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Date: Sunday, March 22, 2026

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What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

I respectfully ask that City Council reaffirm the 2023 Council approved Swale boundaries. Those boundaries enclose ecologically unique remnants of our natural heritage which must be kept for future generations. Those boundaries should not be chipped away.

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Comments:

Dear Councillors & Mayor

I am encouraged that work toward and discussion around a National Urban Park in Saskatoon is continuing, and I appreciate that Council's March 11 Committee discussion acknowledged concerns raised by residents.

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Thank you for your time,
Steph Siemens

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From: [Web NoReply](#)
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Subject: Comments - Tina Bertoncini - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2026 8:15:02 PM
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Date: Sunday, March 22, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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First Name: Tina

Last Name: Bertoncini

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: T-ee-nah B-er-ton-chee-nee

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What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

Letter attached in support of the 2023 approved boundaries of the Northeast Swale and Small Swale, with no reduction of protected land.

Attachments:

- [swalesupportletterMarch2026.docx](#) 21.84 KB

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Sincerely,

Tina Bertoncini

From: [Web NoReply](#)
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Subject: Comments - Cathy Holtlander - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries
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To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Sincerely,

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From: [Web NoReply](#)
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Subject: Comments - Madison Pascal - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries
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Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Regular Business Meeting of City Council

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.2.5

Comments:

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for maintaining the full 2023 Council-approved boundaries for the Northeast and Small Swales within the proposed National Urban Park. I am deeply concerned about the newly revised boundaries coming forward on March 25, as they appear to reduce the amount of protected land that Council previously endorsed.

The Northeast and Small Swales are not just another set of green spaces. They are the last significant remnants of natural prairie within Saskatoon—a rare and irreplaceable landscape that holds ecological, cultural, and educational value. These areas support native grasslands, wildlife corridors, biodiversity, and natural hydrology that cannot be recreated once lost. In a prairie city, these landscapes are our heritage.

As momentum builds toward establishing a National Urban Park, the Swales have the potential to become its ecological heart. They are the places that will distinguish Saskatoon on a national and international stage, showcasing our commitment to conservation, climate resilience, and thoughtful urban planning. Shrinking the protected boundaries now would undermine that vision and diminish the integrity of the park before it is even created.

The events of March 11 made something very clear: residents are paying attention, and their voices matter. Because people spoke up, reduced boundaries were not quietly approved, and Council acknowledged that the issue remains open. I am adding my voice to those calling for transparency, accountability, and meaningful public engagement before any final decisions are made.

I respectfully ask Council to:

Reaffirm the 2023 Council-approved boundaries for the Northeast and Small Swales

Reject any reduction in protected land

Ensure that the public has a real opportunity to participate in discussions before decisions are finalized

Protecting the Swales is a once-in-a-generation opportunity. I urge you to uphold the commitments made in 2023 and ensure that Saskatoon's National Urban Park begins with the strongest possible foundation.

Thank you for your attention and for your continued work on this important initiative

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

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Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: regular business meeting of city council March 25

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

Dear Councillors & Your Worship,

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Sincerely,

Joan Stephens

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

From: [Web NoReply](#)
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Subject: Comments - Stewart Coles - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 9:20:39 AM
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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society

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What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2 National Urban Park: Vision, Governance and Boundaries [GPC2024-0603]

Comments:
see attached

Attachments:

23 March 2026

RE: Agenda item 8.5.2 'National Urban Park: Vision, Governance and Boundaries [GPC 2024-0603]

Dear Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council,

This letter provides additional comments in response to the recommendations being made by the Governance and Priorities Committee (agenda item 6.2.2 - 11 March 2026) to City Council on this matter. Our correspondence to the Governance and Priorities Committee, dated 09 March 2026, is attached as an addendum to this letter.

Firstly, we welcome the attempts by the GPC to place further language within the recommendations made by the administration to address key endorsements previously made by council. That said, **we remain concerned that the recommendations being made to Council provide uncertainty, inadequate protection, and ineffective buffering for at-risk flora and fauna of the Northeast and Small Swale complexes, and important native prairie habitat identified across the area.**

Meewasin has a stated vision for the National Urban Park (Appendix 3) that we fully support:

"The Saskatoon region national urban park aspires to conserve imperiled prairie grasslands and wetlands and protect vital ecosystems that are critical to urban health and traditional First Nations and Métis ways of life.

Weaving through Saskatchewan's largest population centre, this space emphasizes the importance of outdoor experiences to our collective well-being and has been designated as a featured Canadian destination to ensure all will be able to know and connect with the natural, cultural and recreational value of this area for generations to come."

Unfortunately, the proposed boundary recommendations put to Council place *"imperiled prairie grasslands"* and *"vital ecosystems"* at greater risk of loss, degradation and fragmentation. It is eliminating vital habitat protection and necessary buffers for at-risk species that was endorsed by Council in 2023. Its elimination will come at greater cost to the city, not just from the significant loss of ecological services that serve the community (services that are already in steady decline), but also from the cost and need to introduce and manage grey infrastructure for a large development footprint.

We recommend to council that further details are made publicly available regarding the statement from administration stating, *"the City of Saskatoon has been directly involved in screening city-owned land in the Meewasin jurisdiction, using criteria from the Interim National Urban Parks Policy to recommend what should be included"*. While we appreciate discussions are undertaken behind closed doors to determine boundary constraints, given the 2023 boundary endorsement we seek to better understand what has changed and for there to be greater transparency to the public on this matter. We can only interpret this, given the limited information provided, as the administration's attempt to redraw boundary lines – already endorsed – to provide greater scope for the UH3 Concept Plan, significantly minimizing the value and importance of this ecosystem, a National Urban Park, and what it needs to flourish.

Meewasin also states “*the proposed NUP presents opportunities to enhance and elevate the existing urban park*”. If this statement is true, what is the boundary of the ‘existing urban park’. Our assumption is that Meewasin’s jurisdiction encompasses this existing urban park boundary. Considering this, the proposed NUP is therefore already seeing an area reduction before it has even been designated, based on the proposed boundary recommendations, as submitted by the MVA and administration and compared to the 2023 endorsement by council. This is further highlighted in the administration’s report; “*the NUP boundary would not include areas intended for development*”. This suggests the area endorsed by council in 2023 is now intended for development. Again, a lack of transparency from administration does not offer any clarity as to this change and creates a lack of trust towards potential future refinements.

We remain concerned that any boundary endorsement today – as is presented – creates significant hurdles to expansion in the future, especially given the nature of development plans (i.e., UH3; Saskatoon Freeway) in and around the Small and Northeast Swale complexes. “*Possible future refinement*”, as noted in the GPC’s recommendation to city council, does little to assure anyone of future refinement in such a development heavy planning area.

We seek Council’s support for the 2023 boundary endorsement as a minimum with ‘possible future refinement’ to expand the National Urban Park once it has been designated.

