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

**Date:** Thursday, February 29, 2024

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**First Name:** Colleen

**Last Name:** Ewanchyna

**Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:** 1.You must be kidding.... (it's Irish nee Burke) 2. Ew Wan CHIN a (Ukrainian)

**Phone Number :** 306 [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] Konihowski Rd

**Ward:** Ward 5

**Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):** Swale Watchers

**What do you wish to do ?:** Submit Comments

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** Freeway Addition meeting

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** as above

**Comments:**

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to you today in favour of the Swale Watchers recommendations which state:

Swale Watchers two urgent recommendations for Saskatoon City Council:

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, we urge you NOT to endorse the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway.

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, we 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.

I would be remiss if I did not mention – we live in Silverspring backing the Meewasin Trail on Konihowski Road. We have lived in Red Deer, Edmonton AB and Winnipeg MB (my husband Terry transferred there for work) both born and raised in Saskatoon. Saskatoon’s “Claim to Fame” is not only its friendly people, but its size. The Swale is such an important part of Saskatoon. I cannot help but be reminded of the lovely Joni Mitchell’s song that notes “pave paradise and put up a parking lot”. I would also be remiss to note that though I do drive, I loathe it in general and prefer to take the bus. I got my driver’s license when I was 41-years-old; I am 58 now. My bus, which is also on a University route, only runs every 40 minutes, and is frequently late. Not for the faint of heart in wintertime in Saskatoon.....Who needs a “BRT” in a city the size of Saskatoon – a well-devised working bus system would encourage more people to take the bus.....

Sincerely,

Colleen Ewanchyna

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