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Date Tuesday, April 12, 2022 To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name Sherry Last Name Tarasoff **Phone Number** Email Address Peterson Cres City Saskatoon **Province Saskatchewan** Postal Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Subject 2021 Year-End Report – Planning and Development Department Meeting (if known) SPC on Planning, Development and Community Services on April 12, 2022 Comments Please find attached my questions on this agenda item. Thank you. Attachments 2020\_and\_2021\_year-end\_reports\_-\_planning\_and\_development\_department.pdf Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting? No

For future year-end reports, I propose that a list of initiatives be provided, along with timelines. Each year, these initiatives can indicate the progress made, as well as planned initiatives for the next year. Currently, the year-end reports only indicate "Looking Ahead to 20XX". In some cases, the planned activity is exactly the same as the prior year, just delayed another year. In other cases, the planned activity has changed but the status from the previous year is not addressed. Examples are listed below. A summary chart with this information would be very useful in the year-end report.

I also have some questions regarding items in the Report. Please find them below. Thank you.

2020 Year-End Report - Planning and Development Department

2021 Year-End Report - Planning and Development Department

# **P4G PLANNING DISTRICT**

### LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021

 The next year will be particularly important for the P4G partners as they create the P4G Planning District and continue joint projects to implement the P4G Regional Plan. The P4G Planning District is expected to be established in mid-2021, after the P4G Zoning Bylaw has been completed. The North Concept Plan and the South East Concept Plan are scheduled for completion in 2021 and early 2022, respectively. A Drainage Study is also planned, which will guide further land use and servicing plans in a significant part of the P4G region.

# LOOKING AHEAD TO 2022

The next year will be particularly important for the P4G partners: the P4G Planning District will begin its first year of operations, and P4G will undertake a Strategic Plan to create a framework for regional collaboration, guide decision-making, and set priorities. The North Concept Plan and the South East Concept Plan are scheduled for completion in 2022, and a Regional Commercial and Industrial Market Study is being contemplated once the post-pandemic effects on the sectors are better known.

Development applications in the P4G Planning District will ramp up as the P4G Planning District becomes operational. Warman, Martensville and Osler elected officials will begin to participate on the P4G District Planning Commission and staff will contribute to the District development review process. The P4G Planning District will include 13 members, 2 from each partnering municipality and three joint representatives.

P4G will continue to work with First Nations to better understand how they would like to be represented in P4G District Planning.

What is the status of the Drainage Study, referenced in the 2020 Annual Report?

## **INDIGENOUS PARTNERSHIPS AND INCLUSION**

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021

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What has caused the delay of the release of the Handbook?

### MAPPING

### LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021

- The Mapping and Research group will be updating the City of Saskatoon Population Projection Report to forecast the population from 2018-2038. This report assists with policy development, long range planning, and forecasting future municipal servicing needs and land acquisition. In addition, population projections are a useful planning tool for community agencies.
- In partnership with CUISR, the Mapping and Research group will be participating in the Point-in-Time Homeless Count scheduled for May (subject to COVID-19 implications). CUISR has previously been the research partner for the homelessness survey and count in 2008, 2012, 2015 and 2018. The Homeless Counts are a collaboration bringing together community organizations concerned with housing and homelessness issues to gather data on the scope of homelessness in Saskatoon.

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In partnership with CUISR, the Mapping and Research group will continue work on the Public Safety in Downtown Saskatoon project. This project will look at the factors that inform public perception of safety to develop an evidence-based, collaborative response. The response will look at ways to address the public safety issue as well as the root cause(s). Further research projects in affordable housing, and oral health for low-income individuals are continuing with CUISR into 2022.

### What is the status of the Point-in-Time Homeless Count?

# WINTERCITYYXE

One of the indicated achievements for 2021 was:

 An additional \$50,000 was also provided for a public washroom support pilot project. This funding was to support the successful operation of the Kiwanis Park public washrooms during the 2020/2021 winter through added capacity and community partnership. This support was in recognition that COVID-19 had made these operations more challenging, but also more essential. The pilot project was aimed at finding opportunities to better support vulnerable patrons while supporting overall safe and reliable use and access by all.

It should be noted that the pilot project did not proceed and the \$50,000 was not spent. Unfortunately, the Public Washrooms Advisory Group (PWAG) was unable to find a group with the capacity to lead a community group that could take on the care and operations of these public washrooms. The PWAG blended it in with the funding asks which were not approved but which would have helped this money go significantly further.

# **RIVER LANDING PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

#### Farmers' Market Building

The roof replacement project was completed in the first quarter of 2021. With that completion, the next steps for the Farmers' Market Building began to move forward.

In September 2021, Ideas Inc. was announced as the successful proponent for the lease and animation of the Farmers' Market Building. Since the announcement, negotiations to finalize the lease and operating agreements continued. At the same time, a Request for Proposals was issued to provide an architectural vision and design plan for the interior fittings of the Farmers' Market Building. The design plan will be completed in the first quarter of 2022 with construction commencing shortly after that. A fall 2022 opening of the Farmers' Market Building is anticipated.

When are the lease and operating agreements expected to come before Council for consideration?

# **Downtown Stimulus Strategy**

Nothing was mentioned about the Downtown Stimulus Strategy capital project. What is the status of it? It had been approved in 2020.