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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Lois Keller - Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 - CK 6003-1
Attachments: March 25 Letter to protect the Swale.docx

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@saskatoon.ca>
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Submitted on Monday, March 25, 2024 - 10:47

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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: Monday, March 25, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Lois

Last Name: Keller

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Lo-is Kel-ler

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

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Address: [REDACTED] Salisbury Dr Saskatoon [REDACTED]

Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: City Council Agenda – Regular Business Meeting

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

Comments:

Please see my letter attached of concern

Attachments:

- [March 25 Letter to protect the Swale.docx](#)14.15 KB

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

March 25, 2024

Dear Committee Members,

The Northeast and Small Swales are refuges for nature and for the people of Saskatoon. These areas of native grassland and natural wetlands support an astonishing abundance of life, including at least 49 species so rare that they are listed as Species of Conservation Concern.

In a time of ever worsening biodiversity losses, natural areas of this diversity and importance should be protected from development. Our family and school groups I have taught have marvelled that such an area could be within such close proximity to our community. As we visit other countries, we have seen how thoughtful a community can be in protecting special natural areas. We have that opportunity, as well.

Instead, City Council has been asked to endorse a plan, developed by the provincial Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure, that would drive multiple lanes of high-speed traffic through both Swales. The damage and degradation this development would cause is well documented.

I am writing with two requests:

1. Please DO NOT to endorse the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway.
2. Please DO call on the Ministry of Highways 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

Sincerely,

Lois Keller & Mark Carter

■ Salisbury Drive
Saskatoon, Sask.

