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

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Submitted on Monday, May 27, 2024 - 16:24

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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

First Name: Natasha

Last Name: Hubbard Murdoch

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Roy Cres

Ward: Ward 10

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: May 29th

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

Comments:

Dear Council,

The Northeast and Small Swales are refuges for nature and for the people of Saskatoon. There is nothing like standing on the far side of the Northeast Swale pond in the evening, to reduce the noise of traffic, and watch the birds settle, and the deer make their way through the fields. The glow of the sunset off the pond, reflecting the clouds is so peaceful. There is so much to explore from Crocus Prairie up to the Small Swale and how that space seems so unique, offering solitude and adventure near the river, while the Northeast Swale has so much wildlife to witness in rolling grasslands.

Over the years, I have truly enjoyed hearing stories from landowners, farmers, environmentalists, Sask Wildlife Federation, Swale Watchers, and those on Jane's Walks about the rich history and the wildlife to be discovered. Knowing that the City is planning for a population of 3/4 million people I can only consider comparing to cities like Calgary, Edmonton, and Winnipeg. As cities grow, those far and few between pockets of refuge are so precious - and that planning needs happen so early on.

I appreciate how close I am to the Swales and how easy it becomes to connect to the land and wildlife and my neighbours enjoying the space with me. The damage and degradation this highway development would cause is well documented. But I also urge you to consider that the Swales offer wellbeing for neighbours and community.

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,
Natasha Hubbard Murdoch

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