

WintercityYXE – Winter City Design Guidelines

Project Definition

An action item in the WintercityYXE – The City of Saskatoon’s Winter City Strategy is to develop Winter City Design Guidelines (Guidelines). The Guidelines would provide guidance for future development by considering how design can provide greater levels of comfort and accessibility throughout the year.

Scope and Budget

Item	Scope	Budget
Winter City Design Guidelines	To hire a consultant to develop Winter City Design Guidelines.	\$50,000 + \$30,000 to \$50,000 if additional engagement part of contract.

Evaluation Criteria Alignment

This project demonstrates alignment with the funding application as follows:

Project Rationale

Responds to the impacts of COVID-19 according to local needs and context.

- COVID-19 has made the Administration consider better how people use space, in particular outdoor space. As a winter city, many months of the year are spent hiding from the cold and snow instead of embracing it. Through improving the design of buildings and outdoor spaces, the City of Saskatoon (City) can encourage more outdoor activities year-round, enabling the community to come together, even when pandemic guidance/rules like physical distancing require that people stay apart. Building and open space design can impact comfort and accessibility in winter through design features such as capturing sun for warmth, protection from wind and consideration of how people use light. This project would develop Guidelines for developers and the City to use at the beginning of the design process.

Considers public health measures in project design.

- N/A

If applicable, considers collaborators or partners to strengthen the project.

- Engagement would include working with the development community, businesses, and the public to gain input and buy-in on the Guidelines and to garner any feedback about what should be considered for the Saskatoon context.

Community Engagement

Demonstrates meaningful community engagement, including with those disproportionately affected by COVID-19, and considers equity.

- It is important to consider vulnerable persons in how cities are designed. A key element of the project would be to consider how building design would impact vulnerable persons during the winter months.

Demonstrates local leadership in decision-making and project delivery.

- The vision of WintercityYXE in Saskatoon is a vibrant, prosperous, and dynamic community that thrives during winter months and works together to support an active winter lifestyle that is inclusive and accessible for all. This project would help to build a City that supports an active winter lifestyle and accessibility for all by ensuring new development considers these needs at the outset.

Demonstrates how it will engage and generate participation in its project.

- Engagement would include working with the development community, businesses, and the public to gain input and buy-in on the Guidelines and to garner any feedback about what should be considered for the Saskatoon context.

Outcomes

Demonstrates positive community impact(s) through one of the Healthy Communities Initiative theme(s).

- This project addresses the Safe and Vibrant Spaces theme.

Demonstrates knowledge of community pressures and needs.

- Creating spaces that are open and inviting in winter encourages people to be more active and also encourages social interaction which can have a positive impact on mental health and can help combat social isolation.

Demonstrates a plan, if applicable, to sustain the project long term.

- Once created, the Guidelines would be an available resource for the City and the development community to use.

Considers a plan to capture community impact, including gathering stories and lessons learned for future projects, where applicable.

- The Guidelines would be monitored and updated as appropriate.

Project Implementation and Readiness

Provides a responsible budget including clear costing, procurement decisions and equity considerations. Demonstrates the project can be completed in realistic timelines.

- An action item in the WintercityYXE – The City of Saskatoon’s Winter City Strategy is to develop Winter City Design Guidelines.
- The project would be completed by a consultant. Once funding is confirmed, a consultant will be hired as per the City’s procurement policy and the work will be required to be completed within the required timelines. The cost of a consultant would be \$50,000 plus an additional \$30,000 - \$50,00 for additional engagement support, if desired. The Administration’s support for the project could be funded through the remaining capital funding available through the WintercityYXE Capital project.