We have previously written to Committee and Council regarding the significant economic benefits of greater protection efforts (see addendum). The current direction we are seeing is leading to one outcome, the unilateral loss, degradation and fragmentation of the last remaining native prairie ecosystem in Saskatoon. We do not seem to be learning lessons of the Saskatoon Natural Grasslands Area, now mostly disconnected from nature, not functioning as intended, and offering marginal environmental benefits.

The Small and Northeast Swale complexes could be a thriving ecosystem under the long term environmental, cultural, economic, health benefits of a prioritized National Urban Park in the last and most important natural areas of the city.

We wish to remind Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council of the unequivocal support already expressed by Saskatoon residents for effective protection of this area and the overwhelming support for the boundary endorsement made by Council back in February 2023. We trust our publicly elected officials will ensure that the voices of Saskatoon’s residents, who have spoken strongly and in numbers to the 2023 boundary endorsement, are heard and play a central role in your deliberations.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to share our thoughts on such an important topic. We would be happy to discuss any of our comments with you.

Sincerely,

Stewart Coles

Executive Director | CPAWS Saskatchewan

[Addendum below]

[ADDENDUM]



cpaws-sask.org

09 March 2026

Dear Governance and Priorities Committee, Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council,

The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society – Saskatchewan Chapter (CPAWS-SK) wishes to comment in respect of agenda item 6.2.2 ‘National Urban Park: Vision, Governance and Boundaries [GPC 2024-0603]’ of the city’s Governance and Priorities Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

In doing so, we wish to firstly express our support for a National Urban Park in Saskatoon and the opportunities this presents to strengthen and prioritize conservation efforts in the Saskatoon region. We further support the vision and governance model, as presented to the Committee. Protecting, restoring, and connecting our most prized and fragile ecological and cultural landscapes is critical to halting and reversing biodiversity loss, creating resiliency (inc., providing ecological services, i.e., flood mitigation, cooling cities, sequestering and storing carbon, etc.), and to supporting and maintaining space for people to access the land for the betterment of their wellbeing and cultural needs.

We also wish to provide additional comments concerning the latest submission to the Committee by the Administration, especially in respect of the boundary endorsement made by City Council back in February 2023 (detailed below), that gives us cause for concern.

“Minutes of Regular Meeting of City Council Wednesday, February 22, 2023:

That the boundaries for the Northeast and Small Swales, as outlined in Option 3, be endorsed including the two remaining green pieces identified in the February 17, 2023, correspondence from the Swale Watchers be added to the preliminary boundaries for the Northeast Swale. These areas are identified as “recommended additions” for the “Swale Protected Area”.”

We notice that reference to this endorsement has been excluded from the ‘Approval Report’ submitted by the administration and only references the SPC on Planning, Development and Community Services meeting (February 8, 2023) recommendation to City Council to endorse Option 3, as is. While Appendix 4 provides reference to endorsed boundaries (2023), the administrations provisional NUP boundary has made a significant reduction to this endorsement without any clear justification why, especially given the detailed discussion amongst Members of City Council at that February 2023 regular meeting. As currently endorsed (2023), the boundaries do not include areas intended for development, while the Administration’s ‘Approval Report’ suggests existing endorsed areas for protection are ‘intended for

development'. **We suggest clarity is sort to better understand the Administration's direction to the Committee.**

Furthermore, we would stress to the Committee that the submission by Meewasin Valley Authority and Parks Canada (Appendix 3 – Annex A) does not make it clear what their boundary proposals are. The Administration's 'Approval Report' also recommends endorsement of Appendix 3 – Annex A. **Are they resubmitting 'Option 3', supporting the Administration submission (Appendix 4), or are they supporting the 2023 boundary endorsement by Council?**

What we do understand is that a new Council has been sworn in since these endorsements were made in 2023, with only a few Councillors who were part of that 2023 endorsement; thus, given the overwhelming support for the amended 'Option 3' endorsement back then, we encourage the new Councillors to show strong ambition and leadership for nature conservation in urban settings. The City of Saskatoon has an incredibly important and responsible role to play in effectively managing land for conservation – especially as we continue to witness biodiversity loss and species extinction at unprecedented levels globally – as do many other municipalities across Canada. The prospect of a National Urban Park in the region presents the ideal opportunity for the city to be part of the solution in halting and reversing biodiversity loss and using this designation process to support greater conservation measures across the city. The Meewasin Valley Authority has taken great strides over the decades to protect and manage many important areas of the city. With this greater opportunity and at such a time when action to halt and reverse biodiversity loss is critical, the city is well placed to take on this leadership role and show Canada and the world that protecting, restoring, and connecting urban ecosystems - like the Small and NE Swale – through the designation of a NUP, makes ecological, cultural, and economic sense.

Regarding economics, research by CPAWS¹ and others, including DUC and NCC², continue to identify the significant role protected areas can play in demonstrating that returns on investment in nature are persistent and long-term, continuing to accrue year after year as protected areas mature. This represents significant growth in spending, tax revenue and GDP. Recognizing this value is critical in a time where destruction and fragmentation of natural capital remain widespread, especially in our urban environments.

Therefore, the considerations you attempt to address at this Committee meeting on boundary endorsements for the National Urban Park will undoubtedly pave the way for the level of commitment the city places on **prioritizing ecological and cultural conservation** in some of our most important and at-risk landscapes and how **natural capital is as important an economic driver as development**.

The reward for such leadership goes well beyond the protection afforded such habitats and species. It goes towards inspiring future generations to learn about the value of protecting critical ecosystems and species, better acknowledging natural capital assets, and adding to the great work already entrenched in Meewasin's mandate. It also provides access to nature in ways many urban citizens are not always afforded, with many of our province's prized landscapes some distance from urban centres and out of

¹ [Canada's Protected Areas Generated \\$10.9 Billion in GDP, CPAWS Study Finds | Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society](#)

² [The Value of Natural Capital in Settled Areas of Canada, DUC & NCC](#)

reach for many. This is an opportunity to ensure our important ecosystems remain connected, ecologically functional and, where possible, intact, accessible, and a source of rich and flourishing biodiversity.

In these deliberations, we would also draw your attention to the requirements of the Official Community Plan (OCP), and specifically section E.2.5, with reference to objective (a) *“to identify and protect important ecosystems, wildlife habitats, and other natural areas and assets as part of the land development process”* and objective (c) *“To conserve the biodiversity of all species to support climate resilience in the city and region”*. We feel the city has set out a clear plan within the OCP more broadly to protect, sustain and connect natural systems. We, and many other stakeholders, will welcome the opportunity to work with the Administration and MVA to address any questions and/or opportunities to ensure the functionality of the Small and NE Swale Complexes, as part of the Saskatoon National Urban Park.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this important subject, and we hope this dialogue and other submissions will ensure that the Saskatoon National Urban Park – as a public park – will serve the best interests of its community and continue to support and enhance a vibrant and connected landscape.

