

ONLINE CITIZEN BUDGET RESULTS

Summary of Citizen Comments

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The City of Saskatoon values comments provided by citizens and the opportunity to share the input received. The following report includes all comments provided by individuals using the online Citizen Budget. In some situations, comments may have been edited or removed due to inappropriate content. For ease of reading, all comments that simply stated “n/a”, “no comment” or “none” have been removed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

What are your top priorities for the Saskatoon Fire Department? What change(s) would you suggest?

I am quite satisfied with fire department.
10% austerity cuts
A fire hall in each new suburb
Again it a cost that has to be, no change.
Again, this is a huge expense that seems to be mismanaged, a reduction of tax dollars spent on this would be good. Where I live they can't get there to be effective anyway.
Again, working collaboratively with justice, health & education systems should be a priority. Prevention costs less (money & lives) than an emergency situation.
All is good
All these questions deal only with money. Maybe efficiency of the expenditures should be a factor. Make sure every department...I am not singling out fire... but all city departments, even office, to reduce and eliminate redundancy and make sure everyone is actually on task for their time shift.
Any new additions are well thought out with present and future considerations.
As far as I can tell, we have a great set of first responders.
As the city expands, it's common sense to make sure we have enough new equipment and fire halls.
As with the police I don't know if resources are limited here or not. Luckily I have not had to use this service but safety for the fire men and woman is key.
Assign work so that these resources are working for the city and not sleeping during shifts.
Based on my tax assessment it would be approximately \$23 dollars a month more to ensure the safety and security of my family. Knowing that the Fire Department would be there in a timely fashion, and have qualified personnel to render any service needed would be my biggest concern. Reading prior comments from the previous years it is obvious that in some cases the general public isn't aware of what the Fire Department does. Perhaps an educational flyer in their tax notice on what exactly is done by the Department to show that they just don't go for "groceries" as one person noted or go to pick up needles another had stated. Education would go a long way in informing the public
Be more responsive to problems when citizens phone in about troublesome smoke from open fires, even indoor ones; and respond faster when citizens' report <suspected> deliberately set fires, even if the fires are small and haven't caused a loss of property.
Be there when I need you. Being part of the first call is critical to keep their response time and skills sharp.
Better planning of fire halls and locations. Huge money is spent moving and rebuilding, like the one in Nutana.
Big trucks sent out to pick up needles?? Really? Better use of resources
Build and staff additional fire halls ASAP.
Bylaw enforcement
Bylaw enforcement
Cap this at where it is for now and extend the travel
Carry on.
Community Connection when they are not called out.
Congruent with the rest of my responses I believe there is a need for fiscal constraint across all departments.
Continue with educating the public. Do more school programs/events/days on fire prevention, how the fire department works, and what it does.

Decrease overhead and administration and focus dollars on delivering the service.
Do we still send fire trucks out for non-fire emergency responses? If so, can this be re-visited? It has never made sense to me.
Emergency preparedness is a priority given drying climate and greater probability of extreme weather events.
Emergency response, education, endorsement. Basically keeping us safe.
Encouragement / enforcement to prevent buildings and properties, especially rental properties, from getting into extremely poor condition. Owners of very old, dilapidated, homes could be offered financial incentives to demolish and replace with properly wired, heated, insulated and built homes.
Ensure property safety. Support other emergency services.
Ensure response time is adequate
Find partnerships with federal and provincial counterparts to use specialty services in disaster situations. Make sure mutual aid agreements are up to date to ensure proper billing when large scale responses are required outside the city. Open an outskirts of town detox center/community living (in conjunction with Saskatoon district health) to house, feed and deal with repeat chronic drug and alcohol offenders that live on the streets. Many of these unfortunate individuals tie up both EMS and police services. These sites would require an EMS/nursing/ and security presence. They would differ from the light house in that people could do their drinking or drugs and not be kicked out, as long as they attended so many meetings on how they can overcome addiction. Start holding property maintenance companies accountable if their building continually have false alarms, and they perform no action to try to alleviate the issue.
Fine as they are.
Fire department does fine work right now.
Fire department seems to be functioning well. Don't know too much about it.
Fire hall / patrols for weeds and overgrown yards in east/south east side.
Fire halls in the new areas
Fire protection service is a basic service. Why is the fire department continually require to cut programs and reduce its costs while we spend millions on projects like the art gallery which attracts a limited segment of the city's population?
Fire services are fine.
First off would be nice to actually let the fire chief manage the fire department!! Protective equipment is past manufacturers' life expectancy, buying used equipment that are safety concerns, lack of personnel to properly train to maintain vital skills, lack of budget to fund training in all aspects of emergency response!
Freeze OT Salaries out of control
Get more utility out of the manpower from time they sit and wait for action.
Get new developers to build new fire stations in return for granting permission for new housing developments, and make them the first thing to be built.
Good
Great job to our Firefighters
Help fire response times by RESTRICTING trains from blocking roadways. If a call comes, trains should halt from disrupting response time. Is it always necessary for Fire to respond to Ambulance calls??
I am not aware of any disasters resulting from the above mentioned scenarios. All services need to live within the means of the taxpayers paying for them.
I am satisfied with the Fire Department services in my area.
I believe efficiencies and negotiations with early retirement of firefighters is a serious consideration. This I don't believe should apply for first responder/ paramedic because of the chronic exposure to stress in their daily lives.
I feel we have sufficient service.

I guess education and prevention as most of the fires are due to people being stupid. rags on top of a heater, knocking over a heater
I have been lucky not to require their services. Nothing to offer as I don't know enough about to comment. One question: why don't ambulance and fire halls share facilities?
I have no changes to suggest
I have no suggestions at this time, thank you for prevention programs
I recently heard that we have no place for our firefighters to do proper training for actual fires and rescue operations. I also recently heard that the police have a full sized basketball court in their headquarters and a shooting range that they can drive their vehicles onto for practicing taking cover. Does having a blockbuster movie style shootout happen more often than fires? I find the distribution of money hard to justify
I support significant decreases in funding to the fire department. We need to evaluate the role of the fire department in the 21st century.
I think fire department is doing a great job.
I think our fire department does a fantastic job.
I think our Fire Department is great as it is -- no recommendation for change.
I think personally our fire department does a wonderful job.
I think Saskatoon should make the Fire Department a top priority.
I think that the fire department is doing a fine job.
I think the Fire Dept. has been doing a fairly good job.
I think they are doing a good job - although I don't know the specific challenges they face.
I understand it's the fire department that has to deal with complaints about unkempt or dangerous yards, and that the list is long. Maybe that responsibility could be moved to a dept. that could have the time to act on complaints sooner with more authority.
I would suggest the Firemen purchase their groceries on their own time as everyone else & therefore stop driving the trucks for such outings.
If there are time barriers between locations in the city, then new fire departments should be arranged to be open, i.e. stations on either side of railway tracks, or routing planned to avoid delays. Contact and liaison should be made with CN and CP to alleviate time barriers, and know when trains route through the city.
Improved service, increased level of safety for citizens
Improvements in fire safety and prevention have drastically reduced the need of fire departments. We can save a lot of money here at low risk to citizens by cutting fire funding.
In my humble opinion (and I'm not completely ignorant of their environment), firefighters in municipalities across the country tend to be overpaid thanks to the strength of their union contracts.
In need of an up to date training facility. More man power to keep all trucks in commission during the summer months. Be proactive in building new fire halls in the newly developed areas.
Increase in funding to enhance staffing for additional training instructors. restore operational staffing levels
Increase the number of fire stations.
Increased education of the public in all aspects of fire prevention through media messages, public forums to name a few ways.
Increased manpower and more efficient up to date equipment.
increased response time
It seems critical, but in the scheme of city operations, and given the insurance everyone has, the few fire calls we get (mostly older houses in poor condition) could be handled with longer response times and the money reallocated to quality of life and health improvement, even support for homeless. Does a huge fire truck need to respond to every 911 health call?
It's fine as is.
It's fine.

