

# 2020 Year-End Report – Planning and Development Department

## ISSUE

This report highlights work completed in 2020 by the Planning and Development Department and provides an overview of upcoming work in 2021.

## BACKGROUND

Planning and Development is responsible for overall land use planning for the City of Saskatoon. The primary goal of the Department is to build an increasingly sustainable community over time, with an enhanced quality of life consistent with the vision and policies contained in Bylaw 9700, Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2020.

The mandate of the Planning and Development Department primarily relates to the City of Saskatoon's Strategic Goals of Quality of Life, Sustainable Growth, and Moving Around. These goals are achieved through a variety of targeted programs, policies and incentives, and involve a wide range of community partners, including housing providers, Business Improvement Districts, community associations, land developers, builders, Local Area Plan committees and residents.

## CURRENT STATUS

The 2020 Year-End Report for the Planning and Development Department provides an overview of the initiatives undertaken throughout 2020 and highlights 2021 activities (see Appendix 1).

## DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

In addition to the activities identified for 2021 in the Year-End Report, in 2021 the Planning and Development Department as a whole will be actively evaluating additional public engagement and communication tools that can be used to support the land use and regulatory processes. In response to a motion of City Council, approved in January 2021, Planning and Development, in collaboration with the Communications and Public Engagement teams will prepare a range of options for further consideration. These actions will be important to address in 2021. It is only through community engagement and consultation that the values of the community can be understood and then reflected through the implementation of development policies, programs, bylaws and standards. Evaluating the measures used to share information and gather input is an important step.

## OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no options, policy, financial, environmental, privacy, or CPTED implications or considerations; a communication plan is not required at this time.

## NEXT STEPS

The Department reports annually on its activities.

## **APPENDICES**

1. 2020 Planning and Development Department Year-End Report

## **REPORT APPROVAL**

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