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To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known): Wednesday June 28 9:30AM - City Council Regular Agenda

What agenda item do you wish to comment on?: Transportation/Cycling Safety

Comments:

I was a long time resident of Saskatoon before moving to the RM of Vanscoy, but I still work at the office in Saskatoon and I regularly commute and participate in the Saskatoon community.

I was very saddened by the tragic accident involving the cyclist Natasha Fox. I regularly cycle in the city and walk/run in the city. I find it very frustrating that Saskatoon continues to be dominated by the "car culture" mentality. Often in Saskatoon, there are no provisions for cycling/pedestrians as it is assumed that people will drive *everywhere*.

While I am a "car guy" myself, I recognize that dangerous climate change requires us to shift policy and urban planning to encourage active personal transport. Electrification is important, but better yet is active transportation where people walk/run, or cycle. We must make our infrastructure better to accommodate and encourage safe active transportation.

Please don't let Natasha Fox's death be in vain. Please move forward with the requisite studies and information gathering, but also commit to be more ambitious in your policy and planning to help lead the change the world needs to foster the transition away from a plethora of polluting cars toward active transportation, public transportation, and the cleaner air that we all need.

The climate crisis is a crisis of culture and thus imagination. Though most can't imagine it, I have commuted by bicycle more than 40 kms each way and I'm a middle aged kinda pudgy dude. Once I imagined biking, then it happened. And I really enjoy it. I can imagine a dedicated cycling pathway to Crossmount, or to Pike Lake (sort of like Canmore to Banff in AB). I can imagine bicycle ridership increasing in Saskatoon by 10X and envision more separation from traffic to keep riders safer. These things can happen, but we must build the ideas first in the mind. So I urge you to undertake the necessary studies because the commitment is minimal and the recommendations may be surprising and easier to implement than one imagines.

Thanks

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