigned. As for me, I will now choose to take my business in the City of Regina, elsewhere.

I, along with the vast majority of Regina and the rest of the province look forward to seeing this council be held accountable for their actions.

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From: 28(1)
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: [External email] Fwd: EYEOPENER #142 "hang on to your oil /gas investments...." It's a "keeper"!!!! (.mp4)
Attachments: Unobtanium_.mp4

Hello,
I received this information from a friend yesterday and because of the news today regarding council and the motion about energy advertising, I thought you might be interested.
I do not live in Regina. I do believe that we should do all we can to reduce our 'pollution' of the environment but I do not believe that trying to decimate the energy industry is a viable option. Not one of those people who are pushing for that are going to be willing to give up all of the conveniences that they enjoy because of that industry!

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5:19 video was attached

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