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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Henrike Rees - Neighbourhood Bikeways 30 km-h Speed Limit Policy - CK 6320-0 x 6000-5

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Submitted on Monday, December 18, 2023 - 14:12

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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: Monday, December 18, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Henrike

Last Name: Rees

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: hen Ree ke Rees

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

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Address: [REDACTED] University Drive

Neighbourhood: [Nutana](#)

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Pedal Wenches Bike Club

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: City Council Regular Business meeting on December 20, 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 9.2.2 Neighbourhood Bikeways 30km/hr Speed Limit Policy

Comments:

My name is Henrike Rees. I am a physician, life-long cyclist and long-standing member of a recreational women's road cycling club called the Pedal Wenches. Our members are women of all ages who enjoy road cycling. Many of us use our bicycles to get to and from work or run errands, but we also use our bikes recreationally to enjoy Saskatoon and the beautiful landscapes surrounding the city. We do this, even though many of us don't feel fully safe, and a few changes would make our cycling much safer.

I support the proposal to create Bikeways with 30 KPH speed limits.

As someone who grew up in Münster, the "bicycle capital of Germany" I have seen how beneficial it is to have safe intersections and routes for bicycles. I fully support all efforts toward a good cycling infrastructure and safer active transportation in Saskatoon. I believe that the 30 kph Bikeway initiative will greatly increase the safety for cyclists in Saskatoon. Lowering speed limits is one effective way to save lives. Separating bicycles and cars, where possible, is another effective way. The plan to create 30 kph Bikeways in Saskatoon will reduce the volume and speed of vehicular traffic on designated routes, give everyone more time to react, reduce the severity and extent of injury in a collision situation and thus help create a safer and more welcoming environment for cyclists of all ages.

In summary I wholeheartedly support the recommendation to approve a policy for all neighbourhood bikeways in Saskatoon to have a posted speed limit of 30 km/h.

Sincerely,
Henrike Rees MD. FRCP(C)

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