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Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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First Name: Breana

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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.

Please take this opportunity to make a choice that protects an iconic and rare habitat for future generations. The swale is such an integral part of Saskatoon and just one part of what makes it so special to all of us who call it home, especially the rare and threatened species that will be at risk if this highway project is approved. We can and should do better. Let Saskatoon be a shining example of what people can do when we stand for habitat protection and making sound environmental decisions. I am proud to call Saskatoon my home, and I believe in our ability to step up and do what is right.

Please, do not endorse Phase Two.

Sincerely,

Breana Hipkin

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