

Good day all:

Below is an update on Ward 5 and City Council issues.

To view previous Ward 5 updates, please visit my website. Under "Ward 5 Issues" you will see an archive of previous email updates. I try to keep them as brief as possible as I know you are all busy, but I provide links on many topics in case you'd like to read more.

Street Sweeping:

The City of Saskatoon has begun our annual street sweeping blitz. The first pass involved only the major streets in each neighbourhood to remove as much gravel as we can, as quickly as possible. Once that is done, our crews will return and do a thorough job on each street in your neighbourhood. That is when you will see door hangers asking you not to park out in front on certain days.

Click this link to see when your neighbourhood is scheduled to be done.

<http://www.saskatoon.ca/DEPARTMENTS/Infrastructure%20Services/Public%20Works/Roadways/Street%20Cleaning/Pages/Residential%20Street%20Sweeping%20Schedule.aspx>

Railway Crossing on 51st Street:

CN is repairing the railway crossing on 51st Street between Millar and Warman Rd beginning Friday, April 13 at 9:00 am. This is a major job, so that section of the road will be closed for a minimum of 3 days, until at least Monday morning. Please avoid this crossing during the construction period, especially during Friday rush hour.

Integrated Growth Plan:

Council has approved a high level vision and set of policy principles that will be used to guide Saskatoon as it grows to a population of 500 000 people. It focuses on two main elements – land use and transportation. Since our city is growing so fast, we must stay out in front and plan for the future. We are able to benefit from the positive and negative experiences of large cities that had growth booms over the past century. We can learn from their successes, and avoid their mistakes.

Police Headquarters Webcam:

Click the link below to follow the construction of the new Saskatoon Police Headquarters building. The new headquarters is scheduled to open in late 2013, once 25th Street is opened to Idylwyld Drive. <http://www.police.saskatoon.sk.ca/index.php?loc=messages/newhq.php>

South Bridge Webcam:

Click the link below to follow the construction of the South Bridge. The bridge, and all the Circle Drive construction, is set to open September 30 of this year. <http://www.circledrive.ca/>

Construction in Meewasin Park along Whiteswan:

The re-lining of the sewer main in Meewasin Park north of Lenore Drive is now complete. The park will be restored and seeded this spring, and will be returned to its natural beauty shortly. Our crews utilized innovative underground technology to re-line this sewer line "in place". This saved time, money, and caused minimal disruption to the park. The work was also done in winter to minimize infringing on your summer enjoyment of the park. Congratulations to our crews, who recently received an international award for being pioneers in this type of work.

Click this link for an explanation of the project.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2Q3au72xbg&feature=context&context=C439d0d0ADvjVQa1PpcFMbiD2IKhCNpLnVPAFZNxpyzLr9fy3jQNs>

Mendel Re-use:

Council has approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Children's Discovery Museum, to move into the Mendel building when the Remai Art Gallery of Saskatchewan opens. The Children's Discovery Museum is like a Science Centre for younger children. In fact, they are partnering with the Science Centre in Regina to display some of their exhibits here. The proposal received from the Children's Discovery Museum states that they are self-supporting. They do not require subsidy from the City of Saskatoon to operate their facility. For more information about the Children's Discovery Museum in Saskatoon, click this link. <http://www.museumforkids.sk.ca/>

Recycling:

The Administration has evaluated the Request For Proposals (RFP) for a curbside recycling program and is recommending that the city enter into a contract with Loraas Recycling of Saskatoon. Loraas's proposal met the financial threshold set by the city, and received the most points during assessment.

Though very supportive of the various recycling opportunities in Saskatoon, I was opposed to making a curbside program mandatory. The Administration will now be bringing a proposal to pay for this program by adding the cost to our utility bill. The report to Council is attached to this email if you wish to view it.

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Thank you!

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