Keep communities safe; safe needle disposal sites; increased public awareness/programming
Keep salaries in check and divert resources to other areas.
Keep the status quo.
Keep up the great job
Less time to arrive
Let's get fire stations built sooner in new areas.
Like that of the police service, essential emergency services are only a good thing. So just continue to add as needed and deflect the costs back to the tax payer, for I'm a believer in this area.
Lower
Maintain inspection and education programs
Maintain the present services equally throughout the city and increase its inspection capabilities. Prevention has more of a chance for success. Infrastructure is aging which usually means an increase in maintenance costs.
Maintaining current services. I would suggest increasing the time a fire truck is in service. I want to know what fire fighters do when they are not fighting a fire.
Make do with the equipment on hand.
Maybe a full fire truck shouldn't have to respond to ambulance calls, aren't the ambulance staff supposed to be able to lift and carry?
More firefighters , more halls
More manning. New hall to cover this growing city.
More property maintenance inspection and enforcement.
More property maintenance inspection resources.
More public education programs
More staff and equipment
More stations, employees, resources etc., can't say enough good about this department! "Have been very lucky that my family has not required the service of this dept." They do show up ASAP!
Need to build more fire halls to meet the need of service in growing population.
New developments should pay a premium for fire and police.
New fire hall in Stonebridge
New fire halls in areas that don't have them
No change
No changes. Doing a great job!
No problem here with one exception. Moving the Taylor station by Bowman to Clarence by St. Martin church. They really think they can get out any faster onto Clarence (one of the busiest streets in that area) to get into Stonebridge?
no suggestion
Not sure.
On Task here.
Our emergency services should be well-equipped.
Our fire department seems to be responding well to our needs.
Our fire departments do an excellent job.
our fire fighters are some of the best let's keep them up to date equipped
Overpaid for the small amount of work. Cut wages and increase hours - there will still be high demand for jobs and high retention.
Political negotiation for the removal of railway barriers to rapid emergency response vehicles. The monopoly of private corporations over public safety corridors is a complete anachronism, and hardly justifiable even for economic reasons.
Possibly more or newer models for trucks, but as far as I have seen, they are operating well.
Prevention and inspection

Prioritize preventative and inspection services
Proper number of fire halls and staffing at all times. With more neighborhoods being opened up and increased emergency department workloads this has had a significant decrease in the availability of an ambulance of up to an hour in some cases. Who is there to pick up the slack when the private business of MD doesn't have the ambulances to cover, it is the fire department who responds.
Property Maintenance and unsightly yards, businesses, or public areas are pathetically slow to be cleaned up. Orders to Remedy and swift follow up needs to send a message that Saskatoon is not a place for slobs and a breeding ground for future episodes of 'Hoarders'.
Provide the same level of service for less money. Fire fighters get paid very well, and to attract great new firefighters, a bit less pay is required.
Providing more Paramedics would benefit not only the Fire Department but the EMTs as well
Put out fires. Prevent fires. Cats - if they got up the tree, let them get down themselves.
quicker response to medical emergencies
Response Time
response time
Response time and updated equipment as well as adequate training time for emergency preparedness
Response time is the top priority in any emergency. I think it is pretty good in Saskatoon.
Response time, fire and inspection services, coordination with other emergency services.
Response time, proper equipment and enough firefighters
Response times and training recruits are top priorities. Fire prevention training in schools.
Roles other than actual firefighting when time is available. Too much downtime.
Same as last year.
Saskatoon doesn't have a fire hall close to Stonebridge and I feel this should be a priority.
Saskatoon Fire Department does a good job.
Saskatoon Fire Department does a great job. They spend resources on fire prevention and on PTSD for their employees which is good. They are also first responders for lots of other cases, hence the need for PTSD support.
Saskatoon has quality fire services and response time in our experience.
Satisfied with current
Seems to be good.
Since the perpetually increasing cost of this budget item is largely caused by urban sprawl (where the remedies lie elsewhere), I have slightly reduced this budget item in order to make precisely that point. As an aside, however, I do support the proposed allocation in the current budget.
Smaller firetrucks that can navigate narrower roadways
Some of the changes would be that the fire truck with six Firemen inside going to the store to buy groceries? And to the coffee shops. Not necessary I would say. They could buy groceries on Their time off like everyone else. And with their own vehicle. These trucks are too expensive to be used for that.
Staffing, response times
Stop responding to medical problems leave them for MD ambulance
Thankfully, fire fighters spend many hours hanging out in the fire stations (i.e.: on call waiting for calls that we all hope never happen). Consider using this human resource to get better value for the money spent. I'm thinking of duties which are NOT time sensitive (i.e.: making city signs, fixing city tools, etc.). These functions would have to be things which could be done at the fire stations ... so they remain available when called out for an emergency.
The costs of providing fire infrastructure (e.g. new stations) should be borne by the developers of new neighbourhoods. I assume that current property tax levels from the new properties should be sufficient to staff those stations once they are build.
The Fire Department also is doing a great job and I have no changes to suggest.

The Fire Department does a good job with its resources. It should not be wasting its time with grass and weeds and yard maintenance. Those jobs could be done by lower paid staff.
The fire department is adequately funded.
The Fire department is constantly underfunded and I would much rather support this department than the police department who set up a speed trap in my neighbourhood once a week.
The fire department needs improvements for its own infrastructure and outlying areas of the city need to be covered.
the fire dept. is running all over the city answering all calls --medical & whatever evening running just to beat the ambulance so they can say they were there first all this with a \$1,000,000 or more fire truck
The fire on Avenue P at the industrial site was near our house, fire responded promptly and did a great job...they could have used some help keeping traffic and look lous at bay...
The traditional role of the fireman needs to be rethought. I understand there are more fireman sleeping in their fire hall at night then police on the street. I don't approve of my tax dollars paying people to sleep, do something.
There are some aging fire halls around the city. It would be nice to see some of the halls extensively renovated, if not replaced. Now that the Saskatoon Police Service has an adequate building, it would be nice to see a brand new #1 Fire Hall, and a practical training site for the department.
There are way too many firefighters - reduce regular staff, develop "volunteer" firefighters when big emergencies, such as the big tire fire, like first responders but for fires.
There is a lot of overlap in our emergency services. Fire prevention measures and new building codes have reduced the chances of large scale fires and we seem too overstaffed in our fire halls.
There is significant waste and unnecessary expenditures in the area of the Saskatoon Fire Department.
There needs to be better planning of fire halls and locations, plus city is growing or has been rapidly and the fire halls and staffing has not kept up
There needs to be more, as the mayor/council continue to let the city grow, the coverage also needs to keep up!!!!
They appear to be doing a good job, and are often first to arrive at accident scenes. I haven't spent enough time on this department to realistically provide top priorities.
They are well compensated.
Things are good as they are.
Things are great.
This area again could be better managed. Better planning of fire halls. Huge money is spent moving and rebuilding due to lack of planning.
This department does well.
This should always be a top priority and we should maintain and improve service. The FD does EMS work too and they should be given every resource to continue to provide the best service possible.
Those boys are good, give them a pay raise.
Timely response.
To allow for safe arrival times, especially to expanding neighbourhoods, I would be willing to pay more
Top priorities for fire budget would be more money to ensure full staffing levels so a truck isn't sitting there with nobody to staff it, money for training such as building a training centre for live fire training. Also I would like to see firefighters always have the best up to date personal protective clothing and all the best equipment to do their job.
Training centre to maintain high level of quality training, manpower to allow training throughout the year. Manpower to keep trucks in commission.

