

## **Proposed Content of the Official Community Plan related to Accessibility.**

The Official Community Plan (OCP) addresses accessibility in a number of locations throughout the document. Section C – Our Vision and Strategic Goals, creates a link between the OCP and the City’s Strategic Plan, providing a vision of an inclusive community that offers facilities, programs, services and a transportation network that is accessible to people of all ages and abilities. Section D – Quality of Life, provides general direction on inclusive and accessible facilities, programs, services, transportation infrastructure. Section F – Urban Form and Structure, provides general direction on the accessibility of the transportation network and infrastructure. Section G – Sustainable Growth, the accessibility of development and the connections to locations throughout the city via the transportation network is addressed. Section H – Moving Around, provides general direction on universal accessibility standards for the transportation network and programs of awareness. Also, within Section J – Implementation, general direction on the inclusion of universal accessibility in development within Corridor Growth Areas is addressed.

Details on the relevant content of each section and its source is included below.

### **Section C – Our Vision and Strategic Goals**

This section provides an introduction to the OCP and its use. It includes the City’s civic vision (as described in the City of Saskatoon Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021) and relationships and partnerships. Section C1.0 Civic Vision is proposed to include content that is relevant to accessibility.

#### **C1.0 Civic Vision**

This subsection entrenches the Strategic Goals and their descriptions as articulated in the [City of Saskatoon Strategic Plan 2018 - 2021](#).

Topics related to accessibility that the proposed content addresses are listed below:

- The implementation of “Complete Communities” that are inclusive and accessible; and
- The diverse options, convenience and accessibility offered by the transportation network.

### **Section D – Quality of Life**

This section provides direction on how the City may address the cultural and social identity and development of the community. This includes how art, culture and the health and safety may be supported or built into the community; how heritage should be conserved and a sense of place be instilled; as well as how community facilities and the city’s opens spaces such as parks and natural areas may be developed and offer community assets for people. Section D2.0 – Social Development, and D6.0 – Community Facilities are proposed to include content relevant to accessibility. Details these subsections and the source of their content is included below.

## **D2.0 Social Development**

This subsection includes policies relating social development. The sub-headings relating to accessibility include:

- Inclusive Community; and
- Accessibility – Physical, Financial, and Cultural.

To address these topics, the policies included in Section 17.0 – Social Development of the [current OCP](#) have been maintained or updated with new policy informed by the following documents:

- [Saskatoon Council on Aging - Age-friendly Saskatoon Initiative](#);
- [City of Saskatoon - Recreation and Parks Master Plan](#);
- [Saskatoon Speaks - Community Vision \(June 2011\)](#);
- [City of Saskatoon - Strategic Plan 2018 - 2021](#); and
- [A10-017 - Park Development Guidelines](#).

Topics related to accessibility that the proposed policies address are listed below under their respective proposed sub-heading:

### **Inclusive Community**

- Opportunities and accessibility for older adults to access civic programs and services.

### **Accessibility – Physical, Financial & Cultural**

- Distribution of services, facilities, open spaces, transportation infrastructure;
- Facility accessibility;
- Affordability of recreation facilities and programs; and
- Accessibility of recreation and services.

## **D6.0 Community Facilities**

This subsection includes policies relating to how community facilities help build healthy communities.

To address these topics, the policies included in Section 11.0 – Community Services and Facilities of the [current OCP](#) have been maintained or updated with new policy informed by the following documents:

- [City of Saskatoon - Recreation and Parks Master Plan](#);
- [Winter City Strategy Framework](#); and
- [City of Saskatoon - Strategic Plan 2018 - 2021](#).

Topics related to accessibility that the proposed policies address are listed below:

- Accessibility of community facilities; and
- The design of community facilities.

## **Section F – Urban Form and Structure**

Section F establishes land uses and provides guidance for the organization of the form, structure and land use pattern of the city. This includes the concentration and densities of development; integration with the transportation network and open spaces such as parks and natural areas. Local Area Plans and secondary plans such as Sector Plans and Concept Plans are also established as means of guiding development in specific areas of the City. Section F1.0 General is proposed to include content that is relevant to accessibility.

### **F1.0 General**

This subsection provides the vision for the long-term pattern of growth and development in Saskatoon and provides policies that will guide the city's development over the next 30 years or more. The sub-heading related to accessibility is:

- Transportation Needs

Urban form and structure is a way of describing the different areas of a city based on their period of growth and characteristics. This approach recognizes the uniqueness of different neighbourhoods; it also provides the basis for fitting policies and strategies to specific development opportunities and limitations in each area.

For a city like Saskatoon that is anticipating significant growth and change, a clear understanding of the urban form and structure provides a way to focus change in places where it has positive social, economic and environmental results.

