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To: Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners:

The recent and tragic death of Baeleigh Emily Maurice on 33rd Street has provided the opportunity for enhanced safety measures to ensure the safe crossing of all pedestrians, and cyclists on this ever-increasing busy street. These measures are, of course, the responsibility of the City of Saskatoon.

Although there is a cost attached, simple measures can go a long way. Drivers are in a hurry to get where they are going and often fail to pay attention to what is around them. Whether they be distracted or do not abide by speed limits or other factors, most accidents are preventable.

The concern I wish to address with you today is a matter of enforcement. Concerns raised by members of the Mayfair Community have been in regard to the speed of drivers on 33rd Street and other collector streets in Mayfair. The request for a greater police presence on 33rd & other streets to reduce speeding, adhering to basic traffic laws such as actually stopping at a stop sign and to yield to pedestrians and cyclists would be most welcomed by Mayfair Residents.

If I have read the SPS crime map accurately, there were, 6 violations of the Criminal Code Traffic Violation and 18 violations of the Provincial Traffic Safety Act since January 1, 2021.

The 2019 Neighbourhood Profiles identifies a population of about 500 persons under the age of 14, according to eHeath Saskatchewan. The total population of Mayfair is just over 3100 people.

I hope that I have clearly identified the needs of our Community with respect to public safety and that the Saskatoon Police Force will provide much needed services to support those needs.

Respectfully, on behalf of the Residents of Mayfair

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