Use a pay as needed system, similar to how RM's use it. Make people more responsible for their own actions.
Want to ensure my new neighborhood has good coverage (proposed location move for fire station #3) and that all halls and departments have ample funding to ensure our community is kept safe with the best technology, resources and facilities possible.
We don't need new fire halls.
We need a fire hall in Stonebridge, this is one of our biggest communities and it doesn't have a fire hall. I'm sure the response time is very poor. Also I have family living on the west side and I believe they only have one fire hall. I know the west side isn't as well off as the east side generally speaking but that still seems a little unfair.
We need fire halls in the new areas of the city.
Well-equipped and trained work force which meets/exceeds fire/emergency response times
What is the plan for additional services in the expanded residential areas of the city? How is this planned within the tax portion that is allotted to the Fire Department? Equal service to all areas is really important to me
Whatever they need.
Why are we moving fire halls around? The city continues to grow and we do not add fire halls to increase with our growing population. Instead the city wants to band aide the situation rather than do what is right. There have been a number of fires in and around the city lately. You have to wonder how thin the fire dept. resources are spread. Why is the fire dept. allowed to take trucks out of commission?
Work. Can we get them to do more...like a night other than just paid to sleep? Since they are mostly labourers on their days off, could they do some road work or repairs?
Would not change.
You guys try to trip up negative points for little reason
Continue education and reducing fire flare-ups. Need for increased penalties for those not following fire regulations
Is it possible to photo vehicles impeding or not cooperating with emergency vehicles (by refusing to get out of the way) and fine these drivers?

- No Changes/No Suggestions were mentioned 12 times.

GARBAGE AND WASTE REDUCTION

What are your top priorities for Garbage/Waste Reduction? What change(s) would you suggest?

Investigate the use of the incinerator system as used in Edmonton. Also need to do a VERY good job of watching the pollution of the river water downstream from our current landfill. That will be a horrendous cost if that has to be remediated.
- How is it that Saskatoon remains decades behind other major cities with respect to recycling? - Why is there no system in place for city-wide compost recycling? Saskatoon doesn't have to "invent the wheel", just simply learn asap how other cities (Toronto!) have managed this necessary environmental program - blitz residents with directives about recycling, not inviting them but telling them recycling is everyone's responsibility
A community pickup point for composted material should be offered if the green bins aren't going to be mandatory. Going to the city compost is not convenient, nor is trying to remove everything from the plastic bags used to transport it there.
An education campaign to inform residents what NOT to throw into alleys and beside garbage bins (used mattresses) and a Don't Be A Litterbug campaign in the city as the province did in the 1970's.
Add more signage on buses etc. to get the message out to people to properly recycle and put an end to littering.
All one price so everyone can recycle - make all recycling available - less stringent sorting and community composting
All seems to be working now
Allow us to plant more community gardens so that we can grow waste free food rather than have to drive to the grocery store to buy packaged food.
An increase is inevitable just with a growing city. I believe we've done well in this area, we have a good crew of waste mgmt. The recycling area with its subcontracting out of it needs tuning with regards to what's in place now and the current tender using Lorras as the choice. They're complete ignorance towards the operators of the trucks and staff who tell me they are following directions from the city dept. that has hired them to pick up recyclables is weighing on us as tax payers. I.e.: if there is an over filled bin, the driver will get out of truck take a picture and leave bin. If bin is close to another recycle bin, takes a picture, leaves it. In both circumstances, they will put a placard on the cart in question with reason as to why it wasn't picked up. As a tax payer to you the city who uses my tax dollar to pay them, they pick it up or move it because they are now out of the truck anyways and dump the contents of that bin!!
At the moment I don't feel I'm getting my tax monies worth with the recycling program that the city has with Loraas right now.....I still have to go to drop off depots, and am making trips to the landfill...what they are doing is useless, and I feel robbed of my tax dollars.
Begin charging by weight for garbage collection and use this money to pay for free recycling services.
Better bins that are not breaking every other year.
Better recycling service that actually recycles. Compost pickup city wide that is mandated by law.
Bi-Weekly pick up
Bi-weekly pick up all year. If things are being recycled garbage should be minimal
Black, blue and green bins should be mandatory for all. It may help promote recycling and proper distribution of waste streams to each area. I already pay extra for the green bin. Not adding to my tax bill thank you. I would suggest better/more signs for the green dumpsites (lawn, tress, etc...)
Blue bin once per month or every third week. Green bin weekly in May and October otherwise every third week June , July, Aug, Sept
Blue bins have been a win. Spend more on recycling, less on traditional waste management.
Build the best and biggest recycling plant, anywhere, recycle everything while creating jobs...

City should do garbage and recycle pick up differently. Have all blocks put all bins on one side of the street. This would be one trip down each street, instead of 2. Time management!
Collect the house hold recycling less often except at Christmas
collection of kitchen waste
Community service sentences should be litter pick up. The amount of litter is atrocious in Saskatoon. It's as bad as South Chicago.
Composting
Composting
Composting and better promotion of recycling programs.
Composting and recycling is important. Perhaps offer - at a fee- a place at the landfill for items not usually accepted, and then the higher fee allows the city to properly dispose of the items so they don't end up in the ditch. Advertise any free community tipping service, to also mitigate garbage in the ditches for people to cheap to pay the fee, which I think personally is set reasonably
Composting programs, especially training would be great in reducing waste in Saskatoon
composting, education, advertising better alternatives like biodegradable trash bags,
Consider making the green bins free or temporary / one use ones available for once a month free usage.
Continue public education on waste reduction
Continue the present plan
Continue to focus on waste reduction and diverting materials going to the Landfill.
Continue to investigate recycling methods and new technologies for the city.
Continue to urge citizens to recycle and limit garbage to landfill. I am fine with the adjusted garbage schedule this year, but could the composting program be trialed so more homes can take advantage or know about the program? It's not very expensive, but maybe look at the process of signing up ahead of time so the bin is available in a timely manner. I hope it's included in taxes and more of an expectation for homeowners to compost in the near future.
Contract out the collection of garbage.
Decrease garbage collection, increase recycling and compost collection. Therefore more households will divert from garbage's as well. Have compost bins mandatory for every household.
Decrease overhead and administration and focus dollars on delivering the service.
Developing our recycling to include more products, providing compost removal and providing community garbage bins (like the recycling bins).
Do it in house
Do not force us to use the city composting bins. We have already been composting for years.
DO NOT INCREASE GARBAGE COLLECTION! That just encourages people to fill them and we're supposed to be creating less garbage. Expand the food waste green bins.
Do not make composting mandatory. We have been happily composting for years and would be very displeased if we had to pay for a program that we won't use.
Do not want bi-weekly garbage to last for so long...the smell is disgusting.
Doing a good job
Don't get greedy and start charging by weight. The yard waste program could be expanded or more compost locations perhaps.
Drop the twice weekly pickup over Xmas. Reduce the contract for recycling as there are too much inefficiency in the process as most bins could go to a three week pick up schedule.
Education - it seems like a lot of people don't realize just how much can actually be recycled. I would also like to see a community compost program.
education on recycling
Encourage or legislate recycling.
Everything can be recycled by everyone.

