

Official Community Plan Redesign – Proposed Content

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 the content proposed for inclusion in the new OCP.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on February 18, 2020, the Governance and Priorities Committee received a report providing an introduction to the Official Community Plan Redesign (OCP Redesign) project, as well as background on the OCP and proposed updates to it.

CURRENT STATUS

A draft of the proposed new OCP has been completed. Reports providing an overview of the proposed content for the OCP have been provided to the Municipal Planning Commission and the City's five advisory committees. In each case the content and direction of the project was received, and many positive and thoughtful comments were provided. Updates to the draft OCP are being made to reflect the discussions at these meetings.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

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The intent of the OCP Redesign project is to update the OCP to appropriately reflect the current vision for Saskatoon, based on approved management documents (bylaws, policies, strategies, plans, procedures and guidelines) and endorsed initiatives. To ensure this alignment, a review of management documents, endorsed initiatives guiding Administration's work and a review of public engagement was conducted (see Attachment 1 for a summary of engagement). This direction was reviewed against the current OCP to ensure alignment and identify necessary updates. No new policy directions are being proposed. All new content is being proposed to ensure alignment with approved management documents and endorsed initiatives.

Document Structure and Layout

To better align with the Strategic Plan and reflect the current direction of the City, a new organizational structure to the OCP is being proposed. This new structure includes the following individual sections:

- A. Introduction
- B. Our Local Context
- C. Our Vision and Strategic Goals
- D. Quality of Life
- E. The Environment
- F. Urban Form and Structure
- G. Sustainable Growth

- H. Moving Around
- I. The Economy
- J. Implementation

The proposed content of each section, and background on the source of the content, is outlined in more detail in Appendices 2 through 10.

NEXT STEPS

Discussions and direction provided by the Municipal Planning Commission, the City's five Advisory Committees and Governance and Priorities Committee 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, along with the proposed OCP Bylaw, be forwarded to City Council recommending, at the time of a public hearing, that City Council consider Administration's recommendation that the proposed OCP Bylaw be approved.

A communication plan has been developed to inform and educate the public on the OCP Redesign project and the planned public hearing including website updates, social media posts, e-newsletters to subscribers, news releases and City Page ads.

APPENDICES

1. Official Community Plan Redesign – Engagement Summary
2. Proposed Content of Section A – Introduction
3. Proposed Content of Section B – Our Local Context
4. Proposed Content of Section C – Our Vision and Strategic Goals
5. Proposed Content of Section D – Quality of Life
6. Proposed Content of Section E – The Environment
7. Proposed Content of Section F – Urban Form and Structure
8. Proposed Content of Section G – Sustainable Growth
9. Proposed Content of Section H – Moving Around
10. Proposed Content of Section I – The Economy
11. Proposed Content of Section J – Implementation

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