Yours sincerely,

Stewart Coles

Executive Director | CPAWS-Saskatchewan

From: [Web NoReply](#)
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Subject: Comments - Katherine Lupul - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries
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Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Ward: Ward 10

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Comments:

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supported by the community and grounded in conservation science. The 2023 boundaries protect ecologically important areas of the Swales and include the minimum buffers necessary to safeguard these rare prairie landscapes. Any reduction in the buffers set forth by the 2023 endorsement is a direct attack on the preservation of this ecologically fragile and important territory. It is already disheartening walking through the Swale now and picking up chip packets and beverage containers that have been discarded much too casually.

While the recent motion acknowledged Council's 2023 direction, it unfortunately left room for further discussion about developing within those boundaries because, for now, the Swale boundaries are not final. Given the importance of these lands, Council has an opportunity, and a responsibility, to reaffirm its previous direction and ensure meaningful public involvement in any discussion about changes to boundaries going forward.

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Proposes a motion and votes YES to aligning the NUP boundary with the 2023 Council-approved boundaries of the Small Swale and Northeast Swales.

Proposes a motion and votes YES to instructing City administration to commit to transparent and authentic engagement with Swale Watchers and other members of the conservation community regarding any decisions that will affect the health or protection of the Northeast and Small Swales.

The March 11 discussion demonstrated that residents are concerned. I urge Council to build on that momentum by reaffirming its 2023 direction and ensuring that any future decisions about the Swales are informed, transparent, and grounded in community engagement.

Sincerely,

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

From: [Web NoReply](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments - Judith Cheesbrough - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 10:16:36 AM
Attachments: [Swale Letter.pdf](#)

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Submitted on Monday, March 23, 2026 - 10:04

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Judith

Last Name: Cheesbrough

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Avenue J South

Ward: Ward 2

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: March 23, 2026

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: National Urban Park: Vision, Governance and Boundaries [GPC2024-0603]

Comments:

For the sake of future generations of humans and wildlife, please protect these irreplaceable lands.

Attachments:

- [Swale Letter.pdf](#) 38.32 KB

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

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I remain concerned about the proposed National Urban Park boundaries in relation to the Northeast and Small Swales (Appendix 4). The revised park boundaries do not ensure protection of the swales within the boundaries endorsed by Council on February 22, 2023, which were supported by the community and grounded in conservation science. The 2023 boundaries protect ecologically important areas of the Swales and include buffers necessary to safeguard these rare prairie landscapes.

While the recent motion acknowledged Council's 2023 direction, it unfortunately left room for further discussion about developing within those boundaries because for now, the Swale boundaries are not final. Given the importance of these lands, Council has an opportunity, and a responsibility, to reaffirm its previous direction and ensure meaningful public involvement in any discussion about changes to boundaries going forward.

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Sincerely,

Judith Cheesbrough

From: [Web NoReply](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments - Valerie Martz - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 10:40:56 AM
Attachments: [City Council_Mar 25_2026_8.5.2.docx](#)

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Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Valerie

Last Name: Martz

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Bornstein Terr

Ward: Ward 10

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known): REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

See attached file

Attachments:

- [City Council_Mar 25_2026_8.5.2.docx](#) 15.38 KB

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March 23, 2026

Dear Councillors & Your Worship,

I am concerned about the proposed National Urban Park boundaries in relation to the Northeast and Small Swales (Appendix 4) as the revised park boundaries do not ensure protection of the swales within the boundaries endorsed by Council on February 22, 2023.

I am writing with three requests, that Council:

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3. Proposes a motion and votes **YES** to instructing City administration to commit to transparent and authentic engagement with Swale Watchers and other members of the conservation community regarding any decisions that will affect the health or protection of the Northeast and Small Swales.

Sincerely,

Valerie Martz

From: [Web NoReply](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments - Hannah Pilat - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 10:45:26 AM

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Submitted on Monday, March 23, 2026 - 10:44

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Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Hannah

Last Name: Pilat

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] McClocklin Road

Ward: Ward 4

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

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I remain concerned about the proposed National Urban Park boundaries in relation to the

Northeast and Small Swales (Appendix 4). The revised park boundaries do not ensure protection of the swales within the boundaries endorsed by Council on February 22, 2023, which were supported by the community and grounded in conservation science. The 2023 boundaries protect ecologically important areas of the Swales and include buffers necessary to safeguard these rare prairie landscapes.

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Sincerely,

Hannah Pilat

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

From: [Web NoReply](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments - Alexa Pierce - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 11:08:24 AM

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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Alexa

Last Name: Pierce

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Lorne Ave

Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

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prairie landscapes.

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Proposes a motion and votes YES to instructing City administration to commit to transparent and authentic engagement with Swale Watchers and other members of the conservation community regarding any decisions that will affect the health or protection of the Northeast and Small Swales. The March 11 discussion demonstrated that residents are concerned. I urge Council to build on that momentum by reaffirming its 2023 direction and ensuring that any future decisions about the Swales are informed, transparent, and grounded in community engagement.

Sincerely,
Alexa Pierce

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

From: City Council
Subject: 44 - Comments - Emily Lischynski - NUP

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 11:53 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Comments - Emily Lischynski - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries

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Submitted on Monday, March 23, 2026 - 11:53

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Emily

Last Name: Lischynski

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Spencer Crescent

Ward: Ward 5

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

What agenda item do you wish to comment on?: 8.5.2

Comments:

Dear Councillors & Your Worship,

I am encouraged that work toward and discussion around a National Urban Park in Saskatoon is continuing, and I appreciate that Council's March 11 Committee discussion acknowledged concerns raised by residents.

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The March 11 discussion demonstrated that residents are concerned. I urge Council to build on that momentum by reaffirming its 2023 direction and ensuring that any future decisions about the Swales are informed, transparent, and grounded in community engagement.

Sincerely,
Emily Lischynski

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

From: City Council
Subject: 45 - 8.5.2 - Comments - Fiona Boulet - NUP
Attachments: Saskatoon Council Mtg March 25 Agenda Item 8.5.2.pdf

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 12:11 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Comments - Fiona Boulet - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries

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Submitted on Monday, March 23, 2026 - 12:10

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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

Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Fiona

Last Name: Boulet

Phone Number : [639-XXXX-XXXX](tel:639-XXXX-XXXX) [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Primrose Drive

Ward: Ward 5

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): N/A

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Regular Business Meeting of City Council

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

As a resident who appreciates the full Northeast Swale, I request permanent protection of the full area identified in 2023

Attachments:

- [Saskatoon Council Mtg March 25 Agenda Item 8.5.2.pdf](#) 50.93 KB

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

RE: Council Meeting Request for March 25, 2026 Meeting

Dear Councillors & Your Worship,

As a Saskatoon resident, I appreciate the opportunities to experience nature and wildlife within the City. If our City's leadership chooses to reduce the protected landscape in the northeast, the remaining ecosystem will no longer be able to support such diversity.

Through this letter, I share the following three requests of Council.

1. Proposes a motion and votes **NO** to Recommendation 2: Approval of the 2026 Provisional National Urban Park Boundary in Appendix 3 based on the deficiencies of the boundaries, as shown in Appendix 4.
2. Proposes a motion and votes **YES** to aligning the NUP boundary with the 2023 Council approved boundaries of the Small Swale and Northeast Swales.
3. Proposes a motion and votes **YES** to instructing City administration to commit to transparent and authentic engagement with Swale Watchers and other members of the conservation community regarding any decisions that will affect the health or protection of the Northeast and Small Swales.

I support the over 140 people who wrote in on this important topic for the March 11 committee discussion. Council must build on this momentum by reaffirming its 2023 direction and ensuring that any future decisions about the Swales are informed, transparent, and especially grounded in community engagement.

Sincerely,

Fiona Boulet

Ward 5



From: City Council
Subject: 46 - 8.5.2 - Comments - Madeline Berezowski - NUP

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 12:18 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Comments - Madeline Berezowski - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries

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Submitted on Monday, March 23, 2026 - 12:16

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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

Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Madeline

Last Name: Berezowski

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Broadway Ave

Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

What agenda item do you wish to comment on?: 8.5.2

Comments:

Dear Councillors and Your Worship,

I appreciate that Council continues to move forward with discussions about establishing a National Urban Park in Saskatoon. It was also encouraging to see that the March 11 Committee discussion acknowledged concerns raised by residents regarding the protection of the Northeast and Small Swales.

However, I remain concerned about the proposed park boundaries as they relate to these areas. The current provisional boundaries do not appear to fully reflect the Swale boundaries that Council endorsed on February 22, 2023. Those boundaries were developed with community support and were informed by conservation science to protect ecologically significant portions of the Swales, including the buffers needed to preserve these rare prairie ecosystems.

Although the recent motion referenced Council's 2023 direction, it still leaves the possibility that development could be considered within those previously endorsed boundaries because the Swale boundaries are not yet finalized. Given the ecological importance of these landscapes, it is important that Council clearly reaffirm its earlier commitment to their protection and ensure that any future discussions about boundary changes involve meaningful public engagement.

For this reason, I respectfully ask that Council:

1. Proposes a motion and votes NO to Recommendation 2: Approval of the 2026 Provisional National Urban Park Boundary in Appendix 3 based on the deficiencies of the boundaries, as shown in Appendix 4.
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The recent Committee discussion demonstrated that many residents care deeply about the future of the Swales. I hope Council will build on that engagement by reaffirming its previous direction and ensuring that the protection of these landscapes remains a priority.

Sincerely,
Madeline Berezowski

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

From: City Council
Subject: 47 - 8.5.2 - Comments - Hannah Dyer-Heynen - NUP
Attachments: Letter%20to%20City%20Council.pdf_0.pdf

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 12:29 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Comments - Hannah Dyer-Heynen - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries

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Submitted on Monday, March 23, 2026 - 12:26

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Hannah

Last Name: Dyer-Heynen

Phone Number : 403 [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Manek Rd

Ward: Ward 10

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

Dear Councillors & Your Worship,

Please note that, while the words below were authored by Swale Watchers as a template letter, I have read and considered them thoroughly and mean them sincerely by submitting this. My children are young. I have a 5, 3 and less than one-year old at home. It would break my heart to see the biodiversity of the swale decline through their lifetime. The city will continue to grow around the Swales, as it should, but we have the opportunity to preserve an important piece of land that can educate and inspire people for generations to come.

I am encouraged that work toward and discussion around a National Urban Park in Saskatoon is continuing, and I appreciate that Council's March 11 Committee discussion acknowledged concerns raised by residents. I remain concerned about the proposed National Urban Park boundaries in relation to the Northeast and Small Swales (Appendix 4). The revised park boundaries do not ensure protection of the swales within the boundaries endorsed by Council on February 22, 2023, which were supported by the community and grounded in conservation science. The 2023 boundaries protect ecologically important areas of the Swales and include buffers necessary to safeguard these rare prairie landscapes.

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The March 11 discussion demonstrated that residents are concerned. I urge Council to build on that momentum by reaffirming its 2023 direction and ensuring that any future decisions about the Swales are informed, transparent, and grounded in community engagement.

Sincerely,
Hannah Dyer-Heynen

Attachments:

- [Letter%20to%20City%20Council.pdf_0.pdf](#) 67.79 KB

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The March 11 discussion demonstrated that residents are concerned. I urge Council to build on that momentum by reaffirming its 2023 direction and ensuring that any future decisions about the Swales are informed, transparent, and grounded in community engagement.

Sincerely,

Hannah Dyer-Heynen

From: City Council
Subject: 48 - 8.5.2 - Comments - Caroline Dinter - NUP

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 1:26 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Comments - Caroline Dinter - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries

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Submitted on Monday, March 23, 2026 - 13:19

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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

Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Caroline

Last Name: Dinter

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: 306 [REDACTED]

Phone Number : [306](#) [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:
Address: [REDACTED] SALLOUM CRES
Ward: Ward 10

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

Dear Councillors & Mayor Cynthia Block,

I am so pleased with the City's work towards a National Urban Park in Saskatoon as well as with Council's discussions acknowledging concerns raised by our citizens regarding the park's proposed boundaries. It is so important to remember that along with our urban forest, the Swales are critical green infrastructure, invaluable on so many levels to Saskatoon's citizens and wildlife. We are all keenly aware that native grasslands are one of the most endangered ecosystems on the planet and part of the reason that we are receiving National recognition for the preservation of this diverse and rare environment. Any reduction of the boundaries from those approved by Council in 2023 will be a significant loss in the efforts to protect this critical habitat. I implore you to please recommend the City of Saskatoon reaffirm the 2023 Council approved Swale boundaries for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,
Caroline Dinter

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

From: City Council
Subject: 49 - 8.5.2 - Comments - Martha Carter - NUP

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 1:45 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Comments - Martha Carter - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries

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Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Martha

Last Name: Carter

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Bate Cres

Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Regular business meeting of City Council

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

I appreciate Council's March 11 Committee discussion acknowledging residents' concerns regarding the reduction of boundaries for the National Urban Park.

The revised park boundaries for the Northeast and Small Swales do not ensure protection of those swales within the boundaries endorsed by council on February 22, 2023.

Unfortunately, Council's March 11 meeting left room for further discussion about development within the 2023 boundaries.

I am writing with three requests, that Council:

1. Propose a motion and vote NO to recommendation 2: Approval of the 2026 Provisional National Urban Park Boundry in Appendix 3 based on the deficiencies of the boundaries, as shown in Appendix 4.
2. Propose a motion and vote YES to aligning the NUP boundary with the 2023 Council approved boundaries of the Northeast and Small swale.
3. Propose a motion and vote YES to instructing City Council to commit to transparent engagement with Swale Watchers and other members of the conservation community regarding any decisions that will affect the health or protection of the Northeast and Small Swales.