To address this topic, the policy included in Section 3.2 – City Form and Structure of the [current OCP](#) has been maintained with updated wording.

Topics related to accessibility that the proposed policies address are listed below:

#### **Transportation Needs**

- The integration of land use and transportation planning to ensure the efficient use of the transportation network and facilitate accessibility.

## **Section G – Sustainable Growth**

Section G provides direction for how and where development should occur in the city and the process that supports this development. It includes development criteria; the considerations for the financing, phasing and the provisions of services for infill, brownfield and greenfield development; as well as direction for the coordination of growth and development with our regional partners. Section G1.0 City Growth and G3.0 Neighbourhood & Housing are proposed to include content that is relevant to accessibility.

### **G1.0 City Growth**

This subsection includes policies relating to the secondary planning process in Saskatoon. The sub-heading related to accessibility is:

- Community Focal Points

Community Focal Points are designated areas where people and activities come together for commercial, recreational, cultural, residential, or other purposes. The areas act as a focal point for the surrounding residential neighbourhoods, often providing daily amenities for residents and options for living in a higher density residential or mixed use environment. They vary in scale, density, and diversity of land uses so as to be sensitive to local conditions. Ensuring these areas are accessible to all residents by being both pedestrian-friendly and transit-oriented helps the City achieve its goals of a denser, more dynamic, connected, and walkable city, while preserving the character of surrounding residential neighbourhoods.

Proposed new policy has been informed by the following document:

- [Growth Plan to Half a Million - Growth Plan Technical Report \(February 2016\)](#)

Topics related to accessibility that the proposed policies address are listed below:

#### Community Focal Points

- Transportation accessibility to and within Community Focal Points.

### **G3.0 Neighbourhoods & Housing**

This subsection includes policies relating to the secondary planning process in Saskatoon. The sub-heading related to accessibility is:

- Neighbourhood Design & Development

Neighbourhoods are the building blocks of the city, each a part of the greater community of Saskatoon. Providing for a diversity of neighbourhoods and housing options, while ensuring a consistent level of services and amenities, helps meet residents' expectations and contributes to overall vitality and sustainability. As Saskatoon grows, neighbourhoods should be thoughtfully developed and maintained to ensure they include appropriate linkages to the city-wide transportation network, support all modes of transportation, and provide the opportunity for housing that meets the needs of residents at all stages of life.

Policies included from Section 5 – Residential Land Use and Housing Policies of the [current OCP](#) are maintained, with wording updated.

Topics related to accessibility that the proposed policies address are listed below:

#### Neighbourhood Design & Development

- The transportation network's accessibility and circulation within residential neighbourhoods.

### **Section H – Moving Around**

Section H provides direction for how the transportation network supports and is supported by development. It includes how the transportation network is planned and

integrated with land use planning; the transportation network's infrastructure and operations; the management of parking; the city's transit network and facilities; as well as the education and awareness programs related to the transportation network's offerings. Section H1.0 Transportation Planning proposes to include content that is relevant to accessibility.

### **H1.0 Transportation Planning**

This subsection includes policies relating to the alignment of land use and transportation planning efforts as a means to achieve the goals of the Growth Plan to Half a Million. The sub-headings related to accessibility include:

- Coordinated Land Use and Transportation Planning; and
- Accessibility.

Proposed new policies have been informed by the following documents:

- [Saskatoon Speaks - Community Vision \(June 2011\)](#);
- [Growth Plan to Half a Million - Complete Streets Design & Policy Guide](#); and
- [Growth Plan to Half a Million - Active Transportation Plan Final Report](#).

Topics related to accessibility that the proposed policies address are listed below under their respective proposed sub-heading:

#### **Coordinated Land Use and Transportation Planning**

- That Secondary Plans will provide direction on the accessibility of the transportation network.

#### **Accessibility**

- The accessibility of existing or future streets and their integration with surrounding land uses.

### **Section J – Implementation**

Section J provides direction for how the City will implement and achieve the contents of the draft OCP. This includes the provision of policies regarding engagement and coordination with other municipalities, jurisdictions, and authorities; secondary planning processes, the phasing of development and servicing; constraints to development; regulations, special provisions, enforcement, and amendment of the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw; subdivision of land within municipal boundaries; and operating and capital budgeting. This section is proposed to include the following subsection related to accessibility:

- Secondary Plans

#### **J2.0 Secondary Plans**

This subsection includes policies relating to the secondary planning process in Saskatoon. The sub-heading related to accessibility is:

- Corridor Area Plans and the Corridor Planning Program

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Policies included from Section 21.0 – Corridor Planning Program of the [current OCP](#) are maintained, with wording updated.

- Incorporate transit-oriented development design principles for new development in corridor areas.