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Request to Speak - Jan Shadick - Natural and Naturalized Areas Portfolios: 2026-27 Capital Project Plan

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I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

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I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor .: No

Date: Saturday, May 31, 2025

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Jan

Last Name: Shadick

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Email:

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward: Address: Temperance St Ward: Ward 6

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Living Sky Wildlife Rehabilitation

What do you wish to do ?: Request to Speak

If speaking will you be attending in person or remotely: In person

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES AND CORPORATE SERVICES

What agenda item do you wish to comment on **?:** 6.3.2 Natural and Naturalized Areas Portfolios: 2026-27 Capital Project Plan [EUCS2025-0603]

Comments:

6.3.2

Natural and Naturalized Areas Portfolios: 2026-27 Capital Project Plan [EUCS2025-0603] Nature-Friendly Initiatives: Explore opportunities to progress nature-friendly initiatives such as Bird-Friendly measures, Dark Sky guidelines, and wildlife monitoring initiatives.

With so many headline issues at this time, the importance and value of the natural world on human physical and mental health is often lost amongst the noise. This is exactly the problem. We are all overwhelmed by the tragedies and emergencies around us. Taking time for quiet; a walk in a park, listening to birds sing, watching nature in all it's beauty brings the world back into perspective.

We must invest in these natural areas as a balm for our souls; a medicine to combat the stress of daily life. Naturefriendly initiatives are not just for nature, they are for humans to remind us that we are part of this great planet and part of nature. Please fund Bird-friendly initiatives, Dark Sky guidelines and protection of wildlife for our sake. Their contribution to our ecosystem is vital for our survival. Saving birds and wildlife is not optional. So let's follow through on the wisdom of the Green Initiative 3.3.1 - among others.

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