

23 May 2008

Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority  
Mr. Zane Hansen President and CEO  
250 - 103 C Packham Avenue  
Saskatoon, SK  
S7N 4K4

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Attached is the petition of 314 signatures collected to date by concerned citizens of Swift Current. The petition continues to be in circulation and will be forwarded as signatures are collected.

We wish to state this petition is not intended to create ill will. It is signed by citizens who believe energy conservation, responsible use of earth's resources, the environment, and the beauty of the night sky, are issues which deserve the attention of individuals, governments and corporations. We have noted this petition has raised discussion among us concerning what our community could do generally to achieve these goals, not only in how we approach the casino lighting matter.

Ms. Pat Cook spoke with one of our members, and we were encouraged by a statement she made indicating SIGA has been considering sky friendly parking lot lighting. We seek assurance this will be the case. We remain concerned about the tee pee lights which, according to a recent article in the Prairie Post, Thursday, 15 May 2008, "will add an estimated 70,709 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> to the atmosphere every year", and the petition addresses this lighting. A common statement made by those signing was "this does not seem necessary!". We believe this lighting is not in keeping with the values of proponents for the

environment, nor does it appear in keeping with the values inherent in First Nations culture which has been a notable example of protection and respect for the environment. Ms. Cook was reassuring that constellations could be seen through the tee pee lights, and indicated a brochure to that effect would be distributed in Swift Current. Such a brochure may not provide a successful argument and, in fact, might be insulting to the efforts made by those who wish to reduce their carbon footprint. This petition is the voice of those who do not wish to view constellations through artificial lighting, and who believe caring for our environment does not allow for the wasteful use of energy in the form of unnecessary and intrusive lighting.

Thank you for your attention to our petition request. Our hope is that our community ultimately will benefit from a positive relationship with the casino. If you care to be in touch with our group, our mailing address is:

Box 1951, Swift Current, Sk. S9H 4M7

Yours truly,

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Swift Current

cc: Premier Brad Wall

cc: MP David Anderson

cc: Sandy Larson - Mayor of Swift Current