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Dear City of Saskatoon

Please see attached our letter re highway development and swale.

Thank you

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Dear City of Saskatoon Committee Members,

On behalf of the Calling Lakes Ecomuseum (CLEM) we are writing to the City of Saskatoon about the proposed highway development through the Saskatoon Swale.

The Calling Lakes Ecomuseum is a grassroots arm of the United Nations Universities and works very closely with the Regional Center of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development at the University of Regina. Our definition of sustainability is - 'enough for all forever'.

In 2015, over 190 countries came together to hold the global temperature at 1.5 degree Celsius rise. In order to achieve this goal the United Nation 17 Sustainable Development Goals were developed.



These goals were developed to provide a platform for decision making to ensure development is sustainable. Sadly, Saskatchewan is the only province in Canada that does not have a wetland

conservation policy and this puts urban development at risk of not developing to ensure enough for all for ever. Sustainable Development Goal #13,14, 15, 11 and 3 are not being addressed in this highway development.

We are 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.

Sincerely,

Aura Lee MacPherson

Chair of the Calling Lakes Ecomuseum