From: Web NoReply Sunday, March 3, 2024 9:29 AM Sent: **City Council** To: Subject: Email - Communication - Jasper Dent - Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study - Phase 2 Endorsement Request - CK 6003-1 Follow Up Flag: Follow up Flag Status: Flagged FILED **Categories:** --- Replies to this email will go to ___ Submitted on Sunday, March 3, 2024 - 09:17 Submitted by user: Submitted values are: I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository .: No I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor .: No Date: Sunday, March 03, 2024 To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council Pronouns: He/him/his First Name: Jasper Last Name: Dent

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Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to you today in favour of the Swale Watchers recommendations which state:

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.

The Northeast Swale and Small Swale hold immense value to me as a resident of Saskatoon. They are treasures of environmental conservation and ecological heritage. I love visiting the Swales to walk, observe wildlife, enjoy the peace of nature and connect with the land. To damage or lose them would be a tragedy. I recognize the need to develop a freeway for the transportation of goods and services but this cannot come at the expense of land as precious and threatened as the Swales. Please listen to the recommendations of Swale Watchers and call on the provincial government to find a route for this freeway that won't damage what little natural prairie we have left.

Sincerely, Jasper Dent

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No