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Date: Sunday, March 03, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

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.

I personally believe that humanity has a duty to protect nature, especially because we have the capability to destroy it like no other creature on earth can. Before we expand our roads, I think we should first weigh the impact it will have on the area our flora and fauna call home. Nature cannot inform us of its plight, so we must listen to those who have dedicated their time to study it. I support Swale Watcher's recommendations, and I hope you will take them into consideration as well.

Sincerely,
Jenna Giesbrecht

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