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**I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.:** No

**Date:** Sunday, June 25, 2023

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**First Name:** Steve

**Last Name:** Hermanson

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**Neighbourhood:** [Haultain](#)

**City:** Saskatoon

**Province:** Saskatchewan

**Postal Code:** [REDACTED]

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**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** Cycling in Saskatoon

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on?:** Cycling safety

**Comments:**

To Saskatoon City Council,

It has come to my attention that Councillor Block (Ward 6) has introduced motions to council that would attempt to address cycling safety concerns at the intersection of College Dr. and Wiggins Ave. These motions include:

a third party road safety audit at the intersection

funding for the above audit

an update on the implementation of the Active Transportation Plan

a budget option for an annual Road Safety Audit program.

I have ridden a bicycle in Saskatoon for over 30 years. While there have been some improvements in cycling infrastructure, cycling safety has deteriorated. My current cycle commute takes me from Haultain to Marquis in all four seasons. I challenge anyone on city council to take this ride with me to see what I see.

Over the years I have been involved in numerous incidents on my bicycle where drivers have been at fault. The most recent one was on June 6, 2023, where I was the victim of a hit and run at 7th Ave and Balmoral. A witness confirmed the vehicles plate number and Saskatoon City Police are investigating.

While improvements in infrastructure will help, penalties for cell phone use and collisions with cyclists and motorcycles need to be way more severe. I see driver inattention and recklessness on a daily basis. Driving should be seen as a privilege not a right.

Steve Hermanson

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