Expanded ability to handle more types of products that can be fully or partially recycled like rubber and aluminum foil
Extended weekly pickup.
Find a way to collect glass and it not end up in the landfill
First of all why is the City of Saskatoon want to eliminate the service of people with disabilities to have their garbage picked up by Garbage Dept.? I am a person that has a disability & I get told to have someelse to put my garbage for street pickup instead of the City doing it for me\$
For us, garbage pickup happens too often -- our family of four usually only needs pickup once a month. I would support a pickup fee (per load or per weight) as a replacement for a fixed monthly fee.
Force residents to do a better job in separating their food waste, recycling and garbage to reduce collection amount. This has been done successfully in large cities like Toronto.
Forget about making green bins mandatory I can't afford any more fees.
Frankly, Loraas is kicking our butt with better servicing and more professionalism. Nothing but abuse and arrogance from our City Garbage/Waste department. Almost a waste of tax dollars!!! Answer: Review benefits towards going with outside contractor for this service.
Free compost bins and yard waste bins
Free land fill visits
Garbage & recycling collection less often.
Garbage and recycling pickups are already for too frequent. The number of trips could be cut in half so trucks were picking up full bins rather than half empty ones.
Garbage and waste reduction should be a utility which charges for volume while recycling should be free
garbage can be collected every other week throughout the year
Garbage collection could be every other week for the entire year. The Leaves and Grass program should be expanded to include every household in Saskatoon.
Garbage could go out every 2nd week year round thus encourage composting, recycling and so on.
garbage is good
Garbage pick-up is frequent enough. Any additional funding should go to reduction. The compost program should be available much more widely --- ideally to everyone, but growing by increasing the number that can request it is a good start.
Garbage should be a utility. Pay-by-weigh.
Garbage should be every two weeks all year
Garbage should be picked up weekly; city needs to comb alleyways for many neighbourhoods where access to trucks or limited income means dumping large items and creates unsightly and hazardous areas for children and remove these items. Poor people want to be clean too, but many cannot afford to dispose of large items. Residential landlords profiting from this segment need to contribute and not just take.
Garbage should only be collected every 2 weeks. Recycling and compost should be collected weekly. Or at least as often as garbage.
Garbage, etc. does not need to be picked up on weekends. No overtime hours.
Generally our family finds that garbage collection isn't needed weekly in the summer if there is another means to deal with compost materials. I suggest the City evaluate a program of providing compost bins to households, with collection twice per month in the summer and once per month in the winter with regular garbage collection moving to every two weeks year round. It is silly to continue to send composite to the landfill, but I don't believe most residents want to pay more to have compost collected, as is currently the case for those people who get the compost bins.
Get drivers that respect the value of garbage bins instead of being rammy and damaging the individual bins. Figure out a way to collect yard waste, like a single compost bin that serves several

(5-10) houses and is collected weekly. This will divert yard waste from the landfill. Implement a tag-a-bag program to encourage reduction of waste.
Get Loraas to provide heavier lids on the blue bins so the wind doesn't blow the lids up, and the garbage all over the neighborhood!!!!
Get paper and glass out of the blue bins! Provide more locations for just paper to be collected for Cosmo. Does anything from the blue bins actually get recycled or is everything contaminated by the glass that's broken in the bins and the trucks just take it all to the dump? In Germany they have multiple recycling bins, each for its own specific material. Bin contents are sorted going in and therefore easy to manage.
glass recycling facility, mandatory sorting
Go back to weekly pick up, once every 2 weeks is not enough!
Going well in our area
Good
good as is
Good investment so far.
Good performance in this area and continue to deliver with tax money the same.
Good with present program
Good work on the recycling. We are light years ahead of some places I've been in the States.
Great job introducing the Blue Bins. Expand the Recycling Drop off locations to allow for more types of items that cannot go in the Blue Bins.
Green bin pickup in lanes same as other garbage not front street Cleanup the lanes and trim the trees in them Warman has a day where you putout items that you do not want and there is a day where people can look and then the city picks up the remains and disposes of it. Could Saskatoon do something like this? Perhaps on a three or four neighbourhood basis per event.
Green bins for all, mandatory composting as most major cities have introduced already.
Green bins for everyone with a yard. Spread costs across all ratepayers rather than just those who volunteer to pay for a green bin. Investigate energy-generating incinerator.
Green bins should be free for all those who want one. Garbage should be a utility like water and should be separated from property taxes.
Happy with the current schedule
Happy with the service, but would like to see more green bins available
Have green bin pick-ups more often instead of garbage every week during the summer. Your wanting to reduce in the dump yet having a pick up every week just encourages people to use the trash instead of a green bin
Have more incentives for recycling
Have residents monitor if their garbage truly needs to go out to the curb on winter days when the temperature is at an extreme. To many garbage containers are damaged when they are picked up in -30 conditions. This eventual replacement cost could be avoided if the garbage did not need to be picked up, i.e. only a third full on the day.
Honestly I think we should switch to garbage pickup on alternate weeks throughout the year to save money. Alternate recycling with garbage pickup.
How about charging per garbage weight. Automatic green bin for all households and apartments. DECREASE frequency of garbage pick-up. Look at what the city can do to promote a circular lifecycle of products not a linear lifecycle i.e. a product and its packaging have to either: be compostable, can be recycled or remade into something else through a predetermined way. There would be no garbage with this.
How much would it cost to roll out the green bin across the city? Perhaps monthly? If you could use it for food waste, you could actually decrease the frequency of garbage pickup. In treed neighborhoods, the amount of garbage that must be leaf waste in the fall must be staggering. Even just a fall pick up of leaf waste would be beneficial. It takes us about 4 green-bin size loads for all of our leaves -- multiply that by our whole neighborhood, and it is huge.

Hybrid garbage trucks would be better for the environment.
I am all for recycling...I paid for recycling pick up for years before the city implemented it. However, I do NOT want to see any further reduction in garbage pickup. The garbage STINKS and is in our side or front yard because we have no back alleys. We are a family of five who recycle all we can, but sometimes we have to wait to throw stuff out when we are on the every two week pickup. We don't want to have rat issues like Vancouver has. We use the compost site on the east side of town but wish it was not closed during the week. I do not want to encourage more people to have compost systems in their yards because they stink and can attract rodents.
I am doing everything possible for the past 25 years! Where has the city been?
I am pretty happy with the waste/garbage services. would not suggest any changes
I am satisfied with the garbage pickup & I am very pleased with the recycling program!
I am suggesting reducing the waste management budget. I believe we are in a position that the amount of waste recycled is exceeding the waste that must go directly to dump. As such I would support bi weekly regular garbage pickup for households that opt for this option. (Garbage picked up every two weeks on a year round basis.
I believe that encouraging families to compost at home is helpful. Also, using facilities such as Sarcan for recycling assists in the maintenance of current jobs (specifically for those with a variety of special needs).
I believe that for a 2 person home, garbage pick-up in winter is needed only every 4weeks, but every 2 weeks in summer. Instead of charging for the green bins, supply them free and more people would not put there garden refuse and lawn clippings in the garbage. How about a tax rebate for those who have compost bins? Our garbage output has dropped significantly since we started composting.
I consider this a very important initiative, however, not the highest on my list of concerns. Affordable housing to me is far more important and requires more funding
I do not require more service in this area. We recycle and we could have garbage pickup every two weeks all year round.
I don't know how you can make people care about the environment and reducing waste, unless some stricter rules are brought in and enforced.
I don't understand how throwing all the unsorted recyclable items into one bin is useful. The waste stream seems mightily contaminated by this mix (and dangerous for any workers having to sort it). There's too much chance of everything ending up in a landfill. The waste disposal drop off for paper and cardboard at Lakeview is a scandalous mess with many infractions. This serves no purpose if it isn't monitored and clean-up costs are probably not offset by the amount of inappropriate material that means everything goes to the landfill anyway.
I feel that recycling needs to be picked up weekly and garbage every 2nd week all year round
I have access to the disposal systems needed.
I have slightly increased this budget item in order to include city-wide composting as well. Local options to recycle hazardous waste (e.g., small batteries) without long lineups are also needed.
I like the 3 bin system. Our garbage is almost nothing and we love the composting opportunity where we can take our leaves and branches. This needs to be more widely publicized and maybe set up a neighbor sharing arrangement where people with trucks can help people without, especially after a big wind.
I like the home composting / rain barrel grants. I'd suggest reducing the cost for individual yard-waste pickup bins and continuing to increase the number of yard waste pick-up bins (both the existing individual pick-up bins, and the large bins by the community gardens).
I like the idea of kitchen compost into the green bins
I like the improvements at the dump and with residential recycling services. People need more education, however. I dislike what I see in people's garbage bins at times.
I like the program.

