

= Saskatchewan Highway 5 =

Highway 5 is a major highway in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan . It begins in downtown Saskatoon and runs eastward to the Manitoba border near Togo , where it becomes Provincial Road 363 . The highway is approximately 393 kilometres ( 244 mi ) long . Between the early 1900s ( decade ) and 1976 , Provincial Highway 5 was a trans @-@ provincial highway travelling approximately 630 kilometres ( 390 mi ) in length . At this time it started at the Alberta border in Lloydminster and traveled east to the Manitoba border .

In the summer of 1970 , the section of highway between Lloydminster and Saskatoon was designated to be a portion of the Yellowhead Highway . This section of highway maintained the Highway 5 designation until 1976 , when it was redesignated as Highway 16 to maintain the same number through the four western provinces ( Manitoba followed suit the following year , redesignating its section of the Yellowhead Highway from PTH 4 to PTH 16 ) . This redesignation shortened the length of Highway 5 to its current length of 393 kilometres ( 244 mi ) .

Along the route are several heritage sites , an international bird watching area , saline lakes , as well as regional and provincial parks . Museums and historical markers commemorate the region 's history along the highway .

= = Route description = =

Highway 5 begins near downtown Saskatoon at Idylwyld Drive North ( Highway 11 and 12 ) , as 23rd Street East . Saskatoon is the most populous city located in central Saskatchewan , Canada , on the South Saskatchewan River , with a metropolitan population of 233 @, @ 923 . The highway starting terminus is the intersection of the Saskatoon Railway Station a national historic site classified as a Designated Heritage Railway Station . The Fairbanks Morse Warehouse is a municipal heritage property along 23rd St. E. The highway turns north in downtown Saskatoon at the Saskatoon Transit terminal which will soon be home to a \$ 4 @. @ 2 million transit terminal on 23rd Street between Second and Third Avenues . Along 25th Street , there is an historic marker commemorating the King Edward School building the first home of Saskatoon 's city hall , and the Saskatoon World War memorial marker . The Meewasin Valley Trail follows the South Saskatchewan River through Saskatoon which is visible when Highway 5 traverses the University Bridge . At the top of the bridge is the University of Saskatchewan 's President 's Residence which was constructed between 1910 and 1913 . East of the residence are the Memorial Gates are a World War I memorial , the interment site of the Honourable Sir Frederick W. A. G. Haultain 's ashes , the entrance to the Royal University Hospital and University of Saskatchewan . It becomes College Drive after crossing the river , and at km 4 @. @ 4 , the road diverges into a divided or twinned highway with 2 lanes traveling in either direction across a meridian . Continuing east it intersects the Circle Drive city bypass route ( Highway 16 ) at an interchange that opened in 2006 . After a signalized intersection with Central Avenue and an interchange with McKercher Drive , Highway 5 leaves Saskatoon 's city limits at km 7 , but the city is directly beside the highway until km 10 , including a signalized intersection with the city 's McOrmond Drive .

According to the Atlas of Saskatchewan , the elevation around Saskatoon is between 500 to 600 metres ( 1 @, @ 600 to 2 @, @ 000 ft ) . Leaving Saskatoon , travel is through a moist mixed grassland ecoregion . Small Aspen groves surround sloughs which intersperse the glacial till landscape . The highway is paved between Saskatoon and Kamsack . Just outside the city limits , Highway 5 connects with Highway 41 at the site of a small commercial area that , as of 2007 , included the Sundown Drive @-@ In , one of Canada 's last operational drive @-@ in movie theatres . Highway 5 has been a divided highway through the College - Circle Dr. interchange remaining a divided highway until km 14 @. @ 0 . The remainder of the highway to the Manitoba border is an undivided highway . The communities of Strawberry Hills , Discovery Ridge and Settler 's Ridge are just off km 18 on Highway 5 . At km 21 , Highway 5 intersects Highway 316 .

