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May 20, 2020

To: City Council and Councillors

From: Patricia Albers, resident of Silverspring

Re: Speed Limits on Central Avenue and, specifically, through the Northeast Swale.

City Councillor Zach Jeffries started a petition recently asking for signatures supporting consistent speed throughout Central Avenue up to McOrmand Road and over the Chief Mistawasis Bridge. When interviewed on May 20 by Jen Quesnel on Saskatoon Morning, she asked him if he was one-sided, to which he responded he was not.

How much more one-sided can one be than to start a petition advocating for one perspective? If he wants to represent ALL of his constituents rather than just some, he should start another petition advocating for maintaining the current speeds. Many local residents would be happy to sign that petition as well. At least then we might get a more balanced perspective than the one he is so actively promoting.

Jeffries has become the consummate politician, with the ability to speak out of both sides of his mouth at once. It is hypocritical to both declare oneself the champion of the Swales and then advocate for increased speed limits through the swale. Speed kills; we all know that. He is a proponent of destructive development through one of the last remaining vestiges of local grasslands and now wants to increase speed limits. He claims that because the roadways have been designed by engineers for a greater speed, the speed limits should be increased. What!?! Following that argument, maybe he would also like to abandon reduced speed limits through school zones. Surely, roads passing schools also have the engineering capacity for greater speeds, but there is a very good reason for reduced speeds in this case, i.e., the safety of children. Likewise, reduced speeds through the Swales help protect the animals that live there. Speeds fluctuate throughout the city, depending on local conditions. I would say the Swale is a very important “local condition” that needs consideration and protection.

I live in Silverspring and my property is close to the recently extended Central Avenue. Even now, with the current speed through the Swales, the noise from vehicles is very disturbing, particularly at night. The new roadway seems to attract speedsters who rip through the area at well above the posted speeds. One can hear them popping gears and revving motors with impunity. The noise travels unimpeded across the prairie, bothering all residents, human and otherwise. From what I have observed, there is virtually no police enforcement of current speeds within the new construction area. Raising the speed would only result in even more noise and disruption.

To conclude, I no longer trust Councillor Zach Jeffries to represent my concerns or advocate for my area, which includes the Swales. He is clearly one-sided and I am tired of his double-speak. He is member of the Meewasin Board and, as such, he should be

well aware of the issues facing the Swales. Actively promoting increased speeds is contrary to the concerns and principles of the Meewasin Board and the properties it protects. I believe he should resign from his position on the Board.