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From: City Council
Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Linda and Peter Klassen - Swale Watchers - Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 Endorsement Request – May 2024 Update - CK 6003-1

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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: Friday, May 24, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Linda and Peter

Last Name: Klassen

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Carr Cres

Ward: Ward 5

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Swale Watchers

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: The proposed highway through the swale

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 10.1.1 Proposed highway through the swale

Comments:

Dear Council,

We recently moved to Saskatoon and choose to live by the swale. We appreciated Saskatoon's commitment to preserving a natural habitat in the city.

We walk in this area each day and enjoy the birds, deer, etc. It is a special place within Saskatoon and is a place that needs your protection!

The Northeast and Small Swales are refuges for nature and for the people of Saskatoon. These areas of native grassland and natural wetlands support an astonishing abundance of life, including at least 49 species so rare that they are listed as Species of Conservation Concern. In a time of ever worsening biodiversity losses, natural areas of this diversity and importance should be protected from development.

Instead, City Council has been asked to endorse a plan, developed by the provincial Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure, that would drive multiple lanes of high-speed traffic through both Swales. The damage and degradation this development would cause is well documented.

It will cause the wildlife to move and damage the council's reputation and decrease public trust. We moved to this area with the understanding this land would never, never, I repeat never be developed.

I am 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.

Sincerely,

Peter and Linda Klassen

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