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

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**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** The North East Swale/ Proposed By pass

**Comments:**

The proposed by pass runs right through the North East Swale. This is an increasingly rare piece of native grassland. It is THE most endangered eco system on the planet. The grasslands of North America are being lost at an astonishing rate. No amount of environmental assessments or mitigation will undo removing this ENDANGERED section of habitat. These grasslands not only provide some of the best carbon sinks in the world, and terrific wildlife habitat, but also the Swale provides a pleasant place where families that live in Saskatoon may visit, and enjoy. I cannot express enough how insane it is to propose further eliminating THE MOST ENDANGERED ECO SYSTEM on earth. If it were any other eco system under this level of threat, there is no way this would even make it the agenda. Take some pride in our grasslands. They are not just barren land needing to be developed. They are extremely valuable, bio diverse habitats that provide plenty of value to us as humans in the form of recreation, water filtration, drought resilience, carbon sinks and more.

I support the Swale watchers recommendations and I hope you will as well.

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

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**Comments:**

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to you today in favour of the Swale Watchers recommendations which state:

Swale Watchers two urgent recommendations for Saskatoon City Council:

1. Given that the Biological Assessment and the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway demonstrate that irreversible harm would befall the Northeast and Small Swales –two of Saskatoon’s most valuable and valued natural areas—if the project proceeds as planned, we urge you NOT to endorse the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway.
2. Recognizing that the ultimate authority over where, when or if this project is completed lies with the province, rather than with the City of Saskatoon, we urge you to call on the Government of Saskatchewan to choose a route for the Saskatoon Freeway that does not intrude on the Swales and to guarantee that the project will be subject to a thorough, impartial Environmental Impact Assessment.

Sincerely, Blaine Caughlin

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