I urge Council to act on the momentum of the March 11 discussion and reaffirm its 2023 direction so that future decisions about the Swales are grounded in community engagement.

Thank you, Martha Carter

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

From: Web NoReply
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To: City Council
Subject: Comments - Kirsten Sarmiento - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries

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Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Kirsten

Last Name: Sarmiento

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Ave T N

Ward: Ward 4

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known): REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

Dear Councillors & Your Worship,

I am encouraged that work toward and discussion around a National Urban Park in Saskatoon is continuing, and I appreciate that Council's March 11 Committee discussion acknowledged concerns raised by residents.

I remain concerned about the proposed National Urban Park boundaries in relation to the Northeast and Small Swales (Appendix 4). The revised park boundaries do not ensure protection of the swales within the boundaries endorsed by Council on February 22, 2023, which were supported by the community and grounded in conservation science. The 2023 boundaries protect ecologically important areas of the Swales and include buffers necessary to safeguard these rare prairie landscapes.

While the recent motion acknowledged Council's 2023 direction, it unfortunately left room for further discussion about developing within those boundaries because for now, the Swale boundaries are not final. Given the importance of these lands, Council has an opportunity, and a responsibility, to reaffirm its previous direction and ensure meaningful public involvement in any discussion about changes to boundaries going forward.

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The March 11 discussion demonstrated that residents are concerned. I urge Council to build on that momentum by reaffirming its 2023 direction and ensuring that any future decisions about the Swales are informed, transparent, and grounded in community engagement.

Sincerely,
A concerned community member

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

From: Web NoReply
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To: City Council
Subject: Comments - David Forbes - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries

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Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: David

Last Name: Forbes

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: David Forbes

Phone Number : [306](tel:306) [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Spadina Cres East

Ward: Ward 6

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Saskatoon Nature Society

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Saskatoon City Council Meeting March 25, 2026

What agenda item do you wish to comment on?: 8.5.2

Comments:

Dear Councillors & Your Worship,

RE: AGENDA ITEM 8.5.2

SASKATOON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 25, 2026

National Urban Park: Vision, Governance and Boundaries [GPC2024-0603]

I am encouraged that work toward and discussion around a National Urban Park in Saskatoon is continuing, and I appreciate that Council's March 11 Committee discussion acknowledged concerns raised by residents. I still have two grave concerns about the outcomes of the City Council decision on March 11 to proceed in some manner. I am concerned that this seems to be a decision made without public consultation or even information about what the boundary changes might be and most importantly why these changes have come about!

I am also deeply concerned that in the long run, this kind of process of blindsiding the public of apparently an arbitrary boundary change with very little warning or opportunity to fully participate in a decision that any reasonable person would think should have been done more carefully! I am worried that this kind of management reflects very poorly on our councillors and mayor who know full well how important the swales are to countless Saskatoon citizens. This breach of trust is easily lost and very difficult to rebuild!

I remain troubled about the proposed National Urban Park boundaries in relation to the Northeast and Small Swales (Appendix 4). The revised park boundaries do not ensure protection of the swales within the boundaries endorsed by Council on February 22, 2023, which were supported by the community and grounded in conservation science. The 2023 boundaries protect ecologically important areas of the Swales and include buffers necessary to safeguard these rare prairie landscapes.

While the recent motion acknowledged Council's 2023 direction, it unfortunately left room for further discussion about developing within those boundaries because for now, the Swale boundaries are not final. Given the importance of these lands, Council has an opportunity, and a responsibility, to reaffirm its previous direction and ensure meaningful public involvement in any discussion about changes to boundaries going forward.

I am writing with three requests, that Council:

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3. Proposes a motion and votes YES to instructing City administration to commit to transparent and authentic engagement with Swale Watchers and other members of the conservation community regarding any decisions that will affect the health or protection of the Northeast and Small Swales.

The March 11 discussion demonstrated that many, many residents have huge concerns about this. I urge Council to build on that momentum by reaffirming its 2023 direction and ensuring that any future decisions about the Swales are informed, transparent, and absolutely grounded in community engagement.

Sincerely,

David Forbes, President
Saskatoon Nature Society

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From: City Council
Subject: 51 - 8.5.2 - Comments - Kevin Stewart - NUP

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 2:33 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Comments - Kevin Stewart - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries

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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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

Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Kevin

Last Name: Stewart

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Kevin

Phone Number : [780](tel:780) [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: Yes

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Edmonton

Province: Alberta

Postal Code: T6C [REDACTED]

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

I live in Edmonton and the provincial government has blocked our Urban National Park. Instead of being jealous of Saskatoon and Windsor, I want to absolute best their natural treasures. Be bold and let our gem shine brightly.

I am writing with three requests, that Council:

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Please show the leadership the world needs.

Kevin Stewart

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

From: [Web NoReply](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments - Helen Pridmore - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 3:04:15 PM

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Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Helen

Last Name: Pridmore

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: HEH-len PRIDmore (not "Pride"...short "I", rhymes with "Hid more")

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Hilliard St W

Ward: Ward 7

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Regular Business Meeting of City Council, March 25

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

Dear Councillors & Your Worship,

I am happy that work toward and discussion around a National Urban Park in Saskatoon is continuing, and I appreciate that Council's March 11 Committee discussion acknowledged

concerns raised by residents (including myself, via letter).

I remain concerned about the proposed National Urban Park boundaries in relation to the Northeast and Small Swales (Appendix 4). The revised park boundaries do not ensure protection of the swales within the boundaries endorsed by Council on February 22, 2023, which were supported by the community and grounded in conservation science. The 2023 boundaries protect ecologically important areas of the Swales and include buffers necessary to safeguard these rare prairie landscapes.

While the recent motion acknowledged Council's 2023 direction, it unfortunately left room for further discussion about developing within those boundaries because for now, the Swale boundaries are not final. Given the importance of these lands, Council has an opportunity, and a responsibility, to reaffirm its previous direction and ensure meaningful public involvement in any discussion about changes to boundaries going forward.

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The March 11 discussion demonstrated that residents are concerned. I urge Council to build on that momentum by reaffirming its 2023 direction and ensuring that any future decisions about the Swales are informed, transparent, and grounded in community engagement.

The Swale areas are important vestiges of the original land, as it existed for centuries before colonization started in these regions and Treaties were signed. We need to maintain them, in order to maintain the life of the nature around us. Please uphold the Swale boundaries.

Sincerely,
Dr. Helen Pridmore

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

From: [Web NoReply](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments - Jory Cadman - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 3:11:52 PM

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

Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Jory

Last Name: Cadman

Phone Number : [306-](#)[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Ave J S

Ward: Ward 2

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

Dear Councillors & Your Worship,

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I remain concerned about the proposed National Urban Park boundaries in relation to the

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While the recent motion acknowledged Council's 2023 direction, it unfortunately left room for further discussion about developing within those boundaries because for now, the Swale boundaries are not final. Given the importance of these lands, Council has an opportunity, and a responsibility, to reaffirm its previous direction and ensure meaningful public involvement in any discussion about changes to boundaries going forward.

