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**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Clark Poth - Councillor C Block - Cycling Safety - CK 6000-5  
**Attachments:** Bike Letter (1).pdf

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**From:** Web NoReply <[web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2023 11:38 AM  
**To:** City Council <[City.Council@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:City.Council@Saskatoon.ca)>  
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Submitted on Monday, June 26, 2023 - 11:37

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:** Monday, June 26, 2023

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

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

**First Name:** Clark

**Last Name:** Poth

**Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:** Poe-th

**Phone Number :** [306-683-7550](tel:306-683-7550)

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** City Park School 820 Ave 9th North

**Neighbourhood:** [College Park East](#)

**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 City Park School but we live in East College Park, Varsity View and Haultain

**Attachments:**

- [Bike Letter \(1\).pdf](#)30.04 KB

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

To: Saskatoon City Council

Our names are Clark, Charlie and George, we are in grade eight in a program called Ecoquest. One of the things we do in our program is biking to and from school, as well as many other places around the city. Since we have been biking throughout the city almost every day (year round) we have encountered a few problems, we think that they affect us personally. With that we have found that certain areas show a lack of attention, care and general safety, towards bikers involving the bike lanes. There are countless preventable accidents every year and we need to take action. One of the ways we think we can improve the city's situation is to help put more funding into the bike lanes. Areas such as 23rd street have lots of gravel in the bike lanes which should be cleaned regularly like the streets do. Especially in winter, people will often shovel their snow into the way of bike lanes and that leaves no access for winter bikers. The bike lanes also have no shoulder and it's hard to even tell where they are due to lack of indication, people also park in the bike lanes so you have to weave in and out of traffic and that can be dangerous. Therefore you would have to bike in the middle of the lane and drivers can get impatient and try to pass which can be even more dangerous. There are also bike lanes downtown with the only indication of them being there are little white poles. People constantly park in the middle of them wrecking the poles and obstructing access. We have had this problem all year with the bike lanes downtown and worry this is only putting more dangers in the bikers' way. Another reason they make us concerned for our younger siblings who may use bikes for their commute to school. Who may have to use the bike lanes and get into dangerous situations that no one wants to be in. Some people don't bike and may think that this isn't a cause worth fighting for because it doesn't affect them. Biking is more popular than it has been in years and will only keep growing and we will need to make it as safe as possible. We thank you for your consideration and time while reading our letter.

Thank you,

Clark Poth, Charlie Sawchyn and George McDonald