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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Rahatjan Kira Judge - Cycling Safety Concerns - CK 6000-5

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Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Rahatjan Kira

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Neighbourhood: [King George](#)

City: saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Usask Vet College

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known): Wednesday, June 28, Saskatoon City Council

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Cycling safety concerns at the intersection of College Dr. and Wiggins Ave

Comments:

To Saskatoon City Council,

I am writing with my bleeding heart for Natasha Fox death and know Councillor Block (Ward 6) has introduced motions to council that would attempt to address cycling safety concerns at the intersection of College Dr. and Wiggins Ave. These motions include:

- a third party road safety audit at the intersection
- funding for the above audit
- an update on the implementation of the Active Transportation Plan
- a budget option for an annual Road Safety Audit program

I support these and any future motions that urgently address safety for people riding bikes with a focus on infrastructure for all ages and abilities.

I know we attract so many people around the world to our beautiful city but they will not stay because it is not safe to travel on their bikes. I envy cities like Calgary and Vancouver and miss my friends who moved away from Saskatoon for the reason bike friendly cities offer: Safe commute on your bike due to separated bike lanes year around. I know you will say we are winter city and nobody bikes in winter. I do and I know many people doing it. I have been biking since I moved here in 2007. Please prevent tragedy happening again and do the right thing NOW, even though Mr. Gormley trying convince you otherwise. I bike using MW trail and without that trail my commute would be miserable and dangerous, even I obey all the rules of the road. Unfortunately drivers are not patient and do not remember their machine's hoarse power. If I am hit by a car I will die or be injured as a minimum. I know I have a right to come home safe to my lovely family. So many drivers are not paying attentions on intersections and do not check before they turn.

We cannot bring back Natasha to her lovely family. Would you like to repeat the horrible and traumatizing experience of her kids? I sure hope NOT. You do not need to create anything new just follow Priority for moving people: 1. Pedestrians 2. Cyclists 3. Transit and ambulance and etc., 4. Commercial vehicles 5. Personal cars. These are practices in many cities in Canada and in the world. You want to increase population of Saskatoon build separated bike lane networks and people will stay here after University or college. If you do not believe check the trend in cities.

Please spend money for cycling which helps our community be more vibrant, clean and happy. Spend our tax payers cash what brings joy to our community.

The right time to improve cycling safety is NOW.

Thank you,

Rahatjan Kira Judge

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