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**Date:** Monday, March 04, 2024

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

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

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

**Comments:**

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to you today in favour of the Swale Watchers recommendations which are included below. While I appreciate we need to plan for growth, studies conducted by ICUN and the Better Canada Institute, show impacts on the environment affect the temperature, light, noise, and substrate of habitats, and how and where species can live. In the vast majority of cases, these changes have negative impacts on biodiversity. As our City expands so does our pollution. Green biodiverse habitats offset that. There is always another solution and I urge the committee to think long term and big picture.

I also support 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 appreciate these are challenging questions, but I urge you to retain our appeal for providing a healthy community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Monteen Dent

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