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Proposes a motion and votes YES to instructing City administration to commit to transparent and authentic engagement with Swale Watchers and other members of the conservation community regarding any decisions that will affect the health or protection of the Northeast and Small Swales. The March 11 discussion demonstrated that residents are concerned. I urge Council to build on that momentum by reaffirming its 2023 direction and ensuring that any future decisions about the Swales are informed, transparent, and grounded in community engagement.

Sincerely,
Jory Cadman

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

From: [Web NoReply](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments - Murray Hidlebaugh - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 3:12:43 PM
Attachments: [SES Letter to CoS regarding NUP Boundaries.pdf](#)

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

Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Murray

Last Name: Hidlebaugh

Phone Number : 306 [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] 20th St W

Ward: Ward 2

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Saskatchewan Environmental Society

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: City Council Meeting

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2 - National Urban Park: Vision, Governance and Boundaries

Comments:

Please see attached letter. Thank you.

Attachments:

- [SES Letter to CoS regarding NUP Boundaries.pdf](#) 1.13 MB

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March 23, 2026

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Re: Agenda Item 8.5.2 – National Urban Park: Vision, Governance and Boundaries

To Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council:

The Saskatchewan Environmental Society (SES) respectfully urges City Council to reject the recommendation to reduce the boundaries of the Northeast Swale and the Small Swale within the proposed National Urban Park.

The currently approved boundaries are the result of more than a decade of work by the Swale Watchers and other organizations dedicated to urban wetland conservation. These boundaries were established through extensive consultation, years of public debate, and rigorous scientific analysis. While conservation groups consistently advocated for even larger protected areas, development interests prioritized urban expansion, often without sufficient consideration of environmental impacts or the ecological value of these wetlands.

City Administration's rationale—that reducing the boundaries is necessary to align with current development plans and reflects an “evolution” from the 2023 proposal—is concerning. The 2023 boundaries were well known to Saskatoon Land and other stakeholders. Framing this reduction as a natural evolution to accommodate urban growth conflates land-use planning with land development priorities. This approach risks perpetuating a pattern of development that has already contributed to the degradation of wetlands in the region. While the City of Saskatoon has strong wetland protection policies, their effectiveness depends on consistent application and support across all departments.

SES is also troubled by the suggestion that maintaining or expanding the boundaries could jeopardize funding or delay the project by requiring further consultation. Missing from this argument is the risk that reducing the boundaries could undermine both the ecological viability of the swales and the City's credibility in advancing a National Urban Park. We contend that environmental integrity in the long term should not be compromised for short-term administrative convenience.

Boundary size is critical to maintaining the ecological integrity of wetlands. The existing boundaries were designed to ensure these ecosystems can function as healthy, resilient biomes. Reducing their size increases vulnerability to external pressures, accelerates degradation,



and diminishes their capacity to provide essential ecosystem services. At a time when climate change is intensifying, urban wetlands are increasingly valuable as natural heat regulators and flood mitigation systems.

SES therefore asks Council to reaffirm the 2023 boundaries, particularly those protecting the Northeast Swale and the Small Swale, and to direct Administration to adjust development plans accordingly. SES also asks Council to direct Administration to incorporate the 2023 boundaries, once reaffirmed, into the University Heights Neighbourhood #3 (UH3) concept plan. These wetlands have been identified by the City as having high ecological value for biodiversity, as well as for buffering against flooding, drought, and climate impacts. Indeed, they are among the most valuable wetland areas in Saskatoon.

In closing, the importance of conserving the swales is widely recognized, and the proposed National Urban Park reflects strong public support for their protection. Reducing the boundaries to facilitate urban expansion is not a justifiable course of action. SES urges Council to reject this proposal and to commit to a more collaborative and transparent approach in the future—one that respects prior decisions shaped by public input and scientific evidence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



SES Water Advisor

From: [Web NoReply](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments - Dan Ronis - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 3:27:16 PM

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Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Dan

Last Name: Ronis

Phone Number : [306](#) [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Marlatte Street

Ward: Ward 10

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Myself

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: proposed National Urban Park boundaries on March 25.

Comments:

Proposes a motion and votes NO to Recommendation 2: Approval of the 2026 Provisional National Urban Park Boundary in Appendix 3 based on the deficiencies of the boundaries, as shown in Appendix 4.

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Proposes a motion and votes YES to instructing City administration to commit to transparent and

authentic engagement with Swale Watchers and other members of the conservation community regarding any decisions that will affect the health or protection of the Northeast and Small Swales.

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

From: [Web NoReply](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments - Elise Lehmann - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries
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Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Elise

Last Name: Lehmann

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Coppermine Cres

Ward: Ward 5

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: National Urban Park

Comments:

Dear Councillors & Your Worship,

I am encouraged that work toward and discussion around a National Urban Park in Saskatoon is continuing, and I appreciate that Council's March 11 Committee discussion acknowledged concerns raised by residents.

I am excited by the prospect of a National Urban Park in Saskatoon. I think it is a fantastic opportunity to further care for and protect the vital landscape that we have in and around our city, and an opportunity to increase education and knowledge about these landscapes.

I remain concerned about the proposed National Urban Park boundaries in relation to the

Northeast and Small Swales (Appendix 4). The revised park boundaries do not ensure protection of the swales within the boundaries endorsed by Council on February 22, 2023, which were supported by the community and grounded in conservation science. The 2023 boundaries protect ecologically important areas of the Swales and include buffers necessary to safeguard these rare prairie landscapes.

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Proposes a motion and votes YES to instructing City administration to commit to transparent and authentic engagement with Swale Watchers and other members of the conservation community regarding any decisions that will affect the health or protection of the Northeast and Small Swales.

The March 11 discussion demonstrated that residents are concerned. I urge Council to build on that momentum by reaffirming its 2023 direction and ensuring that any future decisions about the Swales are informed, transparent, and grounded in community engagement.

Sincerely,
Elise Lehmann
█ Coppermine Crescent
Saskatoon, SK
S7K █

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

From: [Web NoReply](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments - James J. Dynes - National Urban Park - Vision, Governance and Boundaries
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 3:46:19 PM
Attachments: [Letter City Council-NUP_boundaries_23Mar2026.docx](#)

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

Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: James J.

Last Name: Dynes

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: 306 [REDACTED]

Phone Number : 306 [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: 90 Brown Crescent

Ward: Ward 7

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Not applicable

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Regular business meeting of city council

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

See attached document

Attachments:

[Letter_City_Council-NUP_boundaries_23Mar2026.docx](#) 18.13 KB

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This letter is to the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Saskatoon with regards to the establishment of a National Urban Park (NUP) in Saskatoon, particularly with regards to establishing the boundaries of the NUP. I give some background first before talking about the boundaries of the NUP.