Patience Lake is located at km 24 @. @ 3 and the Patience Lake potash mine is visible from Highway 5 . " Patience Lake is a shallow , permanent , hypersaline lake east of Saskatoon in an

area of extensive potash extraction . " The Patience Lake underground potash mine opened in 1975 was thereafter closed in 1987 due to extensive flooding . A new solution mine was reopened in 1988 .

At km 41 , it intersects Highway 671 , near the town of St. Denis . At km 64 , it intersects Highway 2 , where it begins a 6 kilometres ( 3 @. @ 7 mi ) concurrency . Highway 5 continues east at km 70 .

The town of Peterson is at km 76 and Highway 670 is at km 87 . The ecoregion changes to aspen parkland . Grasslands are resident on the upper slopes , and aspen groves on the lower areas . There tend to be more aspen groves in the aspen parkland as compared to the mixed grassland area . At km 109 , the highway passes through the town of Dixon .

The city of Humboldt is at km 115 . Highway 5 also connects with Highway 20 in Humboldt . Humboldt is Saskatchewan 's newest city located 113 kilometres ( 70 mi ) east of Saskatoon . Humboldt incorporated as a city in 2000 . A new Humboldt tourist booth was opened in 1971 on the highway edge . Humboldt has many large murals depicting its German Catholic history located on building walls throughout the city . The Humboldt and District Museum and Gallery is located in a 1912 post office and customs office with its landmark tower clock which has been declared a national historic site .

The Carlton Trail Regional Economic Development Authority ( REDA ) coordinates and instigates economy in an area of rural municipalities ( RM ) and towns in central Saskatchewan around Humboldt . The main industries of this area are agricultural , manufacturing , processing concerns as well as potash mining . A more recent industry to the area is tourism .

Situated 4 miles ( 6 @. @ 4 km ) west of Humboldt along Saskatchewan Highway 5 and two miles ( 3 km ) south is the Kloppenburg Wildlife Refuge . North of the city is the Humboldt 18 hole grass green golf course on Highway 5 . Original works by the painter , Count Berthold Von Imhoff , can be seen at churches located in Muenster and Humboldt . The establishment of St. Peter ' s Colony and Abbacy , Muenster , Saskatchewan has been designated as a Canadian National Historic Event on June 8 , 2007 , by the Minister of the Environment .

After Humboldt , Highway 5 passes through the town of Muenster at km 123 and intersects with Highway 368 at km 125 .

Highway 667 is at km 135 , and the town of St. Gregor is at km 136 . It then passes through the town of Englefeld ( km 147 ) . The village of Englefeld has a 600 pounds ( 270 kg ) hog which was built to celebrate the 25th Annual Hogfest celebration . The historic Wood Mountain - Fort Qu 'Appelle Trail is marked with a point of interest marker . McNab Regional Park is located south of Watson featuring pool and golf course . Watson is located at the concurrency of Highway 5 and Highway 6 , the CanAm Highway . At the intersection with Highway 6 is Watson ( km 156 ) . Watson ( Vossen , NWT ) is known as the Industrial Crossroads of Saskatchewan being the midpoint between Regina , Saskatchewan , and Saskatoon . Watson celebrated its first Santa Claus Day in 1922 , and has erected a 25 @- @ foot ( 7 @. @ 6 m ) -high Santa Claus to commemorate this event .

Highway 5 then passes through Wimmer ( km 165 ) , and Quill Lake ( km 175 ) . The village of Quill Lake features a large statue of a Canada Goose located at the intersection of Highway 5 and Main Street . The Highway 5 - Highway 35 junction features a historical plaque which commemorates the Touchwood Hills Hudson 's Bay Company fur trade post established in 1879 . The Carlton Trail and telegraph line are also remembered at this site where only a portion of the trail and the post cellar depression remain .

