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Meeting (if known)  
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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I live in a small apartment with no outdoor space of any kind. So I go for a walk once a day – for exercise but also to improve and maintain my physical and mental health. I’ve tried walking on the Meewasin trails by the river, but this is only an option when the weather is bad (I had no problems with social distancing during a recent snowstorm) or very early in the day. But that’s not always an option, so I’m also walking around my neighbourhood and often in the street as many of the sidewalks are icy and covered in snow and the sidewalks are too narrow to pass people safely.

If you closed off some roads, it would benefit pedestrians as well as cyclists – and it would be much safer than what I’m currently doing of walking in the middle of the road and trying to look out for cars. I completely support Saskatoon Cycles’ request that you close some roads off during the Covid pandemic and lockdown. This isn’t activism – we’re speaking out as individual citizens who want the opportunity to safely spend time outdoors in the fresh air.

Pedestrians and cyclists deserve equal rights to car drivers. Why did it take the City so long to start removing the beg buttons? Why did you close off pedestrian walkways (i.e. on bridges) without providing an alternative? Why won't you let us safely take advantage of streets with very little traffic during the lockdown?

I urge City Council to make space and respect the rights of all Saskatoon residents, not just car drivers. Thank you,

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