The Canadian Government, on the success of the establishment of Rouge National Urban Park in the Toronto area in 2015, proposed to create at least six more National Urban Parks (NUP) in the 2021 federal budget. Feasibility studies were initiated for NUP in six cities, Victoria, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Windsor and Halifax, spread out across the country. The Meewasin Valley Authority (MVA) took the lead in Saskatoon, and with Parks Canada founded a steering committee, consisting of the Government of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Tribal Council, Metis Nation of Saskatchewan, City of Saskatoon, Rural Municipality of Corman Park, Wanuskewin Heritage Park, University of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan North Partnership for Growth. The steering committee's approach to determine whether there was interest in proceeding with establishing a National Urban Park in the Meewasin Valley and surrounding area, included engagement with the public and stakeholders to shape vision, boundaries and governance. My understanding is that numerous groups gave written documents, and there were several public forms held in the community. In addition, the steering committee engaged consultants to "Develop a visitor experience strategy for Meewasin, which will guide interpretive and programming activities at a new National Urban Park". The goals of the consultant were threefold, (1) to define how the potential NUP will be operated, including governance, operational service planning, and related costing for selected element; (2) to assess current trail conditions to prioritize areas for enhancement and development of new trail design guideline to inform trail enhancement and; (3) to create a prioritized list of land parcels for securement that aligns with local, provincial, and/or federal conservation interests, including potential land use/management options for each parcel. I also understand that the consultants met with groups. My understanding is that the consultants submitted a report to Parks Canada/MVA but it has not been publicly made available. After the public forms the MVA opened a public survey on-line to get additional feedback on the potential designation of a NUP in the Saskatoon region, with the survey concluding September 12, 2025. When I did the survey, though not clear, it appeared that the park boundaries proposed were the MVA current administrative area. Disappointment was upon me, after all the public consultation and consultant report, the park boundaries proposed was the status quo. On March 18, 2025 Parks Canada confirmed that the Saskatoon region candidate site has completed the pre-feasibility phase of the national urban park process (<https://parks.canada.ca/pun-nup/potentiels-candidates/saskatoon>) and that the site aligns with program objectives, with sufficient support from local partners to be deemed feasible as a National Urban Park. The project is now ready to shift into the planning phase. Great news but the proposed boundaries of the NUP were not shown in the report. Disappointing, but I was prepared to wait and see.

On March 3, 2026, the steering committee, after completing the Stage 2, planning was seeking endorsement from City Council to progress through to Stage 3, Designation. The Governance and Priority Committee recommend to City Council:

- 1) That the vision and governance as set out in this report for the National Urban Park led by Meewasin Valley Authority and Parks Canada be endorsed.
- 2) That the provisional boundary for the National Urban Park led by Meewasin Valley Authority and Parks Canada, be endorsed as set out in this report in Appendix 3; and
- 3) That the Administration be directed to provide a letter supporting Meewasin and Parks Canada entering into a Memorandum of Agreement for National Urban Park Designation, subject to Federal funding confirmation and the principles of shared understanding outlined in this report.

Looking at the documentation submitted it appears that the boundaries of the NUP in Saskatoon was the status quo, the existing MVA boundaries. What disappointment, especially since I had watched the deliberations to Council on the UH3 Neighbourhood Concept Plan on Feb 22, 2023, regarding what and should be excluded from the plan, specifically how much of the small and Northeast Swale should be preserved and eventually become part of the MVA. On that day, at least three park boundaries were submitted, one by City Administration, one by Meewasin Valley Authority and the other by Swale Watchers. I had submitted a letter in support of the boundaries proposed by the Swale Watchers. The difference between them was how much of the small and Northeast swale to protect. The City's wanted to protect the least, preferring to build subdivisions, MVA wanted to preserve a little bit more, hardly worthy of an organization supposedly claiming to have conservation as a main mandate and the Swale Watchers wanted the most protected but still in my opinion far less than should be protect, but they were afraid to ask for too much. Anyways, the Council stepped up to the occasion and proposed boundaries between that of MVA and Swale Watchers. Both the City Administration and MVA presented that day to the Council and knew the result. So, the million-dollar question is, how could the proposed NUP park boundaries be the status quo and not that endorsed by the City of Saskatoon Council? This is really surprising since the Saskatoon NUP steering committee asked people "to image tomorrow's park together" when the project was first initiated. The steering committee want to know your visons for the NUP. So, after all the public consultation, and consultant report, the steering committee could only come up with the status quo for the proposed NUP boundaries. WOW! Really!

Let me digress a little, give some more information on the Swales. First, in 1978, Raymond Moriyama, the author of "The Meewasin Valley Project", that established the MVA indicated that the Swales should be predominantly an "In-City Recreation Area". The Swales and surrounding area have been under study at least since 1992, with Bert Weichel's report, entitled "An inventory of natural areas remaining in the vicinity of Saskatoon", in 2003 by Stantec report entitled "The Small Swale Resource Overview", and recently MVA report entitled "Meewasin Northeast Swale Master Plan" was published in 2015, and many more reports. Almost studied to death. The main take away, the Swales are important native grasslands that need protection. It is well known that grasslands are one of the most endangered ecosystems, disappearing at alarming rates. We in Saskatoon have a golden opportunity to preserve the ENTIRE area of the Swales with this NUP. To be a "True" NUP, it should have something unique and special. Sure we have some natural grasslands (33 acres Saskatoon Natural Area) and some of the Swales included in the MVA area but this does make us a NUP in my opinion. We really need to preserve more of the grasslands in the Saskatoon area, specifically the Swale. If we did this, this would be worthy of the NUP status. I realize economic and environment always need to be in balance but image the economic benefits that could be realized with a grasslands NUP.

In summary, I am in support of establishing the boundaries for the NUP as that determined by the Council in 2023 and not that proposed by the steering committee. Also, there should be meaningful public discussion on including the entire Swale in the NUP boundaries before any final decisions are made about the boundaries of the NUP.

Finally, the consultant report on the Saskatoon NUP should be released to City Councillors if it has not already been done. Released to the public would be nice too.

James J. Dynes

From: City Council
Subject: 59 - 8.5.2 - Comments - Richard Huziak - NUP
Attachments: Swale NUP 260326.docx

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
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What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Council regular Business Meeting March 25 9:30 am

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2, National Urban Park Vision, governance & Boundaries

Comments:

Please see attached comments.