The highway continues east meeting with Highway 640 ( km 176 ) , Clair ( km 191 ) , and Paswegin ( km 199 ) . It enters the town of Wadena and intersects with Highway 35 at km 210 . Wadena Wildlife Wetlands and Wadena Museum and Nature Centre are features of Wadena , the Northern Gateway to the Quill Lakes International Bird Area . Wadena Wildlife Wetlands and Wadena Museum and Nature Centre are features of Wadena , the Northern Gateway to the Quill Lakes International Bird Area . These communities along with Quill Lake , ? Goose Capital of Saskatchewan ? , are all part of the Quill Lakes communities of Quill Lake .

Highway 5 's next minor intersections are at Kylemore and Highway 665 ( km 222 ) , Kuroki and Highway 38 ( km 232 ) , Highway 310 ( km 234 ) , Margo ( km 244 ) , Highway 617 and Invermay (

km 256 ) . Good Spirit REDA extends from Carlton Trail REDA to the Manitoba border , with its focus being tourism . The REDA is an agriculture based area around Good Spirit Provincial Park . Highway 755 connects with Rama ( km 268 ) and Theodore .

Rama was incorporated as a village in 1919 by John Berge . It is located on the edge of Spirit Creek , a tributary of Good Spirit Lake . Rama is home to St. Michaels church , a provincial historical site . Also at home in Rama is the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Anthony 's Church . A religious pilgrimage is held at the grotto each year on August 14 and 15 , persons of all faith are always welcome and all are free to have a self @-@ guided tour of the grotto and attend the annual pilgrimage .

Olysky ( Big Sky Farms ) runs large factory hog production facilities in the area .

The highway then leaves Rama and continues on through Dernic ( km 278 ) , Highway 47 and Buchanan ( km 286 ) . Good Spirit Lake Provincial Park is located south of Buchanan and south west of Canora . Camping facilities provide access to beaches , lake and a small area of sand dunes . Highway 5 continues through the appropriately named hamlet of Tiny and intersects with Highway 664 ( km 299 ) . To the north of Highway 664 is the Sturgis ski hill , as well as small heritage museums in both Sturgis and Preeceville . The junction with Highway 651 is at km 309 . The town of Canora , ? Heart of Good Spirit Country ? , is at km 311 , where Highway 5 has a 2 km concurrency with Highway 9 , the Saskota flyway . " Lesia " , a 25 feet ( 7 @.@ 6 m ) statue of a traditionally dressed Ukrainian woman offering bread and salt to travelers at Canora . Also within Canora are the Canora Station House Museum , Ukrainian Heritage Museum and Canada 's Only Toy and Autograph Museum . Ukrainian Orthodox Heritage Church of the Holy Trinity in Canora was designated a heritage site in 1984 by the town of Canora and it underwent restoration . In the Good Spirit REDA , Canora features a flax straw processing plant , manufacturing plant , and meat processing plant .

The next few intersections on Highway 5 are at Highway 650 and Ross Junction ( km 319 ) , Mikado ( km 326 ) , and Veregin and Highway 637 ( km 339 ) . The town of Kamsack , at km 352 , is the last major town that Highway 5 passes through . Within Kamsack is the Kamsack Power House Museum which features local artifacts and historic memorabilia . The National Doukhobour Heritage Village is a historical attraction at Verigin . Highway 5 also intersects Highway 8 near Kamsack . The highway is paved between Saskatoon and Kamsack , and gravel and unpaved through Togo and onwards to the Manitoba border .

To the north of Highway 5 , and east of Kamsack is the Duck Mountain Provincial Park . This height of land location features Madge Lake , camping , fishing , and horse stables . The highest elevation is near the Manitoba border near Duck Mountain . Highway 5 travels south of Duck Mountain which has an elevation of between 700 to 800 metres ( 2 @,@ 300 to 2 @,@ 600 ft ) . Highway 5 then intersects Highway 57 at km 360 . From Highway 57 , the highway turns south and meanders to the southeast as it passes the access to the town of Côté ( km 365 ) and through the towns of Runnymede ( km 374 ) and Togo ( km 387 ) , where it also intersects Highway 357 and Highway 369 . The Manitoba border is at km 388 , where Highway 5 becomes Provincial Road 363 .

