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Section A – Communications to Council

Submitting comments:

- 12) Laurent and Lynne Desnoyers, dated December 1, 2013 Police Budget
- 13) John Dubets, President, King George Community Association, dated November 29, 2013 Civic Recreation Centre

Section G – Recreation & Culture

 Mendel Art Gallery
2014 Grant Application – Supplementary Budget Information (File No. CK. 1711-5)

Attached is a copy of page 3 to the above-noted submission.

- 1. June Gawdun active transportation (Transportation - Transportation Services)
- 2. Cora Janzen active transportation (Transportation - Transportation Services)
- **3. Cathy Watts** active transportation (*Transportation - Transportation Services*)
- 4. Daniel Fuller active transportation (Transportation - Transportation Services)
- 5. Frank Regier proposed property tax increase (General)
- 6. Robin East general accessibility items of concern (General)
- 7. Len Boser snow removal at downtown intersections (*Transportation Road Maintenance*)
- 8. Dr. Murray Scharf tax deferral program for low-income seniors (Community Support)

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Laurent & Lynne Desnoyers [laurent.lynne@shaw.ca] December 01, 2013 2:10 PM Web E-mail - City Clerks Fwd: Budget Deliberations - Attention His Worship the Mayo



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We find it unfathomable that City Councillors and the City Police Department are all scratching their heads trying to trim the Budget without affecting City Services, and still have not considered the most obvious program which could be cut - The Police Plane "Eye in the Sky" Program.

We strongly believe that the Police Plane Program should be terminated based on the following points:

- People have been complaining relentlessly about the condition of our roads and lack of snow removal. On the contrary, we don't think that you would get many - if any - complaints from the citizens of Saskatoon regarding feeling less safe if the Police Plane was not in the air. We also don't think that any Police Officers would feel less safe in performing their duties if the Police Plane was not in the air. Money saved from elimination of the "Eye in the Sky" Program could be used for higher priority road repairs and snow removal.

- The only people that would likely complain about the termination of the Police Plane Program would be the couple of Police Officers flying the Plane and building up their personal flight hours on City taxpayer's dollar.

- We have been told from City Police that 4 Police Officers on the ground could not achieve the same results as 2 Police Officers in the Plane. If this is the case, why don't we have more Police Planes and have them flying 24/7 weather permitting? I think we all know that one Police Plane, let alone more Police Planes flying aimlessly around the City of Saskatoon is and would be a complete and unequivocal waste of taxpayer's money.

- If the "Eye in the Sky" Program is such a valuable and necessary program, why can the City of Regina operate without it, and also why haven't we heard of any other City anywhere using a FIXED WING aircraft for this purpose?

- When there is bad weather conditions, or low ceiling and the Police Plane cannot be in the sky -

does crime stop? We think everyone with common sense would agree that the safety of the citizens of Saskatoon or it's Police Officers is not compromised when the Police Plane is not in the air. Also, we believe that the number of arrests made is not affected either.

- Another indication of the irrelevance of the "Eye in the Sky" Program is to just have a look at the Air Support Unit's Activity Log on line at the City's website (i.e. some examples):

- Touch and Go Training & Training Area

- Video of Bridge opening

- K9 Training

- The Police Plane flying around in the evening is also in violation of the City's own Noise Bylaw.

- You just have to ask yourself the question: if your house was currently being broken in to and their were only 2 remaining Police Officers available on a busy night to respond to your call - would you rather have 2 Police Officers show up in person in a Police Car, or have 2 Police Officers in a Plane come and circle 1000 feet above your house. I think the answer is pretty simple.

In our opinion now is a prime opportunity for City Councillors and the City Police Department to send a clear message to the citizens of Saskatoon that they are truly exploring all areas where they can trim the budget, reduce waste and eliminate non-essential and impracticable programs like the Police Plane "Eye in the Sky" Program.

Thank you, Concerned Taxpayers Laurent & Lynne Desnoyers 105 Western Crescent Saskatoon, SK. S7H 4J4 Phone: 306-373-2885 Fax: 306-653-2329 Email: <u>laurent.lynne@shaw.ca</u>

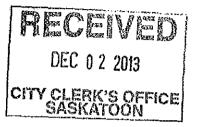
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November 29, 2013

His Worship the Mayor and City Council c/o City Clerks Office City of Saskatoon



Re: 2014 Budget Committee

Your Worship and Council:

On behalf of the King George Community Association I want to thank City Council for supporting a Civic Recreation Centre for the founding neighbourhoods as a priority for this term of Council. This gives us much encouragement, hope and joy.

It is urgent that this gap in services be filled so that residents of this area can begin to enjoy a quality of life that is afforded most other areas of the city. I believe a Civic Centre in this location would be easily accessible to great numbers of residents from the immediate surroundings and also from various other scattered parts of the city. It would be the most accessible Civic Centre ever! Accessible to great numbers by public transit, bicycle and by foot. Research has shown that this is an area of the city where people do walk. Thus this has the potential of being the greenest Civic Centre ever in terms of how the facility is accessed.

I recognize that during budget deliberations there are multiple priorities to consider and that hard choices have to be made. I want to encourage council to keep this project as a priority! This is the stuff that makes a city great!! I also want to challenge Council to find at least one small concrete step that can be taken in 2014 that can start movement towards this becoming a reality.

Yours truly,

John Dubets. President King George Community Association

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MENDEL ART GALLERY OPERATING BUDGET FUND 2013	- <u></u>		
GRANT REVENUE	2014	2013	
City of Saskatoon	\$ 3,069,500	\$ 2,776,706	292,794
Federal Government Grants/The Canada Council for the Arts	160,000	160,000	
Provincial Government Grants/Sask Arts Board and Sask Lotteries	405,500	315,500	90,000
TOTAL GRANT REVENUE	3,635,000	3,252,206	382,794
OTHER REVENUE SOURCES			
Exhibition and Public Program Revenue	149,500	140,409	9,091
Gallery Shop Revenue	310,564	349,800	-39,236
Development and Membership Revenue	83,000	63,000	20,000
Museum Assistance Program (MAP)	132,917	160,200	-27,283
Cafe, Facility and donation Box Revenue	35,100	33,461	1,639
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	711,081	746,870	-35,789
TOTAL REVENUE	4,346,081	3,999,076	347,005
CORE EXPENDITURES		· 	*
Exhibitions and Programs Expenditures	459,490	504,054	-44,564
Facilities, Salaries, Office Expenditures	3,068,436	2,870,789	197,647
MAP Project expense net of revenue	132,917	160,200	-27,283
Gallery Shop Expenditures	204,546	224,232	-19,686
Development & Membership and Marketing Expend.	87,656	90,301	-2,645
TOTAL CORE EXPENSES	3,953,045	3,849,576	103,469
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES (Before allocations)	393,036	149,500	243,536
Allocation to Transition Fund	(224,536)		-224,536
Allocation to Permanent Collection Fund	(30,000)	(30,000)	<u>.</u>
Allocation to Capital Replacement Fund (City Building Reserve)	(98,200)	(79,200)	-19,000
Allocation to Capital Replacement Fund	(40,300)	(40,300)	
Surplus (Deficit) After Application of Reserves	(0)	0	(0)