

# Driving Miss Daisy

Or driving us all crazy?

McOrmond from Central to Wanuskewin

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# 2018-2021 Strategic Plan

- Environmental Leadership
  - The South Saskatchewan River Valley is Saskatoon's natural showpiece and supports biodiversity in its many forms. Our **natural assets are protected**, enhanced and **linked**.
  - Green infrastructure is identified and managed for the **benefit of current and future generations**
- Sustainable Growth
  - Our Plan for Growth is sustainable, through a **balanced approach** to land use, transportation choices, and efficient servicing.

# Green Infrastructure Strategy

- **Ensure protection of natural areas** and other green and open spaces as important infrastructure and part of a **valuable ecological system**.
- **Conserve biodiversity** through the identification and **conservation of natural areas** and by **increasing their interconnections**.
- **Maintain ecologically and culturally important land and water systems**.
- **Assist in the sustainable use** of natural resource land and economically important open space.

# Competing Interests

- Individual self-interest
  - “That bridge new bridge should have the speed limit set at 90km/h MINIMUM”
- Public interest
  - “...the limited solutions in place for animals who use the shrinking wildlife corridors in our area are not really enough. This would be a small gesture, but it would represent our city's commitment to a true balance between the needs of the land and the mere convenience of its citizens.”



Photo: Sept. 2018. M. Mickelson



Source: Google Images



## Prohibited Uses

It is recommended that the following uses be prohibited in all areas of the Swale:

- Off-leash dogs (Bylaw No. 7860);
- ATVs (Bylaw No. 7767);
- Snowmobiles (Bylaw No. 7767);
- Power driven vessel;
- Other motorized vehicles (except motorized devices emergency and service vehicles) (Bylaw No. 7767);
- Picking wildflowers (Bylaw No. 7767);
- Dumping (Bylaw No. 5713); and
- Littering (Bylaw No. 7767).

With development proceeding on all sides of the Swale, the dog parks in the area. As the Swale is not suitable for off-le



Poop bag litter in the swale, 2018. Credit: M. Mickelson



Stand-up paddleboarding at the Swale, 2016.  
Source: Instagram, Scottziegler



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• Northeast Swale, Saskato

scottziegler Out for a little #sup  
East Swale north of Evergreen. T  
just a big #sask #slough and wa  
lol. Neat to see some of the wat  
close tho.

scottziegler #yxe #saskatoon #f  
#northeastswale

kayakgram Pretty cool!

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Off-leash dogs at the Swale, 2017. Source: Google Images, "Warren Long"