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Good Afternoon,

I attempted to use the 'send a letter to council' form on the city's website but it kept returning an error. My partner and I live at [REDACTED] in Evergreen (Ward 10) and are very much in support of increasing the McOrmond speed limit to 70km/h. I contacted my city councillor and he referred me to this address.

I have attached my comments on the speed limit in letter form. Please let me know if I need to do anything else. I hope the website for submissions is repaired soon!

Thanks,

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Good Afternoon,

I am a resident in Evergreen and currently avoid the McOrmond/Meewasin roadway as best I can due to intermittent extremely low speed limits and changing speed limits along the stretch of roadway. I commute to downtown and to the north of the city fairly regularly and would utilize the roadway very much if the speed limit were to be raised to a more appropriate 60-70 km/hr. In addition, the current speed limits change every few kms making it difficult to know for sure what the limit is at any point.

I understand that the Northeast Swale is south of the roadway and there are few who would prefer the 50 Km/Hr standard stay for the short stretch of road it currently is on. I would ask how many of these folks would/do travel the Meewasin/McOrmond roadway as the request is misguided and reflective of their lack of understanding the area and the changing speed limits slightly west of said swale.

I have never seen wildlife while travelling McOrmond. There are also few obstacles that would obscure animals were they to attempt to cross the roadways. As things are, it is more distracting to monitor the changing speed limits which distracts from watching for any wildlife.

The roadways have been built to serve a large amount of traffic safely and are a piece of infrastructure Saskatoon should be proud of. The 50 km speed limit does not reflect the strong commitment to infrastructure the city/province have made, and it also does not keep wildlife from the Swale any safer - a failure of the speed limit on both parts. This artificially low limit keeps folks from using the roadways and can safely be increased to 70 Km.

I urge the counsel to increase the speed limit on McOrmond to 70 Km for the entire span of new roadway. The consistent speed will be less confusing for daily travellers and visiting travellers and it can be done without any increased risk of striking a wildlife as the area is clear of obstacles and the wildlife in the area do not currently traffic through the area to a great extent.

Thank you.

Trevor Poole