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Moore Identifies Immediate Priorities as Mayor

Saskatoon has experienced tremendous growth over the past years and is home to a more diverse population than ever before. Much has been built and we've become home to many newcomers from around the world, people with sophisticated needs and expectations. Unfortunately, despite our progress, many important things have also been neglected.

Our city is suffering from a leadership deficit. Under Don Atchison, there has been a lack of action on crime and safety, keeping Saskatoon as Canada's per capita leader in crime severity. There has been poor management of capital projects, leading to delays and cost over-runs. There is a lack of openness, creating questions about our finances and possible tax increases.

In fact, on many issues of importance— crime, debt and over-expenditures-- the incumbent is either in denial or silent. Don Atchison has been hiding behind construction projects, riding on the coattails of Saskatchewan's recently robust resource economy.

Real leadership is recognizing challenges and acknowledging them. Those are the first steps towards change. Silence is not an option.

October 26 is election day and Kelley Moore, candidate for mayor, is outlining her immediate priorities as Mayor.

"It's been said that the best predictor of future behaviour is past behaviour", says Moore. "That's why we need to look at the record of the incumbents. And what we see is a lack of leadership. In fact, many of the important decisions have been handled by senior bureaucrats, with no evidence of accountability."

Moore Outlines Year One Priorities

Moore says that her campaign has been about fairness, about accountability, and about openness. In her platform, she has acknowledged many of the problems that Don Atchison has refused to talk about. A fresh set of eyes and a fresh set of priorities are needed. More importantly, a new type of leader is needed— a leader who takes responsibility and optimizes resources to better serve the residents and businesses of Saskatoon.

In her first six months as mayor, Moore pledges to take action on the following:

1. Establish a Task Force on Crime & Safety
2. Commit to resolution of transit dispute
3. Commit to providing regular public budget updates (financial dashboard) and to review capital investment priorities
4. Implement a performance & bonuses review of top city management
5. Meet with Premier Brad Wall to discuss important matters including revenue sharing, diversification of municipal revenue options, economic development, and stable funding for the Meewasin Valley Authority



By the end of year one as mayor, Moore also pledges to take action on the following:

1. Initiate review of the Land Bank operations and budget
2. Initiate work to streamline business processes at City Hall to be more resident- and business-friendly.
3. Initiate work to stimulate infill development on vacant and underutilized sites.
4. Initiate talks on a formal Nation-to-Nation governance model for Saskatoon to provide an ongoing forum for advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, economic development, housing and other shared priority areas.
5. Introduce an Age-Friendly mandate into the City's Accessibility Advisory Committee
6. Accelerate Heritage Plan implementation to prevent further loss of heritage buildings

“This is an ambitious list”, admits Moore. “We have much to catch up on to become a modern urban centre with good governance. As Mayor, I will cut more red tape than ribbons. My style of leadership is inclusive, but decisive. We’ve waited long enough to address many important issues facing Saskatoon.”

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