

Official Community Plan Redesign – Heritage

ISSUE

As part of the Official Community Plan Redesign project, a draft of a new Official Community Plan (OCP) has been developed. This report provides an introduction to the OCP project, as well as an overview of the content expected to be included in the proposed OCP related to the conservation and awareness of significant architecture, historic and/or heritage buildings, sites or structures and areas.

BACKGROUND

The OCP is a statutory plan created under the authority of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, and provides a comprehensive policy framework to shape the long-term growth and development of Saskatoon. Its purpose is to guide physical, environmental, economic, social and cultural development of the community through a broad set of goals, objectives and policies. These policies provide a framework for decision-making that guides future development and redevelopment in Saskatoon and helps to achieve the community that Saskatoon residents collectively desire and envision.

Since the last major update of the OCP (in 2009), a number of initiatives have helped shape a new direction for the City of Saskatoon (City), including: Saskatoon Speaks Community Visioning process; Plan for Growth and associated initiatives; adoption of the Strategic Plan and its subsequent update; and City Council's endorsement of the municipally relevant Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Committee report. Consolidating these changes into the OCP ensures a consistent direction for development in the city and provides residents, City Council and the Administration a clearly defined vision for the city's future, supported by policies necessary to achieve that vision.

CURRENT STATUS

Long Range Planning has led the Official Community Plan Redesign project. The intent of the project is to update the OCP to appropriately reflect the current vision for Saskatoon, based on current management documents and endorsed initiatives (see Appendix 1 for a listing of documents which have informed updates to the OCP). The result includes a reorganization of the layout of the OCP to align it with the Strategic Plan, including making use of Strategic Goals as titles for individual sections of the document (see Appendix 2 for the draft Table of Contents).

Each section will be drafted based on an extensive review of City of Saskatoon management documents and endorsed initiatives, as well as internal engagement with relevant City staff to confirm the direction. Internal engagement occurred throughout 2017, 2018 and 2019 and included meetings with representatives from 29 of the 34 City divisions. Resulting updates to the OCP will reflect this engagement, as well as the engagement that informed each guiding document or direction.

A comprehensive review and approval strategy has been developed to ensure all appropriate committees have the opportunity to consider the proposed sections of the OCP. Before the full document is presented for approval at a public hearing, an overview of each section of the proposed OCP will be shared with the Municipal Planning Commission. An overview of relevant content will be provided to each of the City's five advisory committees, as well as to City Council through its Standing Policy Committees.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

This report provides an overview of content of the proposed OCP related to the conservation and awareness of significant architecture, historic buildings, sites or structures and areas. This content is included throughout the proposed OCP, with references to heritage included in:

- Section B – Our Local Context;
- Section D – Quality of Life;
- Section E – The Environment;
- Section G – Sustainable Growth; and
- Section J – Implementation.

This content supports The Heritage Plan, Civic Heritage Policy, and other plans, bylaws, policies and/or procedures related to heritage. General details on the content is included below, with additional information provided in Appendix 3 – Proposed Content of the Official Community Plan related to Heritage

It includes new policies relating to:

- Our location and our history; and
- Our present and our future.

It includes updates to wording from the following sections of the [current OCP](#):

- Section 6.1.2.3 – Downtown Houses;
- Section 6.1.2.9 – Heritage Resources;
- Section 9.1 – Riverbank Stewardship;
- Section 9.2 – Conservation of Natural Areas and Archeological Sites;
- Section 14.2 – Design Review Process;
- Section 15 – Heritage; and
- Section 18.1 – Zoning Bylaw.

New and updated content is informed by:

- [City of Saskatoon Strategic Plan 2018 - 2021](#);
- [C10-020 - Civic Heritage Policy](#);
- [City of Saskatoon - Culture Plan](#);
- [ayisiyiniwak - A Communication Guide 2nd Edition](#);
- [Saskatoon Speaks Community Vision 2011](#).
- [The Green Infrastructure Strategy](#);
- [Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth Regional Plan](#);
- [Storm Water Utility Business Plan](#);
- [City of Saskatoon - City Centre Plan](#); and
- [Service Level for Park Maintenance and Design](#);

Policies will provide overall direction for how the City makes decisions relating to heritage. For implementation of these policies, they should be considered in context of the full OCP document and decisions should be assessed against all policies contained within it.

NEXT STEPS

Reports providing an overview of the sections of the proposed OCP are being provided to the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) for review. In addition, each Advisory Committee will be receiving reports on the content relevant to them. As these reports are reviewed, updates to the draft OCP will be made as needed, based on discussions at MPC and the Advisory Committees. Once every section has been reviewed, discussions and direction from MPC and the Advisory Committees will be summarized in a report to MPC. This report will provide an overview of the proposed OCP document and will include a recommendation that the report be forwarded to City Council recommending that, at the time of a public hearing, City Council consider the Administration's recommendations that the proposed OCP Bylaw be approved.

APPENDICES

1. Official Community Plan Redesign – Guiding Documents
2. Official Community Plan Redesign – Proposed Table of Contents
3. Proposed Content of the Official Community Plan related to Heritage

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