# Official Community Plan PAAC Review February 14, 2020



## **Presentation Outline**

- Project Overview
- Project Review Strategy
- Overview and review of content related to public art



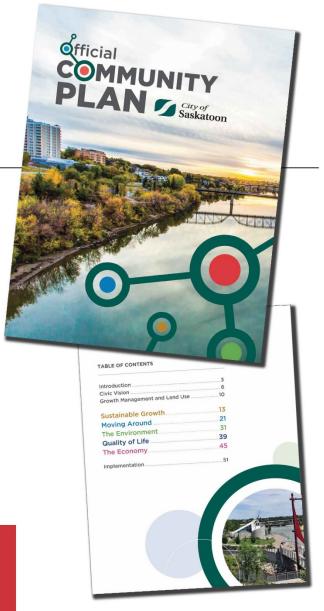
## SASKATOON'S OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

#### What is the Official Community Plan?

- The Official Community Plan (OCP) is our collective vision for Saskatoon as a prairie city and prosperous community.
- It provides both inspiration and direction, ensuring that the community's vision for Saskatoon is integrated into all aspects of our planning, priority-setting and development.
- The direction and goals outlined in the OCP are entrenched in law and recognized by the Province of Saskatchewan as a statement of Saskatoon's long-term vision.
- The OCP is a statutory (legal) document required by The Planning & Development Act, 2007. It gives the City the ability to be an approving authority.

"The purpose of an official community plan is to provide a comprehensive policy framework to guide the physical, environmental, economic, social and cultural development of the municipality or any part of the municipality."

- The Planning and Development Act, 2007 - Section 31





#### **OCP REDESIGN**

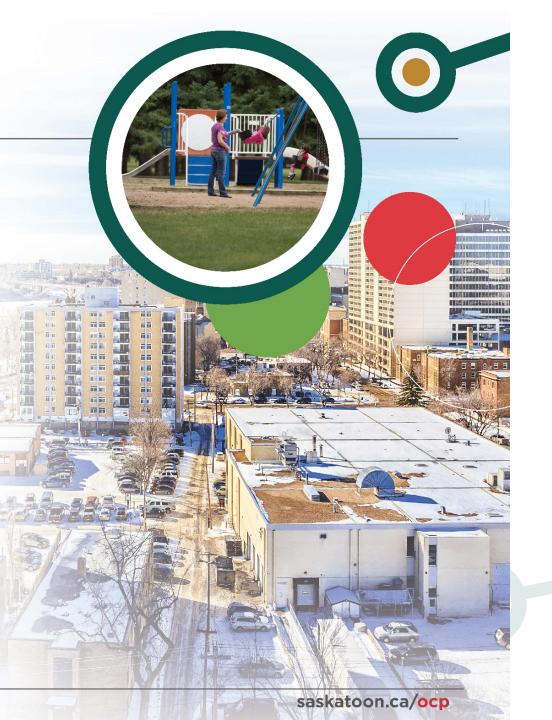
#### Why redesign the OCP? And why now?

- Our current OCP was initially approved in 1998.
   In 2009 it was updated to address a number of housekeeping items. Since 2009, an additional 74 amendments have been made to ensure it is current.
- Over the last eight years, the City has undertaken a number of initiatives and planning exercises that have helped shape a new vision for our city. Each of these initiatives have included extensive public consultation and have been endorsed by City Council. The redesign will ensure this new vision is reflected in the OCP.

#### These include:

- · Saskatoon Speaks · Plan for Growth
- Strategic Plan City Centre Plan Culture Plan
- Recreation and Parks Master Plan
- Active Transportation Plan Green Strategy
- Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth (P4G)





#### Official Community Plan Redesign

#### BY THE NUMBERS\*

Saskatoon's current Official Community Plan (OCP) was initially approved in 1998 and updated in 2009. Over the last several years, the City has undertaken a number of significant initiatives that have helped shape a new vision for our city. These initiatives have included extensive public consultation and have been endorsed by City Council. In order to reflect the new vision set by these initiatives, the City has undertaken a comprehensive review and redesign of the OCP.



#### **Public Engagement Events**

Open Houses, Pop-ups, Community Information Meetings, Workshops

5,428 People in Attendance



Council-endorsed reports, plans,

studies, policies, strategies and bylaws have been incorporated into the new Official **Community Plan** 

Respondents

Saskaton Speaks Shape Our

7.000-10.000

people were engaged in the Saskatoon Speaks Community Visioning Initiative from 2010 to 2011.



65 Meetings Held

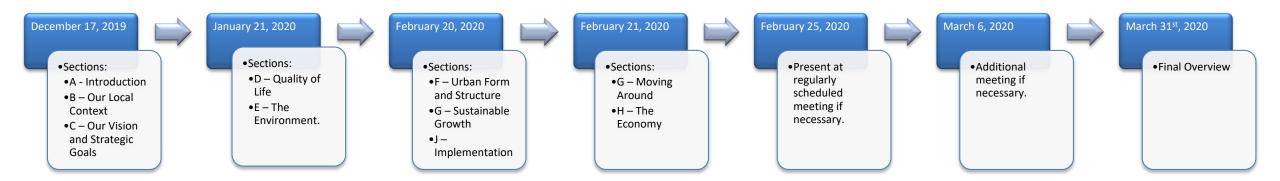
Presentations, Workshops, Focus Groups, Discussion

2.364 Participants



<sup>\*</sup> The numbers gathered for the purposes of this infographic are estimates based on available information on public record, While every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, the compilation of information may have limitations due to different reporting styles over time.

