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

**Date:** Sunday, March 03, 2024

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

**Pronouns:** She/her/hers

**First Name:** Elizabeth

**Last Name:** Bekolay

**Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:** Bu - KOE - Lee

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**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

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**Address:** [REDACTED] Ave F N

**Ward:** Ward 2

**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:**

Dear Committee Members,

Throughout the Truth and Reconciliation discussions, nature has come up again and again – that reconciliation and the protection of nature go hand in hand.

The city has an opportunity to act for reconciliation by protecting the fragments of original ecosystems that have survived the genocidal colonization that occurred on these lands. This is an opportunity to connect, to heal, and to show sincerity in actions towards reconciliation through the protection of an endangered ecosystem that is home to many rare and endangered species.

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.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Bekolay BSc

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