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To: His Worship the Mayor and members of Saskatoon City Council

As residents of Spadina Crescent East in City Park, my wife and I would like to bring to your attention two issues of concern to us (and our neighbours), and ask for your timely action to resolve these problems. Both issues concern traffic: the first is that a high volume of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the stretch between the lights at Kinsmen Park and 33rd Street will lead to collisions, injuries and possible deaths; the second is that there are some noisy vehicles – primarily motorcycles, but some cars and pick-up trucks also – that cruise up and down this section with no apparent purpose except to hear the “growl”, and this is a disruptive nuisance to those who live here.

We understand that Spadina Crescent is considered an arterial link for traffic purposes, but such a designation shouldn't trump all other considerations. In particular, the high concentration of pedestrian attractions in the stretch in question – Nutrien Playland, the Nutrien Wonderhub, Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan, the Prairie Lily, the Riverworks at the weir, and the stairs for the walkway across the trestle, not to mention the Meewasin Trail itself – requires some form of traffic calming. A reduction in speed to 30 km/h such as in school zones would provide additional reaction time for both motorists and pedestrians to avoid collisions, and would reduce the severity of injuries if collisions did occur.

With regard to the noisy vehicles, it seems obvious to us that these have had their exhaust systems modified to produce **more** noise rather than **less**. Such vehicles should be pulled over and inspected; where the modification is illegal, the vehicle should be impounded, and not released until a substantial fine is paid. There should be a follow-up inspection to confirm that the modification has been reversed.

Vehicles with “legal” exhaust systems whose noise production (particularly during acceleration) exceeds a nuisance level should be banned from all residential neighbourhoods. It is unconscionable that a small selfish minority of motorists can create such disproportionate distress to so many residents.

We believe it is within the remit of City Council to address and resolve these issues, and it is time for effective specific actions to be taken now. Please, don't defer this again: just get on and do it!

Richard & Elaine Maj

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