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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Daniel Schott - Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 Endorsement Request – May 2024 Update - CK 6003-1

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Submitted on Monday, May 27, 2024 - 16:45

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, May 27, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Daniel

Last Name: Schott

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Daniel Schott (DAN-i-el Shott)

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Shannon Cres

Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: City Council Agenda – Regular Business Meeting

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 10.1.1

Comments:

Dear Council,

I'm writing with two requests, that Council:

1. Vote NO to the Phase 2 Proposed Saskatoon Freeway alignment through the Northeast and Small Swales.
2. Live up to their commitment to protecting these natural areas.

The Phase 2 Functional Design Report and Phase 2 Biological Assessment make it clear that it's impossible to route the proposed freeway in a way that avoids substantial irreversible damage to the swales. The proposed routes would destroy a large portion of the remaining habitat for rare and endangered species of animals and plants.

This is a result of the parameters set by the Province for Phase 2. The City should demand that the Province provide an alternate, better plan. I know that a lot of effort and expenditure has already been put into planning Phase 2 of the freeway, but it would be irrational to stay with a bad plan based on sunk costs. It's never the wrong time to make the right decision.

I grew up in Saskatoon, moved away for about twenty years, and moved back to Saskatoon a little over ten years ago. When I was young, I was struck by the beauty of the small amount of natural prairie that remained in the Saskatoon area. Now those natural areas have become even fewer and smaller. The other cities I lived in had the foresight to preserve large natural areas. Having these natural areas greatly enhances the quality of life in a city. In the case of provincial freeway planning, I hope Saskatoon will push the Provincial government to have the same foresight.

Sincerely,
Daniel Schott

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