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Date Tuesday, May 19, 2020
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)
Subject Northeast Swale Speed Limit Hold
Meeting (if known) City Council Regular Business Meeting
Comments
Please see the attached letter in support of rejecting the motion to increase the speed limit of the Northeast Swale.
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Letter of concern:

To His Worship and City Councillors,

My name is Sehjal Bhargava, I am a medical student here at the University of Saskatchewan, and a lifelong resident of the city of Saskatoon. I am writing in to voice my concerns about the motion to raise the speed limits near the Northeast Swale. I do not support the motion and would like them to remain at 50 kph.

I am concerned about this issue for the following reasons:

- The Northeast Swale is an important diverse ecosystem and we need to respect that through action and proper protection
- If they are enforced and respected, lower speed limits save animals lives and reduce animal-vehicle collisions
- 50 kph was chosen based on the 2012 Northeast Swale development guidelines which states "Posted maximum speed should be 50 kph to reduce wildlife interactions."
- The sections of road at 60 kph & 70 kph have seen animal mortality while the 50 kph zone has not, showing both the effectiveness of a lower speed limit and the presence of wildlife

If Council approves the speed limit change, it will be yet another decision about the Swale based on politics rather than science. A healthy community is important to me and my future family. Raising the speed limit on the swale will compromise the path to a healthy ecosystem and future for our surrounding prairie habitat. I would be happy knowing that the speed limit stayed, and that it took me slightly longer to travel if it meant the safety of the mammals, birds, and amphibians in the area. Please do not increase the risk for the wildlife in this area to provide a minor convenience for humans.

Thank you for your consideration of this important cause.

Sincerely,

Sehjal Bhargava