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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Crace Mcleod - Councillor C Block - Cycling Safety - CK 6000-5
Attachments: Grace Bus & Bike (1).pdf

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 11:38 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
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Submitted on Monday, June 26, 2023 - 11:25

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: She/her/hers

First Name: Grace

Last Name: Mcleod

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: City Park School/820 9th Ave North

Neighbourhood: [Parkridge](#)

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: 57K2Z2

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 Regular Business meeting

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

Comments:

I have represented my school City Park, But I live at [REDACTED] postnikaff

Attachments:

- [Grace Bus & Bike \(1\).pdf](#) 28.36 KB

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

To: Saskatoon City Council,

My name is Grace Mcleod, I am a 13-year-old girl in the outdoor school program, Ecoquest. My classmates and I have come across numerous issues and problems while busing with our bikes to school, as well as other places around the city.

There have been moments when I have been left out in -40° weather for almost two hours because the bus's bike racks were frozen and the drivers would not help me. I almost got hypothermia. There have been moments when buses don't even stop, they will pass me, and it's both with my bike and sometimes without it. I'll be standing while giving direct eye contact to the bus driver indicating that I want to get on, I'll be standing next to the bus sign and the racks will not be full, and the drivers will continue on. I've had a bus driver even stop to yell at me for having a bike. I biked home in tears that day. Sometimes I even have passengers on the bus get mad at me for having a bike. They give me weird looks or glare at me. It takes under 15 seconds to load your bike onto the bus without any initial problems.

The Bike racks are usually frozen in the winter and it's stated on the Saskatoon transit website that the "Bike racks are available all year long", but having the rack frozen and the bus drivers not doing anything about it makes it non-accessible. The bus drivers don't even try and help make other solutions or other ways to get me to where I need to be, they just shrug their shoulders and drive off.

I know some people, and I have witnessed it myself when the bike racks don't even fit some bikes. And I get that you can't have fat-tire bikes on the racks because they're too big. But the Saskatoon transit website does not even show what size of bikes fit on the bike racks, so sometimes people are stranded because the bike racks didn't fit their bike, because they had no idea what size it was supposed to be.

All these problems have not just happened to me but to a lot of my friends, family, classmates, and to other people in Saskatoon that take the bus with their bikes. Some people rely on bussing and biking because they can't afford a car, and if the bike racks are not accessible then how are they able to, go to work, pick up their kids, get groceries, go home, and more, if the racks are not accessible.

You need to make a change in this.

Sincerely
Grace Mcleod