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Comments Attached is my letter of concern

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Mule deer herd next to McOrmond Drive, April 15, 2020.

I am writing into Council regarding the proposed speed limit increase on McOrmond Drive and Central Avenue by the Northeast Swale. I do not support this motion and would like the speed limit to remain 50kph where posted.

My support for 50 kph is not unreasonable. The City spent money and time developing Northeast Swale guidelines [1], and this proposed change ignores science-based recommendations, and goes back on previously agreed-to speed limits through the swale. This is the 2nd time this issue has come to Council; how many more times do we have to revisit it at the tax payers expense? Council has accepted and (partly) implemented the Guidelines, but has also repeatedly contradicted its recognition of the swales as significant and valuable ecosystems. The 2012 Guidelines are meant to help guide decision-makers through situations just like this; why are Councillors now ignoring the advice of consultants and administration?

It's becoming very clear that administration's "layers of protection" are ineffective against political waffling. I urge Council to protect the Northeast and Small Swale in a way that prevents this unnecessary back and forth on something that should not be an issue.

Some Councillors and vocal residents continue to say that there is 'nothing' out there, but this is not true. Just because you don't see the animals doesn't mean they aren't there, and roadkill proves that.

Sincerely,
Meghan Mickelson

[1].<https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/documents/community-services/planning-development/future-growth/sector-planning/2012NortheastSwaleDevelopmentGuidelines.pdf>