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Attachments: Cycling Education_0.pdf

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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: Emma

Last Name: Tarasoff

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Email: [REDACTED]

Address: City Park School, 820 9th Ave North

Neighbourhood: [College Park East](#)

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, 2023 Regular Business Meeting

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 14. Cycling Safety [CC2023-0602]

Comments:

The address represents City Park School, but we live in College Park and River Heights neighbourhood.

Attachments:

- [Cycling Education 0.pdf](#)28.94 KB

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

To: Saskatoon City Council,

We are students in EcoQuest who cycle to school on the road every day, we will be addressing our concerns on cycling education in the city of Saskatoon. One of our main concerns is the lack of knowledge for drivers and bikers regarding hand signals. We've had experiences that feel unsafe and as if the drivers don't acknowledge us as vehicles, there have been times we are stopped at a four way stop and drivers don't think of us as cars and just skip our turn. We frequently come across situations of confusion with vehicles when we are cycling, and it is just from lack of knowledge. We feel that cycling should be made safe for other kids, and they should be taught what is safest for them while cycling. We have some suggestions on improvements that could be made.

We believe that the rules of cycling such as hand signals and lane blocking should be implemented into drivers ed and across schools. It is important for everyone to know the rules, not just the cyclists, the drivers too. Cyclists can use the signals, but if no one knows what they mean, then they're utterly useless. If you teach it in drivers ed, then everyone using the road will know, and there will be less confusion. From our experience a lot of cars get upset when we lane block on the road, when it's actually the right thing to do in the situation. If more people are educated on cycling rules then more people will be encouraged to bike and it will be better for the environment. A lot of people's solution to this problem is to not cycle, but that is not the right thing at all. We need to encourage cycling and teach people about the rules and the risks to ensure safe cycling. Many people will argue that not everyone bikes, which makes their main solution for us to just stop biking altogether when that is not fair because biking is more eco friendly and not everyone has access to a car. Thank you for your time and consideration, we sincerely hope you take our letter seriously so we don't have the worry of safety in the future.

Thank you,

Emerson Ulrich, Avery Lutz and Emma Tarasoff