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To Mayor Clark and City Councillors,

I am writing to you today with great concern regarding the proposal to increase speed limits in the region surrounding the Northeast Swale. **I do not support this increase and want the limits to remain at 50 kilometres per hour.** This is not only for wildlife safety, but also motorists and the ecological well-being of the region.

The 2012 Northeast Swale Development Guidelines recommended that “posted maximum speed should be 50 kph to reduce wildlife interactions” (3.9). This has proven to be with good reason, as between 1 October 2018 and 31 October 2019, there were 11 wildlife collisions in the 70 kph zone and 7 in the 60 kph zones, while only 2 in the 50 kph zones. The NE Swale Working Group also noted that these are likely underestimates (Chief Mistawasis Bridge Traffic Impact Assessment – May 2020 Update).

The Northeast Swale is an ecological gem in this city, a diverse and essential ecosystem. In my work with students and youth across Saskatoon, teaching them about native prairie ecosystems, it has become apparent that the young people of this city are fascinated, captivated by the rich history and beauty of the Swales. Please, do not deny our future generations the opportunity to experience and appreciate the Swales with their own eyes.

Rather than seeing the Northeast Swale and other environmentally sensitive areas as “nuisances”, a culture must be built where these spaces are respected. A 60 kph school zone would never be accepted, because the electorate has a significant stake in keeping the area safe. Likewise, we the people of Saskatoon must recognize our stake in the ecological well-being of the Swale.

I again urge you to not increase speed limits in the region surrounding the Northeast Swale.

I humbly thank you for your time.