= = History = =

The early Red River cart trail traversed the North West Territory prairies between Portage la Prairie and Edmonton via Humboldt and Battleford , intersecting the future location of Highway 5 at Humboldt . The Dominion Government Telegraph Line was constructed in 1875 , which was parallel to the future Highway 5 .

Both Red River Cart trail and telegraph line were abandoned in the 1920s . In 1925 , Provincial Highway 5 , the Evergreen Route , followed the surveyed rail line route of the Canadian Northern Railway , later the Canadian National Railway . Provincial Highway 5 had a western terminus at Lloydminster located on the Alberta - Saskatchewan border . When the province was surveyed , the road evolved from a dirt road to a gravel road . This was finally improved to an all weather road known as Provincial Highway 5 from the Alberta ? Saskatchewan border bypassing Saskatoon to the north , and continuing on to the Manitoba ? Saskatchewan border . Just as the rail line went

through Aberdeen , Warman , and Langham , so too did Provincial Highway 5 .

In 1925 , access from Saskatoon to Provincial Highway 5 was via Provincial Highway 12 which was a route due north of the city . The other connection was Provincial Highway 27 which traveled east and north from Saskatoon connecting to Provincial Highway 5 at the junction located at the town of Aberdeen . In the late 1950s and 1960s , the highway was straightened and widened . During this process , the current Saskatchewan Highway 5 connected Humboldt and Saskatoon in a more direct west and east highway . The old place names of Warman , Aberdeen , Vonda , Prudhomme , Dana , Bruno , and Carmel located on Provincial Highway 5 were no longer place names along Saskatchewan Highway 5 . Now the Highway 17 concurrency was the only north @-@ south stretch between Humboldt and Saskatoon and Meacham the only place name . On August 15 , 1970 the Yellowhead was opened for the northern Trans @-@ Canada route and the north western half of Provincial Highway 5 between Saskatoon and Lloydminster was designated as Saskatchewan Highway 16 , the Yellowhead route .

Travel along the Provincial Highway 5 before the 1940s would have been traveling on the square following the township road allowances , barbed wire fencing and rail lines . As the surveyed township roads were the easiest to travel , the first highway was designed on 90 @-@ degree , right @-@ angle corners as the distance traversed the prairie along range roads and township roads . 1926 Saskatchewan map

Highway 5 was constructed through Englefeld in 1961 . John Koenig was one of the first residents of Englefeld to own a car , a Ford touring car purchased in the 1920s .

= = = Upgrades = = =

Canadian Pacific Railway crossing lights were installed on Highway 5 at the east end of Humboldt . At the junction of Highway 20 and Highway 5 , there were traffic lights installed in 1973 . West Humboldt properties announced in the fall of 2008 that The Quill Centre will be opened in the fall of 2009 along Highway 5 .

Jan 3 , 1910 , was the first meeting of the RM of Blucher 343 . In 1911 , early homesteaders could choose to pay taxes at \$ 9 @.@ 00 per quarter section of land or working off \$ 4 @.@ 00 of this expense by constructing roads . A labourer and two horse team could earn 50 cents an hour and a four horse team with a driver was allotted 70 cents an hour .

A resurfacing improvement project was undertaken for an 11 @.@ 7 kilometres ( 7 @.@ 3 mi ) stretch between Mikado and Canora . The \$ 1 million project was completed the summer of 2001 . In the summer of 2000 , 13 @.@ 1 kilometres ( 8 @.@ 1 mi ) received resurfacing improvements between Verigin and Mikado . In February 2003 , the Department of Highways awarded a tender to resurface 8 kilometres ( 5 @.@ 0 mi ) from Quill Lake and eastward . " We are maintaining our focus on building better highways . Work on this \$ 940 @,@ 000 resurfacing project ... should be complete within two weeks " , said Highways and Transportation Minister Mark Wartman .

= = Intersections from west to east = =