

Give charity a break

On Valentine's Day, I was inspired by the progress made on Station 20 West fundraising, with a donation by the Affinity Credit Union and the announcement by Wright Construction that it would waive its construction management fee.

Saskatoon is known as a community that cares about its neighbours. Yet, when it comes to Habitat for Humanity, which gives first-time home owners a leg up from poverty, this worthy charity has to pay full market value for the land it buys from the City of Saskatoon. In contrast, Regina requires a \$1-payment for the land.

Last weekend, volunteers in Saskatoon were swinging pickaxes into the frozen ground in order to get a building started on Avenue W. I am sure that these volunteers would have preferred to start the project in a warmer season.

However, they start when the \$80,000 is raised to purchase the land. Therefore, they wait.

I think the citizens of Saskatoon can match the generosity of those in Regina and give Habitat for Humanities a similar break on the price of land the charity purchases from the city.

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