

# Official Community Plan Redesign – The Economy

## 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 overview of content expected to be included in Section I – The Economy section of the proposed OCP.

## BACKGROUND

This report is one in a series of reports on the OCP redesign project, therefore the Background and Current Status sections have been omitted to avoid duplication of information. For further information, see prior OCP reports sent to MPC at their December 17, 2019, January 21 and 28, 2020 meetings.

## DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

This report provides an overview of the ninth section of the draft OCP, Section I – The Economy. General details of this section are included below, with additional information provided in Appendix 1 – Proposed Content of Section I – The Economy.

This section provides direction for how the City will facilitate and/or support the growth and diversity of economic development in the city and region. This includes the coordinated efforts in regional economic development, and the attraction, retention, growth and diversity of businesses within the city. Section I also includes direction for collaboration with local, municipal and provincial partners and authorities.

This section is a new addition to the Official Community Plan. The City has the ability to help facilitate and support the growth and diversity of economic development within the city, which includes an economic influence in the region. Including Section I – The Economy within the proposed Official Community Plan is a means to focus those efforts.

Proposed content is informed by:

- [Saskatoon Speaks - Community Vision \(June 2011\)](#)
- [City of Saskatoon Strategic Plan 2018 - 2021](#)
- [City of Saskatoon - Municipal Manual 2018](#)
- [Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth Regional Plan](#)
- [Saskatoon North Partnership For Growth Regional Plan – Regional Service Strategy](#)
- [SREDA Saskatoon Business Incentives 2018](#)

Policies in this section provide overall direction for economic development in the city and region. For implementation of these policies, they should be considered in the context of the full OCP and decisions should be assessed against all policies contained within it.

**NEXT STEPS**

Reports providing an overview of the remaining sections of the proposed OCP will be provided to the Municipal Planning Commission for review. As they are reviewed, updates to the draft OCP will be made as needed, based on discussions at the Municipal Planning Commission and the Advisory Committees. Once every section has been reviewed, discussions and direction from the Municipal Planning Commission and Advisory Committees will be summarized in a final report to the Municipal Planning Commission. 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, at the time of a public hearing, City Council consider the Administration’s recommendations that the proposed OCP Bylaw be approved.

**APPENDICES**

1. Proposed Content of Section I – The Economy

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