

Good day everyone! I am resending the Ward 5 update from last week. I received feedback that the formatting was all messed up, and many of the links didn't work. I've been having trouble with my email system at City Hall. Hopefully this one will work better.

Good day all. Happy New Year! Below is an update on current civic matters...

New Ward Boundaries:

Ward populations must be within 10% of each other, by law. Due to our rapid population growth some ward populations are outside of these margins, so new ward boundaries must be drawn before the next civic election. The Municipal Wards Commission is holding a public hearing on this matter on **Tuesday, January 10 @ 7:00 pm** in Committee Room "E" at City Hall. All are welcome to attend and provide input.

I have maps for the 8 boundary options on my website. If you wish to view the maps, see more information about the new ward boundaries, or send your input by email, please visit my website at www.donauer.ca.

Riverbank Construction along Whiteswan Drive:

The City of Saskatoon will be repairing the interceptor trunk sewer in Meewasin Park north of Lenore Dr and south of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This work is necessary to keep the main line that flows into the plant from deteriorating. Most of the work will be done underground to reduce odour issues. Work at this location is scheduled through April 2011. The park will be restored when construction is complete.

River Landing to Return \$8 Million Profit to City:

On December 19, Council received a report indicating that, when all is said and done, River Landing will return an estimated \$8 Million back to the city. This will be a huge relief to tax payers, who may have had the perception that River Landing is a black hole that is costing the tax payers ever increasing amounts of money. The latest report shows quite the contrary. Any cost escalation from the original investment will, in fact, be covered by land sales for the remaining lots. We also expect that the operating revenue at River Landing will cover the ongoing costs of operation. The result is that River Landing will end up being a WIN/WIN project. When it is complete, we will have rejuvenated our river bank, and we'll realize an \$8 Million return on our initial investment. Furthermore, the commercial residents of River Landing will add multiplied millions of dollars in property taxes to the city every year.

New Website Design:

The Administration is currently developing a new website for City Hall that is more user friendly, and able to serve the public better. We require your input on what you think of our current website www.saskatoon.ca and what you'd like to see incorporated into the new design. Go to my website at www.donauer.ca to link to an online survey where you can provide your input. It only takes a few minutes.

Art Gallery of Saskatchewan Wins National Award:

The Remail Art Gallery has been awarded the "2011 Canadian Architect Award of Excellence". The proposed new gallery will be situated at River Landing. A public open house to view detailed drawings will be held at January 12 from 5:00 - 9:00 pm at TCU Place. Presentations will be made at 5:30 & 7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Updates and Information:

* Visit my website at www.donauer.ca for regular updates on major civic and ward 5 issues.

* Follow me on Twitter to receive daily updates @randydonauer

* Follow me on Facebook to receive weekly updates. (On my website "like" my Facebook page and you will receive all Facebook updates.)

Please forward this update to any friends/family who are not on my distribution list. To be added to my distribution list, they can go to my website and click "Get Timely Emails From Randy", or click this link <http://www.donauer.ca/contact.aspx> .

Let's hope this mild weather lasts. Until next month, enjoy your winter!

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