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Date: Friday, March 22, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas inc.

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What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 9.2.1 Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 Endorsement Request

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March 2024

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Regular Business Meeting City Council Wednesday, March 27, 2024
9.2.1 Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 Endorsement Request

His Worship Charlie Clark *Mayor* of Saskatoon, City Councillors

I am writing to you on behalf of the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas, an environmental charity deeply committed to the preservation and protection of our local ecosystems. As the newly appointed secretary of our organization, I wish to bring to your attention our concerns regarding the upcoming session on March 27, during which the Saskatoon City Council will listen to proponents from the Ministry of Highways and to letters and speeches from members of the public.

The grasslands and wetlands areas of the NE and Small Swales are home to approximately 30 species at risk, as well as numerous endemic species crucial for maintaining the biodiversity of our region. These natural habitats are of immense ecological significance and must be safeguarded against any activities that could potentially endanger their delicate balance.

Our organization, along with other concerned groups like the Swale Watchers, has been closely monitoring the developments in these areas and advocating for their conservation. We have carefully reviewed the positions presented by the Ministry of Highways and the Ministry of the Environment, as well as the valuable insights shared in previous meetings.

It is our firm belief that any decisions regarding the development or alteration of these precious ecosystems must prioritize their long-term sustainability and the protection of their inhabitants. The delicate balance of nature in these areas cannot be overlooked or compromised in favor of short-term gains.

Therefore, we urge the City Council to consider the following points:

1. The preservation of biodiversity: The unique flora and fauna of the grasslands and wetlands are invaluable assets that must be safeguarded for future generations. Efforts should be made to minimize any adverse impacts on these ecosystems.
2. Respect for indigenous knowledge and land stewardship: We recognize the traditional territory of the Indigenous peoples in this area and their deep connection to the land. Their knowledge and stewardship practices should be respected and integrated into any decision-making processes.
3. Sustainable development practices: If development is deemed necessary, it must be conducted in accordance with sustainable practices that mitigate environmental harm and promote responsible land use.
4. Public input and transparency: It is imperative that the voices of concerned citizens and community groups are heard and considered in the decision-making process. Transparency and accountability are essential for fostering trust and cooperation among all stakeholders.

In conclusion, we urge the Saskatoon City Council to prioritize the protection and preservation of the NE and Small Swales ecosystems, taking into account the concerns and recommendations put forth by environmental organizations and community members.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to a constructive dialogue and collaborative efforts towards ensuring the long-term health and vitality of our natural heritage.

Sincerely,

Engr. Srichand Sobhani
B.E. (Mech.), MBA (OM), PMP, PTL, RMP
Secretary, on behalf of the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc.