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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: Thursday, May 23, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

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Address: [REDACTED] Albert Avenue

Ward: Ward 6

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):: City Council May 29

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.1.2 Natural Area Management Plans

Comments:

Letter attached as pdf.

Attachments:

- [8.1.2 Small Swale Land Owned by City.pdf](#)1.13 MB

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

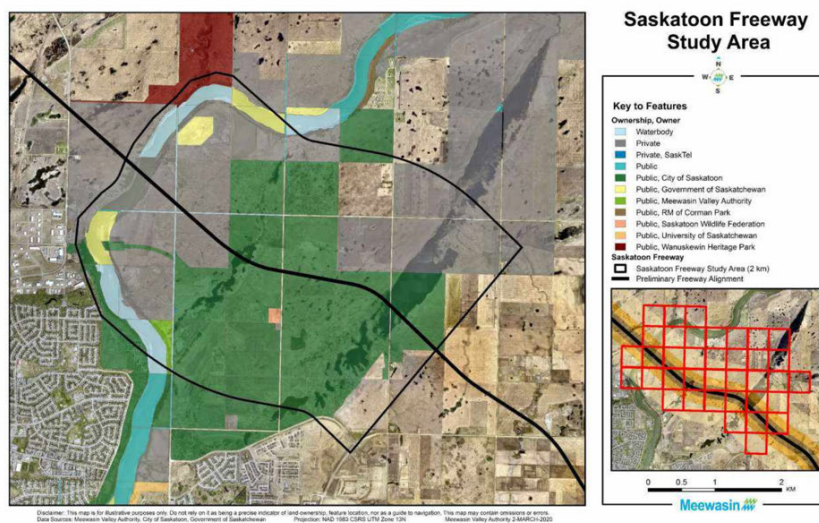
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We are grateful to the members of the SPC on Environment Utilities and Corporate Services for requesting additional information to support Council’s discussion of this item.

The maps provided at their request – 12. Small Swale Ecological Extent and 13. Small Swale Related Boundaries – provide a clear picture of what has been accomplished and what remains to be done. The Small Swale is a connected corridor of grassland and wetland habitat, and much of its ecological significance depends on its wholeness. Planning to manage a fragment of this feature is a step in the right direction, but it is just the beginning.

We look forward to a future Management Plan that fills in the gap between the current document and the proposed provincial Freeway and extends north to embrace the Small Swale as a whole. This will include areas that fall within the viewscape of Wanuskewin, as indicated on the P4G land-use map (attached to your agenda as Appendix 3 to item 10.1.1.) It is worth noting that, although portions of the Swale are currently outside City limits, much of the land is already in City ownership, as shown in green below.¹

MAP 4: LAND OWNERSHIP WITHIN THE STUDY AREA



We appreciate Council’s investment in protecting the Small Swale and trust that this wise and principled intention will be reflected in all your decisions.

Respectfully submitted,
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¹ <https://saskatoonfreeway.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Habitat-Evaluation-of-Saskatoon-Freeway-Through-Small-And-Northeast-Swale-Meewasin-Final-04-27-2020-redacted-compressed.pdf>