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Re: March 26, 2026 Council business Meeting (9:30 am) Item 8.5.2, National Urban Park Vision, governance & Boundaries

Your Worship Mayor Block & Council,

The Governance & Priorities Committee meeting (Mar 11, 2026) started to address border changes made by Saskatoon Land that is in contravention of the Feb.22, 2023 Council decision on the Swale borders that had been recommended from studies that recommend preservation of environmentally sensitive lands abutting previous Swale borders. **The meeting was met with 86 letters from concerned citizens and approximately 100 (rushed) petition signatures in opposition to redrawing Swale / NUP borders** because past studies showed the importance of the 2023 borders. Discussion of the borders consumed over two hours of the 3:41 long meeting! I guess this was important! Administration seemed to be taken back by the outcry.

Council: Please tell Administration firmly that you already decided the borders of the Swale, and thus the borders of the National Urban Park, on February 22, 2023, and that that was not a “suggestion”, but a mandated direction, and if they want to plan UH3, then they can plan it according to the February 22, 2023 borders.

Administration & Saskatoon Land seemingly did not seriously consider Council’s 2023 decision on the need for larger more buffered borders but instead presented a highly compromised & shrunken swale border that would reduce healthy habitat and biodiversity. And not even considered, is UH3 being built without strict dark-sky rules will compromise darkness within the split branches of the park habitat; reducing the buffer area will make this even worse.

In Joanne Blythe’s (Wild About Saskatoon) presentation at that meeting (see 1:23:48 in the meeting video) she restated the goals of Parks Canada in developing National Urban Parks, and the border changes thought up by Saskatoon Land are in complete contravention of the NUP goals. This, of course, does not show any leadership in environmental stewardship, so maybe we don’t deserve a National Urban Park at all.

At the same meeting Ms. Anger stated that again altering the boundaries (back in favour of Saskatoon Council’s 2023 perspective), would set talks back and jeopardize funding (1:03:05 of video) with Parks Canada. I seriously doubt that a move to designate more land within the Parks mandate would cause Parks Canada to step back from the project, and the more likely reaction would be “delight” at actually meeting the program goal.

So, what is the City of Saskatoon really willing to “give up” in order to get national recognition for being a leader in environmental conservation and indeed, the leader in influencing the prototype rules for NUPs across Canada? Apparently very little. If Council agrees to the clawed back land that Saskatoon Lands wants, then the Swales would become so compromised that their long-term survival is very slim. Conservation requires a working functional sized area of healthy land plus enough buffers to assure a hope that deterioration is not inevitable, but that survival of this precious environment has a chance. Not all plants and animals in the conservation zone live in the craggy swales that Saskatoon Land doesn’t want to build on. The commissioned studies made during the North Commuter Parkway and Saskatoon Freeway planning tell us that.

Not accepting the compromise from Saskatoon Land and their partners would allow us to believe that the City really appreciates and supports the National Urban Park as a t unique asset for years to come that benefits all residents and future NUP visitors. By contrast, it seems that the goal of UH3 is to maximize profits of the builders at the expense of the unique and rare environment of the swales. This grassland is unique and valued habitat as a park asset and as a GHG sink within the city. How does that song go, “Pave Paradise”?

From previous concept plans, such as that for the Swale-abutting Aspen Ridge, we know that buffer zones (such as the “Greenway” and the drainage forebays) are always taken from conservation land, and never from development land. This is just not acceptable, and especially not so when Saskatoon Land already wants to diminish land that was identified as “special consideration” by the studies. This is simply irresponsible.

It comes down to a definition: Are the Swales just useless land that is too difficult to build a new neighbourhood on, or is the National Urban Park the best park that can be created because the Swales and the adjoining unique (and disappearing) grassland has a chance of showing Canada that Saskatoon believes in the value of nature, and the value of a National Urban Park itself?

Respectfully,

Richard Huziak

Saskatoon

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What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

Dear Councillors & Your Worship,

I am encouraged that work toward and discussion around a National Urban Park in Saskatoon is continuing, and I appreciate that Council's March 11 Committee discussion acknowledged concerns raised by residents.

I remain concerned about the proposed National Urban Park boundaries in relation to the Northeast and Small Swales (Appendix 4). The revised park boundaries do not ensure protection of the swales within the boundaries endorsed by Council on February 22, 2023, which were

supported by the community and grounded in conservation science. The 2023 boundaries protect ecologically important areas of the Swales and include buffers necessary to safeguard these rare prairie landscapes.

While the recent motion acknowledged Council's 2023 direction, it unfortunately left room for further discussion about developing within those boundaries because for now, the Swale boundaries are not final. Given the importance of these lands, Council has an opportunity, and a responsibility, to reaffirm its previous direction and ensure meaningful public involvement in any discussion about changes to boundaries going forward.

I am writing with three requests, that Council:

Proposes a motion and votes NO to Recommendation 2: Approval of the 2026 Provisional National Urban Park Boundary in Appendix 3 based on the deficiencies of the boundaries, as shown in Appendix 4.

Proposes a motion and votes YES to aligning the NUP boundary with the 2023 Council approved boundaries of the Small Swale and Northeast Swales.

Proposes a motion and votes YES to instructing City administration to commit to transparent and authentic engagement with Swale Watchers and other members of the conservation community regarding any decisions that will affect the health or protection of the Northeast and Small Swales. The March 11 discussion demonstrated that residents are concerned. I urge Council to build on that momentum by reaffirming its 2023 direction and ensuring that any future decisions about the Swales are informed, transparent, and grounded in community engagement.

Sincerely,

Matthew Stefanson

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What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

I am writing with concerns about the provisional boundary for the National Urban Park. In particular, the language about the provisional boundary in recommendation 2, only weakly indicates the excluded areas of the Swales in the proposed NUP plan. Given that this information will directly inform the UH3 concept plan and given that conservation and land management are part of the mandate of the National Urban Park, the portions of the Swale not included in the NUP boundaries are of serious concern.

Further, the lack of public engagement on the Swales specifically following the February 2023

decisions by council to adopt the current swale boundaries concerns me as a citizen. Having participated in the NUP engagements, I did not find these to engage meaningfully with conservation needs in these rare prairie landscapes. While the prospect of a NUP in our city is exciting, it is puzzling to me why we would choose to exclude high-quality parts of the Swales, including breeding grounds and rare plant sites, from the protections offered by this innovative park.

These lands require appropriate land management and protection. I echo the Swale Watcher calls for the following:

1. Proposes a motion and votes NO to Recommendation 2: Approval of the 2026 Provisional National Urban Park Boundary in Appendix 3 based on the deficiencies of the boundaries, as shown in Appendix 4.
2. Proposes a motion and votes YES to aligning the NUP boundary with the 2023 Council approved boundaries of the Small Swale and Northeast Swales.
3. Proposes a motion and votes YES to instructing City administration to commit to transparent and authentic engagement with Swale Watchers and other members of the conservation community regarding any decisions that will affect the health or protection of the Northeast and Small Swales.

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.5.2

Comments:

See attachment

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What do you wish to do ?: Available to answer questions only

Comments:

I would like to see the entire swale protected. We must learn from centuries of global destruction. Once destroyed, it can be brought back. We have lost most of our wetlands and grasslands. Don't add to that loss.

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