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Date: Monday, May 27, 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):: City Council May 29 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 10.1.1 Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 Endorsement Request – May 2024 Update [TS2024-0205]

Comments:

As attached

Attachments:

- [Swale Support City Countil May 29.pdf](#)115.5 KB

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May 2024

10.1.1 Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 Endorsement Request – May 2024 Update [TS2024-0205]

Dear His Worship Charlie Clark and Members of City Council,

On behalf of the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas, I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of Saskatoon, deeply troubled by the proposed development plans for the Northeast and Small Swales. These natural areas are not just patches of green on a map; they are vital ecosystems that serve as refuges for both nature and the people of our city.

The Northeast and Small Swales are unique ribbons of native grassland and natural wetlands that support an astonishing abundance of life. These areas are home to at least 49 species so rare that they are listed as Species of Conservation Concern. In a time of ever-worsening biodiversity losses, the protection of such ecologically rich areas is paramount. The natural diversity found within the Swales contributes to the overall health and resilience of our environment, providing essential services such as water filtration, flood mitigation, and carbon sequestration.

Despite their importance, these natural treasures are under threat. City Council has been asked to endorse a plan, developed by the provincial Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure, that would see multiple lanes of high-speed traffic cut through both Swales. The potential damage and degradation this development would cause is well documented. Fragmentation of habitats, increased pollution, and the disruption of wildlife corridors are just a few of the negative impacts that such a project would bring.

The proposed Saskatoon Freeway alignment through the Northeast and Small Swales stands in stark contrast to the City's stated commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable development. The City's own plans and policies emphasize the importance of protecting natural areas and enhancing biodiversity. Moving forward with this freeway project would not only undermine these goals but also set a dangerous precedent for future developments.

I am writing to respectfully request that the Council take the following actions:

1. Vote NO to the Phase 2 Proposed Saskatoon Freeway alignment through the Northeast and Small Swales. The preservation of these areas is far more valuable in the long term than the convenience of a new freeway. We must prioritize the health of our ecosystems and the well-being of future generations over short-term infrastructural gains.
2. Live up to your commitment to protecting these natural areas. This means not only rejecting harmful development projects but also actively working to enhance and restore the Swales. By doing so, the

Council can demonstrate true leadership in environmental conservation and show that Saskatoon is serious about its commitment to sustainability.

The decision you make on this issue will have lasting consequences for our city and its natural environment. Protecting the Northeast and Small Swales is an opportunity to make a positive, impactful choice that aligns with our community values and long-term environmental goals. I urge you to consider the broader implications of this project and to stand firm in your dedication to preserving Saskatoon's natural heritage.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that you will make the right decision for the future of our city.

Sincerely,

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