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Date: Sunday, March 03, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Ward: Ward 10

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Dear Committee Members,

March 2, 2024

Now is the time to take action to protect the Swales, one of the City's most important ecosystem services. According to City's Pathways for an Integrated Green Network document (June 2022), It is recognized that, *"As Saskatoon grows, the green network is under increasing pressure to provide high quality green space to all residents, while also supporting urban cooling, habitat, storm water management, and other services. Emerging threats such as climate change and biodiversity loss are also compounding the pressure on green spaces to provide these services."*

I am in favour of the 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.

Valerie Martz