I like where the City is heading with this. Getting items that were garbage now into the Blue Bins is good. I believe more education is needed.
I must applaud the fact that my garbage has gone down and my recycling is more. I would like to know what happened to the money we spent on microchipping the garbage bins or GPS in the trucks or whatever you spent that money on? Where did it go? The one after the other pickup days are better as well thank you.
I recommend fair treatment. Condos pay the same millrate but don't get the same level of services. Condos should get garbage pick-up included in what they get for their taxes. E
I support a modest increase that I feel should be directed toward programs that divert waste from the landfill (e.g., composting, reduce, reuse, recycle). I also feel very strongly that the city needs to move to a "user pays" model. A pay-per-tip system should be implemented as soon as possible. We certainly do not need more frequent garbage collection. The current system of once per week in the summer and bi-weekly in the winter is fine. But a pay-per-tip system is the way forward.
I think it should be cheaper to take your garbage in to the dump yourself even one or two free passes per house
I think it should be much easier for those without vehicles to dispose of hazardous waste.
I think the city does a good job
I think the funding currently is probably set at a good place, but we should be look at educating people where we can with what extra we can divert. Education is the key to reaching the goal for 2023.
I think with all the recycling and composting available (I have a green bin) that garbage could be picked up every 2 weeks all year round. This would encourage those who are not recycling enough or composting to do more of it. I miss the bin in Avalon where you could take cardboard from big boxes (like when I remodeled my kitchen and had all the packaging from all my cupboards).
I would have no problem having green bins delivered to houses and increasing the cost on bills to cover the cost of the pickups for all bins as if houses waste, they should pay to have the service.
I would like to see a green bin for everyone.
I would like to see green bins for compost materials and an information drive to educate residents on what can be put in them.
I would like to see if garbage collection could be provided by a private contractor for less cost. Several cities in Canada utilize private contractors for residential garbage collection. I do not want to see increased costs associated with recycling programs or garbage collection. The city does do a good job in these areas.
I would like to see more consistency with time of pick up. Sometimes it comes first thing in the morning, other times later in the day.
I would like to see more green containers available so that grass clippings etc. can be sent to the compost depot instead of put in the garbage. I would like to see garbage containers weighed and the cost of garbage collection to reflect the amount thrown in the garbage. I commend the availability of the compost depots.
I would like to see the green bin program expand city wide. Organic materials in the landfill are a significant source of methane.
I would not like to see a charge for garbage ever, as then people would just dump their garbage around also I see many damaged garbage cans I don't know if this is from a lower quality of product or drivers being carless, this must be costly.
I would sooner see more landfill space purchased by the city than inefficient & costly sorting & diverting.
I would use a green bin but have two concerns. 1. Why must I pay for the green bin when that used to be paid for in normal waste collection 2. I might even pay the additional cost for the bin if the collection was in the laneway rather than the street.
I'd like a composting program. I'd like to see user-pay systems if garbage collection is going to be more frequent, as I don't want us to be encouraging more waste.

If you are carrying less for me I should pay you less to do it
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Implement household composting. May even allow for decreased garbage collection frequency in the summer months.
Improve composting opportunities (eliminate the additional fee for green bins)
Improve recycling at the back end. When I put something in the recycling bin, I want it to be recycled, not thrown out because it's dirty or broken. Like glass jars: if a glass jar breaks in the recycling bin, it's not recyclable. I would be okay with multiple service providers. Also, organic waste recycling is important to me too.
Improved recycling, composting and utilization of resources such as methane generated from the landfill. Increased waste reduction efforts. More composting, especially for people in apartments and/or condos.
Improvement and expansion of Green bin and Blue bin programs
Include green cart service as part of our taxes
Including composting services to all single and multi-dwelling residents.
Increase green cart pick up to a weekly schedule, make it mandatory for households, and pick up biweekly through the winter, for leaves and kitchen scraps and winter shrub pruning. Decrease black cart pickup to biweekly all year round, because if residents are composting and recycling, there should be little left for the black cart. Green carts smell very bad when compostable sit in them for up to 2 weeks, waiting for pick up.
Increase recycling collection frequency and decrease garbage collection frequency.
Increase recycling frequency, decrease garbage frequency and size of cart, include compost/organic waste.
Increase recycling initiatives and add green cart for everyone
Increase the recycling program in the city
Increased focus on recycling and composting. Year round compost (household organic waste) pick-up.
Instead of weekly garbage pick-ups in the summer, weekly recycling would encourage more recycling.
It is hard to clean up in the fall with only two week garbage pick-up. Hazardous waste disposal: could there not be a way to drop it off anytime, at the recycling company, rather than drive to the monthly location on a Saturday?
Just a matter of time before this is on the utility bill. And how come Loraas charges nearly double? So far I have 1 bin emptied a year and take the little paper I have to Cosmo (the group that started recycling in the city) and that paper might make another bin...\$60 a bin or \$30 (if I dump twice). And Why? Are we paying double those in apartments...Cosmo can do it cheaper?!? I realise there are less stops but gosh a big bin the end of the lane for home owners would also work.
Keep it up
Keep the recycling program and green bin program. Stop charging residents for taking small amounts of waste to the dump. It is actually doing the city a favour by hauling it themselves, and not charging would probably reduce the amount of furniture, mattresses etc. dumped along the roadsides.
Keep up the education for recycling and composting. Possibly the cost of purchasing compost from the compost depots could be less. Might encourage more people to bring more compostable material to the depots if they know they can pick up compost at an affordable price.
Keep up the good work in this area
Keeping garbage collection at every other week all year and increase recycling pickup to weekly to encourage more recycling
Longer weekly garbage pickup periods.
Love recycling bins! Have more recycling than garbage at our house.

Lower basic garbage rate and start charging by weight (user pay). Provide discounts on the basic rate to encourage use city composting bins.
Lower landfill fees and set up appropriate recycling depots
Maintain recycling programs, I would be in favour of a system where residents are charged by weight for garbage collection Maintain compost depots
Make Landlords responsible to keep their properties clean inside and out. Have this checked monthly and issue fines to the Landlord.
Make people pay for garbage collection by weight or frequency of pickups. We put our garage out about once a month but pay the same as people that fill it regularly because they don't recycle and compost.
Make recycling every week and garbage every two. You would find that people are more likely to recycle if they can fit everything into the bins. If not then you need to put some of the community cardboard/plastic recycling bins back in place.
Make the blue bins criteria wider to accept more recyclable waste. Make blue bins optional
Make the department reduce costs
Make the green bins available to new users all year round instead of just once a year. Larger cities have bylaws with fines for throwing out things that can be recycled. The bylaws are enforced. I think people need to be forced into recycling, this shouldn't be a choice anymore.
Mandatory compost for all houses. Education programs on recycling and composting to ensure the diversion of waste
mandatory composting program/ incentivize composting
Metered garbage collection. Discourage waste/encourage reduction/reuse/recycling through quotas and fees for the upper quartile of household waste producers based on a running average. Continue to offer convenient home collection and reasonable fees to discourage illegal dumping. The bigger users of waste collection/disposal would take on more of the expense to provide the service.
More community composting collection sites are needed; not everyone can afford the pick-up of grass, etc. from their homes. The city-funded rebate of \$20 towards a composting bin is a good start to help people do more composting.
More compost programs, more raising awareness for proper recycling and household waste disposal.
More comprehensive recycling programs across public & private sectors.
More education and emphasis on reducing waste at the source. Encourage less packaging, growing own food, etc.
more education on recycling
More education on what can be recycled and the do's & don'ts. Maybe a focus on one particular thing that a lot of us do wrong or don't do at all each month. I went on a tour of recycling plant and really learned a lot. They could give you their top ten items to work on.
More education/promotion about recycling: the compliance rate and general attitude toward recycling is pretty abysmal in this city.
More emphasis and education on recycling
More frequent collection
More frequent pick up of garbage - i.e. Extend the once a week pick up by at least 5 additional weeks. If you wanted to expand the recycling program, that would be fine.
More frequent pickup during winter months!
More interaction with public to get people recycling, banning plastic bags, more expensive garbage disposal, cheaper recycle.
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More recyclables should be accepted.
More recycling

