

June 7, 2019

To Mayor Clark and City Council,

Firstly, I would like to thank the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for taking the time to write the letter of concern document in regards to the Northeast Swale Working Group. The report is well informed, and thoroughly expresses the importance of the Swales.

I am sending this letter of support for the actions laid out in the report from SEAC dated May 29, 2019, and included in the agenda for June 10, 2019 (7.2.1). Councillors, when reviewing the recommendations in this report, I urge you to keep in mind our global biodiversity crisis, and what little remains of our iconic prairie environment. We have a chance to preserve a globally rare ecosystem in our own backyard. Going further this could be part of a legacy project, that not only continues to offer local education, but also enhances tourism and recreational opportunities for residents of Saskatoon, and nearby communities.

On behalf of the Endangered Grasslands Alliance, we look forward to working with the City of Saskatoon to conserve grasslands. It is imperative that we protect the little native grassland that remains, and work towards restoring grassland ecosystems, and improving their connectivity.

Best regards,

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