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Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, February 20, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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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:

As a long-time resident of Saskatoon, and one who very much enjoys and values the green spaces within and surrounding our city, I wish to comment on Council's forthcoming deliberations regarding development in and around the Small and Northeast Swales.

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Your Worship and City Councillors:

As a long-time resident of Saskatoon, and one who very much enjoys and values the green spaces within and surrounding our city, I wish to comment on Council's forthcoming deliberations regarding development in and around the Small and Northeast Swales.

Saskatoon City Council is tasked with making a decision that pits development against the ecologically sensitive areas known as the Small Northeast Swales (Swales). To date, these have been fairly well protected despite the creation of the Aspen Ridge neighbourhood abutting the Northeast Swale and McOrmond Drive. It is a given that development will occur in the Swales as evidenced by the addition of access points along both Central Avenue and McOrmond Drive. The real question is the extent of the development to be allowed.

In considering development in and around the Swales, it is vital that council ensure that any decision results in connecting and protecting the Swales so that people and nature can thrive together. That is essential to creating and maintaining a truly livable city, something to which we must all aspire. Council has the ability and duty to ensure this occurs. However, the city administration's recommendations would see the Swales fragmented and therefore unsustainable.

The option proposed by the Northeast Swale Watchers ensures this connectivity for development and nature. It considers housing density and location while protecting the natural habitat and wildlife. It allows wildlife to continue to exist and move through their natural areas with limitation, whereas administration's recommendations remove all such connectivity.

The Swales are one of Saskatoon's greatest assets. Protecting it, while acknowledging the development in the area may be necessary, is one of this council's greatest responsibilities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.