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Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, February 06, 2023

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): N/A

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES Meeting Feb 8, 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.2.3 Northeast Swale and Small Swale Boundary Endorsement

Comments:

I have attached a letter that with my concerns with the proposed Swale Boundary

Attachments:

- [Swale Support letter City Saskatoon 230206.docx](#)13.59 KB

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council Members
City of Saskatoon
Saskatoon, SK, Canada

February 6, 2023

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: February 8, 2023 Agenda item 7.2.3 Northeast Swale and Small Swale Boundary Endorsement [PDCS2023-0207]

I understand that the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services has recommended boundaries for the Northeast and Small Swales, as outlined in Option 2 of their report to the Council.

I do not endorse Option 2, finding it inadequate for even meeting the minimum of standards for protecting one of our last remaining native ecosystems and wildlife habitats in the Saskatoon area. If Option 2 is adopted, we will not have a viable functioning ecosystem, thus dooming the Swales to a slow and painful death, eventually leading to the development of the Swales and the loss of this important resource to future generations.

I am in favour of the boundaries proposed by the Swale Watchers, in their Vision Statement (Biodiversity Sensitive Urban Design and the Northeast Swales) dated January 2023 as these boundaries will protect one of our last remaining native ecosystems and wildlife habitats in the Saskatoon area for an eternity, to be enjoyed and used by future generations.

I get it, development is important and necessary, providing the means for us and our children to survive and thrive in this world. For too long, however, we have been led to believe that we do not need NATURE, that we must develop all lands for us to survive and thrive in this world. Today, we are learning that humans are products of nature and that we are totally dependent on the life support that ecosystems provide us. Moreover, we are learning that human-nature relationships are a key factor in nurturing ecological and human health and promoting successful and equitable urban communities. I implore City Council members to read Angela Loder's book "Small-Scale Urban Greening" to understand our relationship with nature.

Furthermore, development is so deeply embedded in our culture that we have lost sight that we have a responsibility to conserve life where we live or we will lose it. We cannot afford to lose it. On that account I implore City Council members to read Douglas Tallamy's book "Nature's Best Hope".

James J. Dynes, Ph.D., P. Ag.

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