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Submitted on Sunday, June 25, 2023 - 10:06

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: Sunday, June 25, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Charles

Last Name: Olfert

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Char-els Olfert

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Calder place

Neighbourhood: [Adelaide/Churchill](#)

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Cycling Safety Motions by Cynthia Block

Comments:

Dear Council members,

I understand that council will be considering a motion to improve cycling safety in Saskatoon. I would strongly support this initiative. My wife and I have been cycling for many years and have pedalled thousands of miles all over Saskatoon.

There are lots of trails in parks that are safely separated from vehicles as well as many wide streets with low traffic volumes that are great for cycling. However, any time these trails or streets cross a major roadway (ie. 8th street, College Drive, Clarence Ave, 22nd street or Idylwyld Drive, Circle drive), there are major safety concerns.

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

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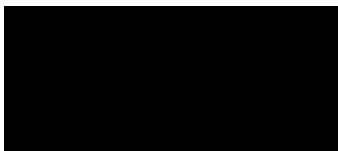
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