

January 25, 2016

Your Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council

Re: The Right to a Healthy Environment

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My name is Yvette Crane and I have been a member of the Regina Blue Dot Movement since its founding in early 2015.

Every single person I have spoken to about this idea is in support. While the Declaration before you is non binding, it is an important first step which we hope will eventually lead to environmental rights being enshrined as a human right in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. One community, one city and one province at a time, we are making this happen.

I'm proud to be a part of a community where people who care deeply about local issues and the environment come together to work on these. In one short year, the Regina Blue Dot movement has become a community, holding meetings, community events, children's activities, and joining in with other community agencies such as the Regina Farmers' Market and the Cathedral Village Arts Festival to meet and educate and interact with the public. Over 1400 people have signed on to pledge their support.

I have been involved with many community projects and initiatives in the past. One of the exciting aspects of this local Blue Dot movement is that a whole new group of young people have become involved. A healthy environment is something that everyone can understand, support, and work towards together.

I urge you to support the passing of this declaration here tonight. Let's join with the 90,630 citizens in 107 municipalities across Canada who have already signed on, recognizing our right to fresh air, clean water and healthy food. This will be a powerful positive step for our citizens and our city.

Thank you for your time.

Yvette Crane