

Proposed Official Community Plan

APPLICATION SUMMARY

As part of the Official Community Plan Redesign project, a draft of a redesigned Official Community Plan (OCP) has been developed. This report presents the draft OCP text in full and recommends its approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That a copy of this report be forwarded to City Council recommending that at the time of the Public Hearing, City Council consider the Administration's recommendation that the proposed Official Community Plan, as outlined in this report, be approved.

BACKGROUND

At meetings held on December 17, 2019, January 21, 2020 and February 20 and 21, 2020, Municipal Planning Commission received the following reports:

- 1) Official Community Plan Redesign – Introduction
- 2) Official Community Plan Redesign – Quality of Life
- 3) Official Community Plan Redesign – The Environment
- 4) Official Community Plan Redesign – Urban Form and Structure
- 5) Official Community Plan Redesign – Sustainable Growth
- 6) Official Community Plan Redesign – Moving Around
- 7) Official Community Plan Redesign – The Economy
- 8) Official Community Plan Redesign – Implementation

These reports provided an overview of the OCP Redesign project, as well as an overview of the proposed content expected to be included in the redesigned OCP.

DISCUSSION

Supporting a Governance Framework

The OCP is the collective long-term vision for Saskatoon, guiding the physical, environmental, economic, social and cultural development of the community. It provides both inspiration and direction through a comprehensive policy framework to ensure the community's vision for Saskatoon is integrated into all aspects of planning, decision-making and priority-setting for the City. It brings focus and purpose to more detailed plans, including growth plans, financial plans and strategic action plans, among others.

Saskatoon's current OCP was initially approved in 1998 and updated in 2009. Over the last ten years, the City has undertaken a number of significant initiatives that have helped shape a new vision for the city. Consolidating these initiatives in the OCP

provides a clear, consistent long-term vision for Saskatoon to help guide how the city develops and changes. Once approved, the redesigned OCP will work in conjunction with the City's Strategic Plan and Multi-Year Business Plan and Budgeting process to create a strategic framework for how priorities are set and how the City achieves its goals.

A Living Document

The OCP is intended to be a living document. It provides a framework that can be monitored and updated to reflect new directions to meet the City's evolving needs. The OCP Redesign project provides an update of the OCP to reflect the City's current direction, but it is recognized that future updates will be required.

Updated policy language is being proposed as part of the OCP Redesign project to ensure regular assessments of the OCP occur. This includes reporting to City Council on progress toward the City's long-term vision, as well as on any necessary amendments, mechanisms, or approaches needed to continuously improve the OCP.

Draft Official Community Plan Text

The text of the draft OCP is provided in Appendix 1. This text aligns with the proposed content as outlined in the reports received by Municipal Planning Commission on December 17, 2019, January 21, 2020 and February 20 and 21, 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

Engagement

Guiding documents in Appendix 2 represent direction from City Council-endorsed reports, plans, studies, policies, strategies and bylaws that have informed the resulting language proposed for the redesigned OCP. Combined, these provide direction based on an extensive collection of public engagement initiatives including:

- 1) 55 public engagement events;
- 2) 36 online surveys;
- 3) 165 stakeholder meetings; and
- 4) Input or involvement from more than 20,000 participants.

A summary of this engagement is included as Appendix 3.

Extensive internal engagement of City staff across the corporation occurred throughout 2017, 2018 and 2019 to confirm the direction provided by these documents, City Council decisions and supporting public engagement that led to their development. This included meetings with representatives from 29 of 34 City divisions. Internal engagement provided the opportunity to ensure the OCP accurately reflected the direction of all divisions whose work falls under its framework. Proposed updates to the OCP reflect this engagement and the approved directions that guide the work of each division.

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Municipal Planning Commission, Advisory Committees and Developers Liaison Committees Reports summarizing the proposed content for each section of the OCP were provided to the Municipal Planning Commission.

Each of Saskatoon's Advisory Committees were provided with reports summarizing the relevant proposed content for each Committees mandate.

The Infill and Land Development Developers' Liaison Committees were provided overviews of relevant proposed content at their respective meetings on February 6 and 27, 2020.

Based on feedback provided, Administration has done additional work and made minor changes to language in the draft OCP. The proposed content still aligns with the summaries previously provided to each group, but the policy language itself was updated to reflect discussions that occurred at these meetings. A summary of these discussions is provided in Appendix 4.

Communication Plan

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is required for consideration of this matter, pursuant to Section 11(a) of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy.

Once this application has been considered by the Municipal Planning Commission, it will be advertised in accordance with Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy and a date for a public hearing will be set. A notice will be placed in The StarPhoenix three weeks prior to the public hearing.

APPENDICES

1. Draft Official Community Plan Text
2. Official Community Plan Redesign - Guiding Documents
3. Official Community Plan Redesign - Engagement Summary
4. Municipal Planning Commission, Advisory Committees, and Developers Liaison Committee Discussion Summary

REPORT APPROVAL

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