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Subject: Communication - Karen Wood - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries
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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: Friday, March 20, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Karen

Last Name: Wood

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Wood

Phone Number : 306 [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:
Address: [REDACTED] Evergreen Blvd
Ward: Ward 10

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: REVISED PUBLIC AGENDA GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE, Wednesday, March 11, 2026

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 6.2.2

Comments:

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Attachments:

- [City Council Letter Swales kwood March 2025.pdf](#) 67.42 KB

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

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