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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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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, June 26, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Bryn

Last Name: Morrison

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: br-in morrison

Phone Number : [306-638-7550](tel:306-638-7550)

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: City Park School - 820 Ave 9th North

Neighbourhood: [Westview](#)

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7K 2Z2

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Ecoquest

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Wednesday, June 28th, 2023 Regular Business Meeting

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 14. Cycling Safety

Comments:

The address used represents our school, City Park, but I live in Westview neighbourhood.

Attachments:

- [City Hall Bike letter.pdf](#)30.69 KB

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

To Saskatoon City Council,

My name is Bryn, I am 14 years old and I am in the Ecoquest program, and I believe Saskatoon needs a lot of improvements to keep cyclists from all over safe. This past year I have been biking to and from school and doing a combo of that with bussing, and here are some issues that I believe an effort should be made to fix for everybody in the same boat as me.

I bike down 33rd street west consistently and it is always the worst part of my cycling journey, there is constant construction, it is too busy to confidently bike on the road, and pulling onto the shoulder is more dangerous than plain lane hogging, so I believe 33rd should maybe make more bike lanes or more signs to let drivers know it is a shared road instead of when my group of cyclists decides to go on the road it doesn't feel like a huge inconvenience for others. As I explore the city I continue to find more things that would benefit everyone by being fixed. I'm also confident Saskatoon would have a bigger population of cyclists if the infrastructure was accessible and proper.

As mentioned before I do a combo of bussing and biking, and also use public transit frequently. I run into issues almost everyday that I believe being fixed would be a benefit to people who don't do a combo of both and for people who do. I would load my bike onto the bus with my friends who I commute to school with, but the issue is there is only room for two on a rack, this can cause a massive problem for us who rely on public transit to get to school, or for those who have jobs. The racks as well don't fit certain bikes, so if your bike doesn't fit, you're out of luck, which is a big issue for areas where the biking population is higher. As well as frequently it is hard to get your bike on the bus by yourself, as I am a child I do not have the capability to smoothly put it on the bus, and I think I have only been helped by the driver probably twice. It also feels like a huge inconvenience to drivers when you load your bike on the bus, leading to negative interactions with them. I would like to say that isn't always the case but constantly it is with every driver as well as the lack of help. In the winter months this is the same but much worse, if the rack is frozen shut you are out of luck and left in the cold. It is much more of an inconvenience to them as well as the difficulties of it being frozen shut. Bikes are also not allowed on the bus and I understand why, but I would think the driver would rather let the people on the bus with their bike than standing in -30° for another thirty minutes. Coming from a person who uses public transit as one of my main ways to get around, it needs a lot of work in many more areas than just cycling.

People won't feel the need to use environmentally friendly ways of transportation if they are not accessible in all aspects. In conclusion, these are just a few things that stand out to me the most and tend to affect people a lot, so I hope this letter can make

some changes around here because I want to make cycling the most safe and accessible as possible.

Thank you,
-Bryn Morrison