

Dear Mayor Guthrie and Councillors,

Forgive the added information to my previous thoughts on the items before you.

I strongly urge the council to understand the trust that we, the citizens, place in you to protect our public lands from privatization. We have little public space left.

Many decisions have been made in the last few years to build more within our city parameters, but not enough attention is given to protect the green natural spaces that we need for future generations to thrive. Ecosystems must not be fragmented and hard-surfaced and removed from our communal resources in an age when we know them to be critical to our future survival.

I expect you, our public servants, to protect us from the incursion of privatizing our public resources, such as our green spaces.

You, our elected officials, have the gravest of responsibilities. One need only look south of our national border to see how public protections of our common goods (that enhance our quality of life) can be easily shredded by politicians choosing private gains. So I thank you sincerely for your due diligence to these decisions before you.

Respectfully yours

Norah Chaloner