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February 9, 2020

Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services
City Hall,
Saskatoon, SK

To: Councillor S. Gersher, chair and members of the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services

RE: Agenda Item 7.1.1 of the Meeting of February 10, 2020

I would like to extend my thanks and congratulations to the City of Saskatoon for initiating the Green Infrastructure Strategy and to the Green Strategy's Project Team and Steering Committee, for taking the steps in developing and producing this comprehensive and thorough report.

As a citizen of Saskatoon, I am pleased to see that this report provides the framework and the actions needed to protect and enhance the natural areas in our city and to develop a truly green network consisting of connected natural and naturalized areas, parks, recreational areas, urban forest, urban agriculture sites and city neighbourhoods. The recommended goals and actions are more than pretty window dressing that make our city a nice place to live; they are in fact necessary for our continued well-being and survival in this place. Implementing the Green Infrastructure Strategy will help to mitigate the effects of climate change, by providing natural carbon sinks, reducing the heat island effect of cities and by helping to provide resilience in the wake of climate extremes such as drought and overland flooding.

Most importantly, following its guidelines will help conserve and support biodiversity, that is the life of the many living plants and creatures with whom we humans share this place, whose numbers are falling at alarming rates and whose existence is threatened by many of our current practices. The wetlands, grasslands, riparian areas, trees, animals, birds, insects – all need our protection and support.

It is my hope that the City will see the wisdom of implementing the Green Infrastructure Strategy and will wholeheartedly support it, and not allow its objectives to be watered down. I look forward to the City's continued engagement with the community in identifying and implementing specific actions and projects.

Sincerely,

Joanne Blythe