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Capital Project Plan

Attachments: Natural and Naturalized Areas Information Report.pdf

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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: Monday, June 02, 2025

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Candace

Last Name: Savage

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: 306

Phone Number: 306

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward: Address: Albert Avenue

Ward: Ward 6

Email:

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Wild about Saskatoon

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments? (if known):: SPC Environment, Tuesday, June 3

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Re 6.3.2 Natural and Naturalized Areas portfolios: 2026-27 Capital Project Plan

Comments:

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



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