More recycling and composting
More recycling depots and waste stream sorting
More recycling pickup, less garbage pickup. Forces the hand to recycle. Better educate the young, and old through various campaigns and drives how beneficial recycling is. Municipal bylaws for paper bags at grocery stores and stop the use of plastic. Bylaws to stop the use of Styrofoam cups, takeout containers, etc. from restaurants, and other vendors. The landfill site also needs to be relocated far from the river. It's sick knowing how much contamination is leeching through the ground water into the river from the landfill. Toxic
More recycling, implement composting, and decrease garbage pick-ups to adjust social norms.
Most people I talk to have no idea of the importance of recycling or of how to recycle, what to recycle or why recycle. It doesn't seem to be part of the culture. A much more intensive education program is needed here, with clear local consequences spelled out. The City has an ideal communication vehicle in the form of garbage bill notices, and the cost to individual taxpayers of building a new landfill should be made clear, as well as the benefits of reducing and recycling waste in the form of less pollution, lower energy costs, etc.
My expectations are met for garbage/waste/recycling
My garbage bin is rarely full. Less pick-ups.
Need either more bins for recycling OR more frequent pickups at our condo
Need more recycle bins in some areas otherwise people will just put recyclable stuff in regular garbage
Need weekly recycling pick up
No change to services and pickups but reduce the expense of advertising. Education has done its part. If individuals need education, easier to do one offs rather than blanket city over and over again.
No change. I believe that what we have is working well.
No changes needed. Don't need to blow the budget on garbage.
No comments - I'm used to weekly pickup, but I'm okay with bi-weekly year round. I don't understand everyone who freaks out if they don't have weekly pickup.
No! I do not want more frequent pick-ups. I want more education, more children and families (through schools) to learn how to recycle properly, more monitoring of recycling and composting, more awareness of what should not be bought in the first place (household hazardous waste - I have just got rid of the last of the stuff the previous home owner had!)
none at this time
Offer free yard sized compost bins & instructions to anyone willing to use it to lessen amt of garbage
Offer the green bins in the summer in order to get a recycle bin for the winter
Offer weekly recycling pickup and keep garbage to biweekly, even through the summer months. Our recycling is overflowing by the 2nd week, our garbage is rarely full. Include compost pickup in tax dollars.
Once a month garbage pick-up with increased recyclable and composting pick-up free for every home. Most of the garbage that goes into those black bins should be out into blue or green bins. By reducing free garbage pick-ups people will have to pay to haul their garbage themselves or begin sorting it properly.
Open up the East compost depot to better suit people that want to use it - more and better hours, just like they have on the West side depot. I could care less if it is not cost effective (according to your people) - it should be a service and perhaps the better the service from the city is, the more people would use it.
Organic waste stream separation, lower frequency garbage pickup in winter.
Pay as you use system, raise the landfill rates, not taxes. Pay for hazardous waste disposal.

Pay by weight. I recycle and have half the amount of Garbage than many of my neighbors. Benefits to all
People still don't know that half of their garbage could be recycled.
People who throw out more should pay more. Not everyone needs the big can, or weekly pick up. Provide incentive to throw out less and recycle more. Anyone with a house can compost, charge them more if they don't want to compost themselves. Owning a house is a responsibility and a liability. Food waste should be composted at home by everyone including businesses. build waste management into developments
Pick up every 2 weeks works just fine... no need for weekly pick-ups.
Pick up every second week for garbage, year round.
Pick up garbage every two weeks all year.
Pick up garbage every week all year round. In early spring and fall every two weeks is not enough, even when a household like ours recycles as much as possible. Stay completely away from the idea of composting kitchen waste.
Pick up recycling as often as garbage. Our recycling bin is always full and our garbage bin is always getting picked up even though it is never half full.
Pickup recycle weekly; pickup garbage bi-weekly. Use smaller garbage bins.
Plan and implement a Waste handling System for all waste generated in the City.
Please remember that many of us live in condos and apartments every plan I see to reduce garbage and increase recycling seems to always assume that everyone lives in a single dwelling unit.
Poor participation in recycling programs required attention. Composting should be standard procedure and alternatives available to those in condos and apartments. Much, much more could be done here.
Potentially offering residents an option for less frequent pick-ups and passing on some sort of savings
Priorities: status-quo for pickup times. a very good program
Promote and improve recycling and composting....and, although not directly related to waste management, dissuade vehicle idling.
Promote composting for all yard waste and kitchen waste.
Proper sized bins for compost and annual compost, if we are going there. The goal of 70% is likely unattainable. Something more realistic (or at least a stepped goal) should be substituted.
Provide 3 sizes of garbage bins with increased fees for residents who choose the larger sized bins. Put garbage fees on the utility bill like the recycling fees.
Provide a single crew/single shift to comb the city for improperly dumped large items (mattresses, etc.). Enable them to issue violation tickets to those caught dumping improperly.
Provide education for tenants to recycle in apartment complexes.
Provide green cart service as part of your taxes
Provide green garbage containers in neighbourhoods with mature and developed trees to reduce what goes to the landfill
Provide public access to city composted materials. The last time I went to the yard waste facility I couldn't even buy the compost that was sitting there. It was reserved for commercial contractors.
PSAs for people to produce less garbage. Charge for volume/weight produced by each household
Quit the greenwashing, go to once every 2 weeks year round for the whole city.
recycle more materials, such as styrofoam
Recycling and green bins
Recycling pick up could be more than bi/weekly. My garbage can gets emptied every week and it's half full. Blue bin is bursting at the seams by garbage pick-up and I'm forced to make a trip elsewhere to recycle.
Recycling should be mandatory to have at apartments

