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Date: Monday, March 25, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: March 27 Council Meeting

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Phase 2 Functional Planning Study for the Saskatoon Freeway

Comments:

The City should not move ahead on the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway because the currently proposed location simply does not make sense. The City and Province should instead focus on finding a more suitable route so that any future freeway development does not intrude on the swales.

We fully support the two recommendations made by Swale Watchers regarding Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway. There is sufficient precedent in this province regarding the relocation of proposed infrastructure to protect critical landscapes, including for wind generation and other energy projects. We must do the same to protect this critical landscape.

Aside from the intrinsic value of the species and ecosystems in the swales, these areas represent a significant carbon sink, particularly its grasslands and wetlands. The City of Saskatoon has made commitments to climate protection. This must necessarily involve not just reducing emissions, but also protecting those landscapes that sequester emissions. It makes no sense to sacrifice these free ecosystem services that will help buffer the impacts of climate change.

Sincerely,

Margret Asmuss
Peter Krebs

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