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Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.2.1 Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study - Phase 2 Endorsement Request

Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in favour of the two urgent recommendations put forward by the Swale Watchers to Saskatoon City Council, as follows:

"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."

City Council has showed leadership by supporting meaningful Swale boundaries; challenging Saskatoon Land to apply high standards of environmental design in the future University Heights 3 neighbourhood; and, partnering with Meewasin on resource management and master planning for stewardship of the Swales. Please do not negate these efforts and reverse your good work by endorsing the Province's Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study - Phase 2. Instead, continue to show leadership in protecting these profoundly important natural areas and tell the Province that Saskatoon is not OK with their plan to destroy those places that are more valuable to us than another passage through the city.

Sincerely,
Ryan Walker

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