Recycling should be weekly pickup, people who do it right collect way more than a bin full every 2 weeks. So then it collects making a mess or is put in the garbage.
Recycling to come weekly.
Recycling/disposing of hazardous waste is not easy in Saskatoon. Seems every category requires a different drop off location/process.
Reduce collection frequency.
Reduce collection to bi-weekly.
reduce frequency
Reduce garbage collection to a 2-week schedule year-round. Add an extra green-bin collection in the spring and fall. Change to front-street bin collection in neighbourhoods where this does not exist yet and is evidently more practical and cheaper.
Reduce garbage collection. Before Recycling, the 100 gallon garbage containers were collected weekly in the summer and bi-weekly in the winter. Now we collect 1.5x100 gallon containers for refuse (Garbage and Recycling) per week in the summer and 2x100 gallon containers bi-weekly in the winter. I would like to see garbage collection reduced to bi-weekly year round. Other communities continue to survive without issues on a schedule such as that (ex: Warman, Martensville, Grenfell). Alternatively, reduce the garbage collection in the winter so that once every 4 weeks garbage is collected. This would encourage further use of recycling and still provide a higher level of service than what was provided before recycling with 300 gallons of refuse being collected every 4 weeks versus 200 gallons. Let's get serious about diverting garbage from the landfill.
Reduce garbage pickup to every two weeks and mandate green bins in the summer with the cost savings
Reduce garbage pickup to once every two weeks. Or introduce user fee based on weight
Reduce landfill fees. Methane capture and wind power at the landfill should be aggressively pursued.
Reduce recycle pickup to monthly or every three weeks at most. Offer compost bins to residents to purchase for a rock bottom "cost" price paid by city to purchase.
Reduce the cost for green (lawn recycling). If the cost was more reasonable...people would be more likely to sign up thereby reducing the amount of green matter going into the landfill.
Reduce waste (black boxes) collection to every two weeks in summer as in winter. If using the blue and green bins the black ones are rarely full.
Reduced cost for green bins. It's a great program, but cost prohibited for lower incomes.
Reducing garbage collection to every second week for a longer period was a good change. Recycling bins have cut down on garbage considerably
Reducing landfill volume by more advanced recycling programs. Bigger blue bins, smaller garbage bins, more education about economic and environmental impact.
reducing waste, fines for not recycling, diverting garbage at landfill to recycling, energy capture at landfill, larger incentives for composting (free compost bin for yard or city owned composting facility - city could turn around and sell compost for soil)
Remember the expensive GPS system was supposed to save time and money. Well they don't need more.
Remove/ adjust target reduction to accommodate current service level
Return the recycling program to Sarc. Not only was it an affordable program, it gave meaningful employment to those who both need it and are unsuitable for most of the rest of the job market.
Right now I am very happy that we have a recycle program. I think we should record another year or two of results before we make any changes. Let's see where the gaps are first.
Saskatoon has done a good job in the past few years in implementing a recycling program and now making a lawn & garden material collection available at a reasonable cost.
Seems like the cans we use break a lot and waste a lot of money. Are there better bins or is there a better way? Credits for less trash and more recycling??

Seems to be good.
Separate or partitioned bins for glass, metals, plastics and paper products.
Should be 0 cost for recycling. We pay the deposit, then the city recovers it, plus we pay for the bin??? That's a double dip tax.
Since we have recycling we do not need to budget for future disposal sites for 25 years as the Mayor said a year ago or so. So, reduce taxes.
Single households seem to be working on recycling/composting/waste issues, but focus should be on large complexes - large bin recycling and large bin garbage. Sorting out garbage and recycle seems to be an issue and to avoid frustration many just throw it all in the garbage bin. More often the garbage bin is overflowing but recycling is not even half full. Recycling depots are being used for glass, paper, cardboard, bottles, cans, etc. An East side landfill location is required. Many roads leading out of Saskatoon - 8th street /Priddy road or road to Hillcrest Cemetery are filled with couches, toilets, electronics, pallets, chairs, hunting animal carcasses, etc. A smaller landfill on the east side that accommodates this type of drop off and whether it is moved to the main landfill for now until a more permanent east side landfill location can be built, at least that would avoid garbage being thrown along the roadside and ditches.
Start charging garbage by weight or bin size and provide better green bin service
Status quo
Stop paying huge overtime, move to a 7 day cycle and eliminate picking up on holidays. Instead of every Monday AFTER A CIVIC HOLIDAY MOVE TO Tuesday pickup. Change the rate on green bins to influence more people using the program.
Sub contract out this service after seeing how Lorras operates as a business compared to the city operation it is clear to me that this department is only interested in securing jobs not service. Delaying of middle management is the only way to go if the city insists on running this department.
Take a trip to some other facilities to see how they are set up. Why don't we separate our waste so it can be processed efficiently at the landfill? Wood to a biofuels processing plant. Metal to a metal reclaimer. Organics to a composter. It looks like everything is just buried. The blue bins are very good, and we should be able to do the same thing at the landfill.
take back those Lorras contracts and recycle our own
Tax Payers should not be forced to use the Blue bins. Implementing this Plan was POORLY THOUGHT OUT By city hall in that home owners in many cases DO NOT HAVE ROOM to store Multiple bins. Between my neighbor and my house my neighbor has the Black Garbage bin, the Blue Recycle bin and the Green grass bin. I have the Black bin and Blue Bin. When all these bins are there you cannot get your lawn mower, snow blower, or barely walk between our houses. I regularly drop off cardboard, etc. at the Lakewood Rec center. I NEVER USE THE BLUE BIN as it a total pain to store and move the blue bin out. Actually I use the blue bin in my backyard to store my lawn furniture cushions
That video of the Saskatoon garbage truck smashing a bin didn't help.
The city offers a great service. I would suspect that providing some easier options for disposing of green waste could reduce the volume of garbage going into landfills.
The city should be working towards a ban on organic waste going to landfill. Allowing organic materials to be buried at landfills is a well-known significant source of methane emissions that has a relatively simple solution of improving diversion of this waste through city composting programs. Increasing the number of locations for disposal of hazardous wastes like paint, batteries, etc. could be a useful direction to explore too. The city should consider setting a zero waste goal and working towards that. Without a target we are simply bumbling along on the basis of path dependencies.
The current frequency of service is good. I'd like to see the landfill site relocated with consideration given to designs that contain or remove potentially toxic waste to avoid contamination of the water table or river. As it stand, people will continue to use garbage for their own convenience is disposing of hazardous materials such as oil, batteries and CFL bulbs.

<p>The first are is reduce and not enough emphasis is placed on that. Reduce the amount purchases and the amounts thrown away to make room for new stuff. Put the emphasis on reduced consumption, repairing rather than throwing away.</p>
<p>The garbage pickup truck drivers are costing us money! They bash and break the plastic tubs that replaced the perfectly efficient group mental ones. First waste was the plastic replacement the blue one now is to me a waste. I have been paying for it and have not once used it! So the city gains real revenue on that one! One garbage bin served 5 of us. Now each and several of these have had to be replaced. Another this week because of the pick-up driver's breaking it. Suggestion? Have a weight detector so the driver does not try to shack the bottom out of a tub that had only 2 small grocery bags of scraps? I don't have an answer, but the recycling whoopla makes me angry... I have very little throw away and I see so much wasted materials and time in the city system.</p>
<p>The service could easily be decreased, People need to start recycling and stop being so wasteful, We do not need garbage pickup every week along with the recycling bins, I could go for a good month without any pickup and according to a lot of others I know they could also. Our compost is stored in a bin all winter and then put in the Garden in the spring, everyone else could in same could do this. This is not that hard even for City dwellers.</p>
<p>The service is currently adequate. However, when I do visit the landfill I find the fees are way too high and the lines are way too long. In talking with staff working at the landfill, they are frustrated and wish they had extra help to facilitate more trucks moving in and out quicker.</p>
<p>This city is so behind in promoting recycling. More awareness needs to be made to the public and every household should compost their green waste and raw food. We should almost penalize those that don't recycle or compost as there's no reason why everyone isn't doing it.</p>
<p>This is a good program. Making sure each Apartment Building, Townhouse and Condo Unit is equally responsible for paying their share in these services is mandatory. However not each individual acts responsibly and places their contents in the correct bins.</p>
<p>This is a priority, but please do not force those of us who already compost (I have been composting for thirty years) to start paying for plastic compost bins that we do not want and will not use and have no room to store.</p>
<p>This should be self-supporting, if the recycling program is working properly it should be generating a profit.</p>
<p>Though the landfill is growing extra things like blue green yellow red bins lining the back and front of peoples property is an eyesore. And takes away from a person's yard and looks. I'd say increase this if and only IF the city has plans to Build in incinerator stacks to go along with the recycling program. As we are spending more money in shipping and handling of these recycled resources.</p>
<p>Unless you are willing to take on household compost pick up I am not interested in investing more money to this</p>
<p>Using garbage for the production of electricity and compost.</p>
<p>Very good job on the cities part. Just do not allow the contract rate be increased for recyclables.</p>
<p>Waste and recycling is actual one department that gets a gold star in my mind. Good job.</p>
<p>Waste should be charged by use just like any service like water, power, and gas. Behaviour change only comes with a financial penalty.</p>
<p>We are really pleased with City's current direction and services and take full advantage of them.</p>
<p>We are still very backward with respect to garbage and waste. Leading edge countries like Germany have zero waste pickup due to everything being either recycled and/or composted. Check out their website for more information www.howtogermy.com/pages/recycling.html</p>
<p>We better not be charged for getting rid of our garbage. That is a basic service that should be included in our taxes.</p>
<p>We could use more frequent recycling pickup and less garbage.</p>
<p>We do not need weekly garbage pick-up with all recycling etc. Also why is there pick up on a holiday if we are paying overtime wages</p>

