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STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES AND CORPORATE SERVICES Monday, December 5, 2022

Silverspring residents along with the Saskatoon Nature Saskatoon have cared for the Saskatoon Natural Grasslands for over 25 years, e.g. annual garbage clean ups, natural history walks on botany and birds, and species inventories of birds and plants. This area is used by Silverspring residents but also Evergreen and Forest Grove families, 1,000 children attend the two local schools and use this space as an outdoor learning space, and Silverspring school has long hosted 50+ Grade 2 field trips annually to explore this natural wildspace.

In the 25 years Meewasin has administered the Grasslands prescribed fire has been used twice by the Saskatchewan Research Council in the early 2000s and grazing attempted once. As a result of this poor management invasive species have taken over the Grasslands which today has become shrub land. There is a deficit of native grasses and wildflowers, less than half the birds that were identified in the 1990s are now present, and there is a significant decrease in the number of butterflies that relied on the native plants for breeding. Based on the deterioration of the Saskatoon Natural Grasslands under Meewasin's administration can this natural area be included

in the City's Natural Area's Resource Management Plan?

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