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Submitted on Monday, March 25, 2024 - 10:51

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, March 25, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Wilma

Last Name: Groenen

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Grewnun

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Avenue I North

Ward: Ward 2

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.2.1

Comments:

Please see the attached letter regarding the Northeast Swale.

Attachments:

- [Wilma Groenen.docx](#)13.06 KB

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

Wilma Groenen
[REDACTED] Avenue I North
Saskatoon, SK [REDACTED]

Please take into consideration the recommendation of The Swale Watchers and let the Saskatchewan Government know that their plans to build a highway through the swales in the north of our city.

The Swale Watchers urgent recommendations for Saskatoon City Council on this matter include the following:

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.

I have enjoyed the swales for years on a personal level for their natural beauty, quiet solitude and bird activity. As a habitat that works on behalf of both wildlife and human life, the swales need to be protected.

Please urge the government to build this highway elsewhere.

Regards

Wilma Groenen
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