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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Jillian Hosain - Councillor C Block - Cycling Safety - CK 6000-5

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From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 11:41 AM **To:** City Council < <u>City.Council@Saskatoon.ca</u>>

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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: Jillian

Last Name: Hosain

Phone Number: 306-683-7550

Email:

Address: City park school, 820 9th ave north

Neighbourhood: Willowgrove

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 represents our school, city park school. But I live outside the city and my neihborhood is not one of the options. I put my last location on instead.

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

To Saskatoon city counsel.

Hello, my name is Jillian and I am a 13 year old student in the Ecoquest grade 8 class. Since the accident on Wiggings and College that happened recently, we have been talking even more about bike safety in the city. The day of the accident, I heard that it happened shortly after school hours. My first reaction was that one of my classmates got hit. Many people in my class bike around that area on their way home from school. The next day I was relieved that it wasn't a close friend of mine, but when I heard it was a young mother biking with her kids I was horrified. I would be traumatised if it was my mom, and her kids are much younger than me. This makes me concerned for all young families and kids. Especially young kids who are biking to school, and have to cross dangerous roads. Young kids don't understand all the rules and safety precautions to keep them safe, and there are many things that can go wrong. Drivers are not always aware of their surroundings. I know many people who almost got hit due to unsafe streets and unaware drivers, but that could have been very different. I saw that about 74 people die due to cars colliding with bikers in Canada yearly. I feel that there are many ways to decrease risk of accidents like these. One way could be by using more signs and lights, to bring awareness to distracted drivers around popular crossing places. Before ecoquest, I had gone to willowgrove school, and they had installed flashing pedestrian crossing signs at the busiest crosswalk. Adding the lights had made crossing the street safer and had made many people feel more comfortable. I feel that if those were added to more schools and popular roads the risk of accidents would go down.

It's not too late to make a difference, make the change before anyone else gets hurt.

Thank you.

Jillian Hosain.