## **Municipal Planning Commission**





## **Advisory Committee Meetings**



## Governance and Priorities Committee Meetings

#### **Governance and Priorities Committee**

- February 18, 2020
  - March 16, 2020



## Section C – Our Vision & Strategic Goals

"Our neighbourhoods are "complete communities" that offer a range of housing options, employment opportunities, *art, culture and recreational facilities* and other amenities. Citizens have access to facilities and programs that promote active living, and enjoy the natural beauty and benefits of parks, trails and the river valley that brings people together.

Culture thrives in Saskatoon where diverse traditions, religions and languages are respected and celebrated. As a community, we find new and creative ways to showcase our city's built, natural and cultural heritage. Every citizen feels a sense of belonging. People are actively engaged in the future and governance of their city. Our community spirit is strong where, through conversation and collaboration, we work as one community to move forward, together."

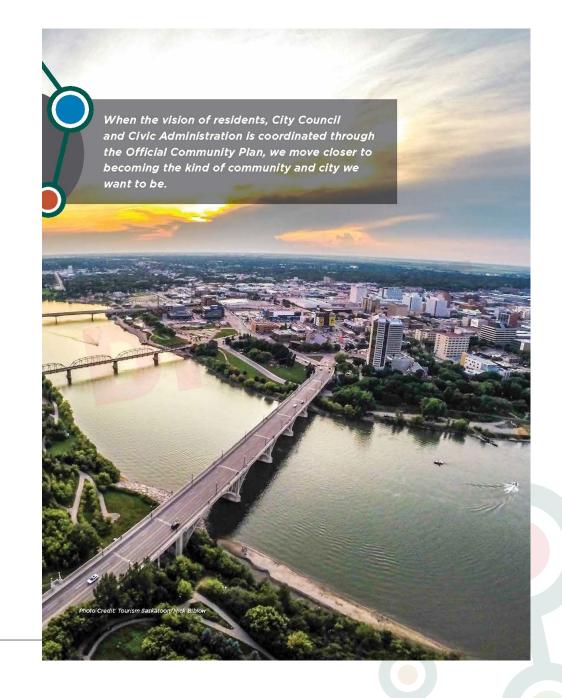


### Section D – Quality of Life

The Quality of Life section provides direction on how the City may address the cultural and social identity and development of the community. This includes how:

- 1. Art, culture and health and safety may be supported or built into the community;
- 2. Heritage should be conserved and a sense of place be instilled; and
- 3. Community facilities and the city's open spaces such as parks and natural areas may be developed and offer community assets for people.





## Section D – Quality of Life

#### City of Saskatoon Policies or Initiatives

- City of Saskatoon Strategic Plan 2018-2021;
- City of Saskatoon Recreation and Parks Master Plan;
- City of Saskatoon Culture Plan;
- City of Saskatoon Culture Plan Implementation Refresh (2018-2022);
- City of Saskatoon Heritage Plan;
- City of Saskatoon City Centre Plan Public Spaces, Activity and Urban Form
- ayisiyiniwak: A Communication Guide;
- Saskatoon Speaks: Community Vision 2011;
- Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination: Toolkit for Municipalities, Organizations and Citizens;

- Saskatoon Council on Aging: Age-friendly Saskatoon Initiative;
- Policy A10-017 Park Development Guidelines;
- Policy C10-020 Civic Heritage Policy;
- Policy C10-023 Cultural Diversity and Race Relations;
- Policy C10-025 Public Art Policy;

#### Current OCP Bylaw No. 8769

- Section 14.0 Urban Design and Design Review
- Section 15.0 Heritage in the Planning Process
- Section 17.0 Social Development



## **Arts and Culture**

#### Culture

- Cultural development;
- The City Centre and Downtown as cultural destinations;
- The cultural economy and tourism;
- Programming, festivals, and events in civic spaces; and
- Cross-cultural initiatives.

#### Public Art

- Public art in spaces throughout the city;
- Public art into civic capital projects;
- · Diversity of public art and artists; and
- Awareness and understanding of public art.



## **Placemaking**

The policies included in Section 14.0 – Urban Design and Design Review are incorporated with new policies intended to address:

- The overall network of public spaces;
- Improvements to the public realm; and
- Saskatoon as a four-season city.



## Section G - Sustainable Growth

This section provides direction for how and where development should occur in the city, and the process that supports this development. This includes development criteria and considerations for the financing, phasing and provision of services for infill, brownfield and greenfield development. As well as direction for the coordinated growth and development with our regional partners.



## **Downtown and City Centre**

- Overall design and image of the City Centre;
- Downtown as the centre of financial, administrative, cultural, and commercial activities of the city;
- Encouragement of art in public places throughout the City Centre and in other business improvement districts;
- Design and programming of public spaces that serve residents during all seasons in the City Centre; and
- Provision of open space and pedestrian amenities in the City Centre.



## **Questions?**

