

Vaccine a dose of optimism in far north

Moderna greeted with 'a sense of relief' by officials in remote communities

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The COVID-19 vaccine has made it to the farthest reaches of Saskatchewan's north, bringing relief to remote communities grappling with continued outbreaks.

The arrival of a two-dose vaccine developed by Moderna, which has less strict storage requirements than another created by Pfizer and BioNTech, means the vaccine can now be transported to the far north, where outbreaks have left communities in extended periods of lockdown or high alert.

"There is certainly a sense of relief. I can see it in my staff," said

Derek Keller, the executive director of primary care for the Athabasca Health Authority.

He said the first shots were administered in Stony Rapids on Thursday night; 710 doses have been received and 1,290 more are on the way — enough to vaccinate 1,100 people since the 10-dose vials contain a little bit of extra vaccine.

"We can actually get 11 doses out of there, so we're going to be able to do an extra 100 people in the basin," Keller said.

"We're going to get probably a good third if not 40 per cent of our adult population as a result of this first allotment."

Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation had one of the largest outbreaks per capita in Saskatchewan in November.

He said the vaccine is a dose of much-needed optimism.

"We don't know when the end will actually happen, but the end is coming to this pandemic."

Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation (PBCN) Chief Peter Beatty was originally frustrated that vaccines were not immediately slated for delivery to communities in his region, but was relieved when the province announced it would distribute 1,450 doses to the far northeast.

Many of PBCN's communities have been in extended states of lockdown because of outbreaks, but he's thankful that essential workers will soon have some protection, Beatty said on Thursday.

"I'm hoping that it will arrive late this evening and we can start vaccinating our front-line workers early tomorrow."

Lac La Ronge Indian Band Chief Tammy Cook-Searson had also written to the Ministry of Health, criticizing what she called a lack of consultation with leaders in the far north east, including herself.

"It feels like it's opened a line of communication (with the province). It's a lot more people involved with the decisions now. So going forward, we hope that things can only get better," Cook-Searson said.

Adults in remote communities aged 50 and older are one of four priority groups Saskatchewan aims to immunize in the first phase of its vaccine rollout.

The province has formed an advisory committee on immunization in Indigenous communities that includes representation from the Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority, various provincial bodies and several tribal councils.

In a statement, Métis Nation — Saskatchewan said it was pleased with the status of consultation so far.

"We are working hard to ensure the unique needs of Métis are a part of an effective and equitable vaccine rollout plan," it said.

Keller said his staff are reaching out to more adults, asking if they would like to be vaccinated.

"We will get through it," he said. "The communities will get through it."

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

(*Closed meetings will be noted if there are any scheduled otherwise all meetings are open to the public.)

Submissions providing comments and/or requesting to speak will be accepted for public meetings using the online form at Saskatoon.ca/write-letter-councilcommittees. If your submission includes a request to speak, you will be contacted by a representative from the City Clerk's Office with further information.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021

Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services
NEW TIME! Teleconference meeting hosted in Council Chamber, City Hall at 9:30 a.m. (live streamed at saskatoon.ca/meetings)

Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

Teleconference meeting hosted in Council Chamber, City Hall at 2:00 p.m. (live streamed at saskatoon.ca/meetings)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021

Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services

NEW TIME! Teleconference meeting hosted in Council Chamber, City Hall at 9:30 a.m. (live streamed at saskatoon.ca/meetings)

Standing Policy Committee on Finance

Teleconference meeting hosted in Council Chamber, City Hall at 2:00 p.m. (live streamed at saskatoon.ca/meetings)

*Closed session included as part of agenda

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021

Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee

Teleconference meeting hosted in Committee Room E at 11:30 a.m. (video will be available post meeting at saskatoon.ca/meetings)

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee

Teleconference meeting hosted in Council Chamber at 12:00 p.m. (live streamed at saskatoon.ca/meetings)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2021

Public Art Advisory Committee

Teleconference meeting hosted in Council Chamber, City Hall at 2:30 p.m. (live streamed at saskatoon.ca/meetings)

The next Regular Business and Public Hearing Meetings of City Council are scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2021 beginning at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. respectively.

Regular and Public Hearing meetings of City Council are broadcast live on Shaw TV - Channel 10 and Shaw BlueSky - Channel 105 starting at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., respectively. Public meetings of City Council, including public meetings of the Governance and Priorities Committee and Standing Policy Committees are also video-streamed live on the City's website as well as archived for future viewing. Go to saskatoon.ca/meetings.

Agendas for public meetings may be viewed by visiting our website at saskatoon.ca/meetings.

For further information regarding these meetings or information on communicating with City Council or its Committees, visit our website at saskatoon.ca and look under City Hall.

*CLOSED MEETINGS

Closed meetings may be held but are not open to the public because they deal with issues that are sensitive in nature and meet the requirements of Part III of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. No final decisions may be made at closed meetings. If there are closed meetings they will be noted in the above listing.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intention to Amend Heritage Designation Bylaw

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of *The Heritage Property Act*, S.S. 1979-80, Chapter H-2.2 that the Council of the City of Saskatoon intends to amend Bylaw No. 8232, *The Knox United Church Heritage Designation Bylaw, 2003*.

The Knox United Church Heritage Designation Bylaw, 2003 designated as Municipal Heritage Property, the property located at 838 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 3H4, and legally described as follows:

Parcel Number: 120283006
Lot 19, Blk/Par 171, Plan No. 99SA32572
Ext 0
As described on Certificate of Title
99SA32572CD

The Council of the City of Saskatoon intends to amend the Bylaw to change the legal land description to reflect a subdivision of the property such that the Bylaw refers only to the parcel containing the Knox United Church heritage building following subdivision.

