

April 26, 2021

Office of the City Clerk
2076 Victoria Avenue
Regina, Saskatchewan
S4P 3C8

Re: MN21-4 Train Issues in Eastview and McNab

Dear Her Worship the Mayor and members of City Council:

My name is O'Neil Zuck. I have lived in Eastview area for about 57 years. I live(d) in homes in the Eastview neighbourhood that are about 60m, 100m, 170m, and 280m distance from the spur line. Currently, I live in a home about 100m from the main line and 280m from the spur line.

Fortunately, the main line has no horn noise. Thus, a train without horn noise makes a considerable quality of life difference. Thanks to the city and rail companies for the upgrades to crossings that allow the horn noise to cease on the main line.

The spur line is a work in progress, the spur line still has horn noise. To dramatically improve quality of life in Eastview the horn noise needs to be ceased. Industrial activity that requires trains on the spur line has increased for years and will continue to increase for many more years. The horn noise level many years ago was less frequent than now. From now, the horn noise will be even more frequent in the future.

The spur line has train lengths that usually run 150 cars (2km). The train then stops about 10 minutes. This leads to frustrations at all crossings in the city that this 2km train is blocking. An obvious consideration may be to cease trains that are over approximately 1km long that cover a spur line to stop in the city limit. This would decrease the length of time a street is closed due to trains.

There are many more additional issues and ideas, but I wanted to make my comment on a few issues.

I humbly ask the City Council to help our Eastview community as well as any other city community that is adversely affected by train activity. I am in favour of the motion stated above.

Thank you for your attention. Should you have any questions please ask or contact me.

Sincerely yours,

O'Neil A. Zuck
Eastview Resident, Regina, Saskatchewan
Ward 6