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Date: Monday, March 04, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Jamie Schmidt, and I am an Environmental Scientist that has been working in Saskatchewan for my entire career.

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."

Natural areas in our province have been fractured and destroyed beyond repair. These swales host important ecosystem services for both humans and flora/fauna alike.

I urge you to think about the impact that this development could have on one of the few pristine natural areas that we have left in the prairies. Although these areas are small, continued actions that don't move to protect areas like these will inevitably result in the ongoing destruction of our natural landscapes. A loss of these areas is a loss for our province.

We should be proud to protect areas like these, as a showmanship of our practices in sustainability and dedication to maintain our environments beyond civic convenience. Their existence is invaluable, and a loss of natural areas like this is a move of carelessness towards an initiative that our province claims that we hold high.

I urge you NOT to endorse the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway.

Jamie Schmidt

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