



Craig Walbaum stands before a train crossing in Edmonton. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

City examines 'whistle cessation'

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Community craves peace and quiet



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When a train whistle pierces an

requesting a "whistle cessation" on the tracks cutting through the northwest community.

But it will take a lot of time and money for their wish to be granted.

Administration has studied all rail crossings in Edmonton that still need trains to whistle, the findings of which director of traffic operations Craig Walbaum to council Wednesday.

Walbaum ranked the top 15



Transport Canada has really specific guidelines for this.

Coun. Bev Esslinger

said.

He also identified what safety controls each have — whether

panies to comply with requests to stop sounding whistles.

But there's a big cost and time commitment for that: approximately \$250,000 and six months of work.

Walbaum said he's hoping to review the crossings "within the existing budget."

But on the crossings without all four safety mechanisms required, the city will need to find money for upgrades that haven't