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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Olivia

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Regular Business Meeting of City Council

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 9.3.1

Comments:

Hello,

I believe the current plans fail to provide optimal protection for the sharp-tailed grouse dancing ground in the Northeast Swale. They also fail to safeguard the wetlands in the hydrologically sensitive Small Swale, and fail to provide viable habitat linkages between the Small and Northeast Swales and between the Northeast Swale and the river valley. Providing these connections is absolutely crucial to maintaining the health of the Swales and the species who live there.

I believe Saskatoon has a responsibility to set an example to the rest of the province as to what wetland conservation looks like. Especially considering there is no provincial wetland policy and these ecologically diverse areas are becoming more at risk. Saskatoon has the ability to demonstrate what urban conservation can look like.

I would appreciate your consideration of the plan proposed by the swale watchers. As a university student who is studying soil dynamics and an individual with experience with rare species, I value the northeast swale greatly. We are only beginning to understand the impact disturbance has on these special ecosystems. Also the swale is an important site historically and culturally.

I ask that the city considers these impacts before developing, as we are already seeing the impacts of habitat fragmentation when the moose ran into the school.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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