

Good evening everyone. I have another Ward 5 update for you...

**Railway Crossing at 51st Street:**

Traffic will be restricted Saturday and Sunday, September 15/16 on 51st Street between Millar and Wanuskewin Rd. It will be single lane traffic each way while crews do work on the railway crossing. They had intended to lay asphalt in the spring when the crossing was repaired, but it rained that weekend so we put the asphalt off as it doesn't stick well to wet road, and can cause maintenance issues years later. The spring repair created a "bump", so the crossing isn't much better than it was before. The goal is to taper a ramp up to the crossing on each side, so the crossing itself is more even. I am hoping for good things. All should be restored to normal by Monday morning rush hour.

**Wanuskewin Road:**

Many of you have been asking about the grass embankment between Wanuskewin Rd and the sound wall, north of Lenore. It was seeded last year, but the seed did not take, and we've ended up with mostly weeds. I have received a commitment that it will be reseeded this fall, so that the spring melt will create enough moisture on the slope for the grass to germinate properly this time. They will also seed by using a drill press, so the seed is actually set into the ground at a proper depth rather than scattered on top where it can be washed away down the slope. Now that our own parks department is working on the project, I do expect improvement, and I expect to see nice grass there by mid-summer. I apologize this has taken so long.

**Municipal Benchmark Project:**

Council was presented with the Municipal Benchmark Project report for 2011. This report, prepared by an outside consultant, compares Saskatoon with Regina, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Calgary in the cost of various civic amenities, and how our tax dollars are spent. Please visit my website at [www.donaue.ca](http://www.donaue.ca) to view and download the entire report. Of special note... Saskatoon has the second lowest property tax per capita, and we have the lowest total debt levels per capita. It is a good report, and worthwhile reading.

**Remai Art Gallery:**

The Remai Art Gallery has reached it's goal of raising \$20 million towards the construction of a new gallery. In fact, they are still in the middle of the campaign and they expect to raise much more than their goal. Council has given approval for the Administration to go to tender. We expect the tender process to be complete by December, and work on site will begin in the spring.

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If you know of any Ward 5 residents who would benefit from my regular email updates, please have them email me and I will add them to my distribution list. Enjoy our mild weekend!!

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