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Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Cam

Last Name: Leverick

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Trotchie Cres

Ward: Ward 5

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Agenda Item 7.2.1

Comments:

Cam Leverick

Treaty 6

Traditional homeland of the Metis nation, Nêhiyawak, Nêhithawak, Anishinabek, Nakawe, Nakota, Nehinawak, Lakota, Dakota and Dene peoples.

Saskatoon, SK.

Dear Saskatoon City Council,

I am writing to urgently urge you not to approve Phase 2 of the proposed Saskatoon Freeway, specifically the route that cuts through the Northeast and Small Swales. As young person in Saskatoon I have been seeing the negative impact our buildings and infrastructure has had on the natural world around our city. This deeply worries me about our future, I believe that by not building a freeway through one of the most important elements of biodiversity in the greater Saskatoon area the council would show respect and compassion to the environment and community of Saskatoon.

The northeastern swale is a gorgeous natural area, I personally have many fond memories involving spending time with family and friends around the swale. The quiet birdsong and occasional deer along with breathtaking plant life makes it an incredible spot to visit. Besides being a lovely place to visit the swale is also home to so many animals and plants, the proposed 8-10 lanes of traffic will disrupt the creatures that call that land home.

I am aware of the limited power I have as just a single young person but I urge the council to hear the concerns I present and take them into consideration moving forward in this project. We have a duty to protect the environment and this truly matters to me as an individual I sincerely hope that you vote in opposition of the plan for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway.

I am fully in favour of the Swale Watchers recommendations that 1) Given that the Biological Assessment and the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway demonstrate that irreversible harm would befall the Northeast and Small Swales –two of Saskatoon’s most valuable and valued natural areas—if the project proceeds as planned, I urge you NOT to endorse the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway. And (2) Recognizing that the ultimate authority over where, when or if this project is completed lies with the province, rather than with the City of Saskatoon, I urge you to call on the Government of Saskatchewan to choose a route for the Saskatoon Freeway that does not intrude on the Swales and to guarantee that the project will be subject to a thorough, impartial Environmental Impact Assessment.

Please vote against endorsing the plan for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway through the Swales, prioritizing the preservation of these areas for generations to come. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Cam Leverick

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