The reason for the proposed amendment is that the land referred to in the Bylaw is to be subdivided into two parcels, one of which will contain the Knox United Church heritage building, and the other of which will be a separate parcel from that containing the Knox United Church heritage building.

And take notice that the amendment will be considered at a meeting of the Council to be held on **Monday, the 22nd day of February, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the **Council Chambers at City Hall, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.***

Any person wishing to object to the proposed amendment must serve on the said Council a Notice of Objection, in writing, stating the reason for the objection and all relevant facts, delivering the same to and leaving the same with the **City Clerk at City Hall, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**, on or before the **19th day of February, 2021**.

*In response to the City of Saskatoon's request for citizens to assist with controlling the spread of COVID-19, we ask that all submissions for the Public Hearing be submitted in writing. Should you wish to provide comments to City Council, please visit saskatoon.ca/write-letter-councilcommittees. If you are requesting to speak, please indicate this in your correspondence and you will be contacted by a representative of the City Clerk's Office with further information.

Written submissions for City Council's consideration may also be forwarded to:

His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
c/o City Clerk's Office, City Hall
222 Third Avenue North, Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5.

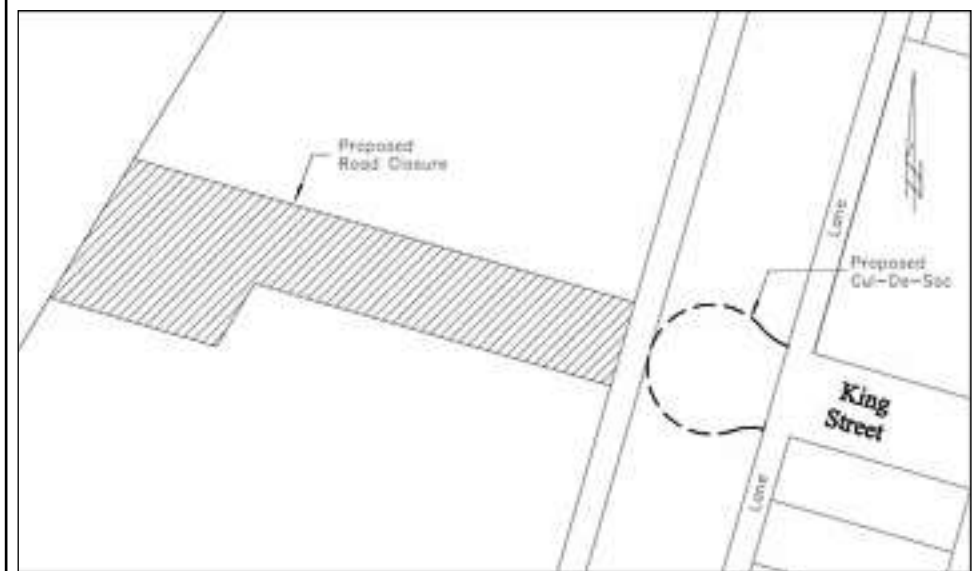
The Public Hearing is broadcast live on Shaw TV - Channel 10, Shaw BlueSky - Channel 105 and video-streamed on the City's website - saskatoon.ca/meetings starting at 6:00 p.m. on the scheduled day.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Closure of Portion of King Street

The City of Saskatoon is proposing the following partial closure of King Street adjacent to 75 and 88 King Street — Central Industrial Neighbourhood. A new cul-de-sac will be constructed approximately 130 meters to the east of the current cul-de-sac location if the proposed closure is approved.

Location: Portion of King Street adjacent to 88 King Street (to the north) and 75 King Street (to the south)



PUBLIC HEARING MEETING — City Council will consider the above matter and consider all written submissions on **Monday January 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS — If you wish to submit a letter on this matter for City Council's consideration, it must be received by **Monday January 25, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** Mail to:

His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
c/o City Clerk's Office, City Hall
222 Third Avenue North, Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

ONLINE SUBMISSIONS

Online submissions are received via the City of Saskatoon website at saskatoon.ca/write-letter-councilcommittees. Submissions must be received by **Monday January 25, 2021 at 10:00am.**

SUBMISSION QUESTIONS

Contact the City Clerk's Office at 306-975-3240.

INFORMATION

Questions regarding the proposal may be directed to:

Customer Care Centre
Phone: 306-975-2476
Email: customer-care@saskatoon.ca

SNOW CLEARING

The City's snow crew is picking up snow-piles along neighbourhood roads, around fire hydrants, and in the centre of cul-de-sacs.

Residents are asked to move their vehicles when the crews are in their neighbourhoods. Watch for 'no parking' signs a min. of 24 hours in advance.

Please remember, that on-street snow piles should not be played on for the safety of you and your family.

Thanks snow much for your patience and cooperation Saskatoon.

For more information on the residential snow removal schedule, frequently asked questions, and more visit: saskatoon.ca/snow

COVID-19 RESPONSE

for Saskatoon Residents



Our community spirit is strong when we work as one community to keep our guard up. We can continue to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community and protect the health of our family, friends and fellow residents by following important safety precautions, including:

- Stay home if you are not feeling well.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water; if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your face, mouth, nose or eyes with unwashed hands.
- Maintain a two-metre physical distance from others.
- Wear a non-medical mask (e.g. cloth or other materials).

What you need to know

- It is mandatory to wear a mask on Saskatoon Transit and in all indoor public places, including inside civic facilities such as City Hall and leisure facilities.
- Some people may not be able to wear a mask. Those who masks are not recommended for include:
 - Children under the age of 2;
 - Anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance;
 - Persons engaging in aquatic fitness activities.

For the latest updates on the City's response to COVID-19, visit saskatoon.ca/covid-19.