We live in McCallum Way and we still don't have a recycling bin.
We need better trained drivers. At both properties we own we have had fences destroyed and garbage cans destroyed by garbage truck drivers.
We need composting. Also, I heard that recycling just gets thrown in the dump. Not sure if that's true. If it is and it's because there is not enough funding, then there needs to be enough funding.
We need increased recycling pick-up, more affordable options for rain conservation (rain barrels), compost bins and green bin for yard recycling at a lower cost. An increase in this would lead to a reduction in garbage & waste costs.
We need to have composting. Municipalities in Nova Scotia have been composting for more than 20 years. Why can't Saskatoon have the same thing?
We should have door front composting like many other venues already do, and not just for yard waste in the summer. If the city is not going to move forward with a comprehensive composting plan the project should be put out to tender and opened up to the private sector.
We spend 8 million on lights at an intersection yet we fight and debate over 200k on garbage collection. Give me a break. Garbage collection should have more priority than policing. The dump is extremely expensive so people just take their garbage and dump it where ever they want knowing someone has to pick it up. We should have garbage collection every single week all year long.
Weekly pickup for more months.
Who sets these targets are they realistic or a dream if they are expensive targets we re-evaluate why not have an space in each area where they can dump garbage pick it up with a front loader onto a big truck send it to the dump save 1000 of miles& wear & tear
Why not more frequent recycling collection? Why not compost collection (household waste, not just garden waste)? These seem like reasonable things for a city to have.
Why would I pay for a green container? Ridiculous! Should be free.
With so much construction going on in the city there seems to be massive amounts of litter everywhere. With back lane garbage pick-up gone the back alleys are looking like junk yards with overgrown weeds and litter. There isn't enough garbage cans around for people to throw their garbage into so it goes on the road.
With the introduction of recycle bins, homes now have 2 bins each and if they have a basement suite they can have 4 bins each. In the new Neighbourhoods with street pick up this has created a large number of bins on the street each pick day making it difficult for 2 vehicles to meet on already narrow streets. In addition, the city must enforce that each home owner has a designated place for their garbage bins that is not on their front yard. An example is Evergreen, which has become a continual line up of garbage bins on the streets and front yard, especially on streets with the narrow lots like Maningas Bend, Rajput, Wyant, etc.
With the new recycling program you could extend the month range of pick up only every second week.
With the recycling program do we need weekly garbage pickup in the summer
Would be willing to pay more tax to pick up throughout the year, not just May through October.
Would love to see WEEKLY recycling pickup!
Would not change
Year-round weekly garbage pick-up
Year-round weekly garbage pickup
Yes, garbage pick-up should be reduced to every ten days in the summer as weekly pick up is not necessary.
You have already reduced my garbage pickup, and the current mayor has indicated that he wants to remove garbage collection completely, which basically means he will do what he has already done to recycling. Now we pay for recycling when it used to cost us nothing extra. Is the Mayor planning to make us pay even more for garbage removal by contracting that as well? Yes, our city

is growing. That extra tax base will automatically mean that more \$\$ will be coming in for what is needed to continue the programs.

Switch the frequency of the Blue cart recycling program with that of the black cart garbage pickup to encourage more to recycle. Include the green bin recycling for every household and host educational programs on composting and gardening.

- No Changes/No Suggestions were mentioned 5 times.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Would you like to have your say on something other than what we've asked above? Share it with us below.

For the most part - keep up the good work
- Creation of pedestrian only streets downtown - 21st & 2 nd - speed reduction to 40km/h in all residential areas - more roundabouts
- just because we don't live in a crowded city with no room to expand does not mean we should ignore and/or delay dealing with local and federal and global environmental issues: water, soil, air, noise pollution - this city needs to do so much more in this area
A new outdoor track and field facility must be built before the current one is destroyed.
After reviewing the questions - I am concerned in the sense that the questions/options are strongly slanted to encourage "status quo". I was disappointed that I did not see any options above related to increasing the efficiency and productivity of current operations. Additionally - I didn't see any areas for input/feedback on the nature of civic employee benefit/compensation plans - such as the defined pension plan, which is an offering that is not representative of the benefits enjoyed by the majority of Saskatoon citizens. I also missed the areas in which citizens are given the opportunity to voice support for increased private sector involvement.
allow urban hens
Annual property tax increases are unsustainable and irresponsible on the part of city hall. Start making some adult decisions down there.
Appreciate the opportunity to provide input.
As a citizen I find it difficult to speak to the allocation of tax dollars. The internal budgets have resulted from many years of operation and study. I entrust the allocation to the Mayor, Alderman and staff to compile the best budget that fits the wishes and financial resources of the community.
As you can see, I have a tendency to believe our municipal taxation is becoming onerous. While the above reflects the savings on an assessed value of \$325k, I was unable to update my actual combined assessed property value to 3x that amount. The impact of increasing tax rates has me reconsidering any further investment in residential property in Saskatoon.
Better high-frequency public transit, more protected bike lanes. It's hard for business to attract young, creative talent when the city is so far behind other cities in these areas.
Build School before big box stores. It is remarkable that a Walmart can go up in months and it takes years to build a school. Stonebridge looks and feels like a bustling metropolis and they still don't have a school. I realize this is a Provincial matter but let's lobby and get it done.
City employees represent our city and are paid through our tax dollars. Either the recruitment process needs to be improved to ensure the right people are being hired or providing those hired with training which includes the awareness of and ability to provide exemplary customer service and above average results. Perhaps removing the union mentality of entitlement is a good place to start
City personal need to be friendlier and access to depts. needs to be easier with less delays and more actual people to answer questions.
Create bylaws to allow backyard laying chickens. Vancouver implemented the same thing a few years ago. Saskatoon's animal bylaws have not been updated since 1999. If pigeon-keeping is allowed, despite the pigeons pooping and nesting on neighbouring houses, chickens, who are quiet, cannot leave the yard and provide owners with food, and should also be allowed.
Cut down on number of office staff. Everyone pay own meals and travel to work expenses. Business meals can be more economical and alcoholic drinks at your own expense. It is not necessary to have two people driving a lawn mower. Many other such waste of money.

<p>Cut staff, city is over staffed in management by ineffective people. Cut salaries of mayor and councillors, they are overpaid for the lack of work they do. If they are in the position to actually make the city better, the pay should not be an issue.</p>
<p>Do not build a `SaskTel Centre` type of structure downtown. The parking will be crazy. Also, do not build a recreational facility downtown - it will only compete - unfairly - with the private sector. Do not expand or move the downtown library. It's ok as is (and actually isn't really all that busy).</p>
<p>Do not borrow anymore until the south bridge is paid for.</p>
<p>Don't tax, based on what house if worth, it's monopolized. Tax based on the income of people /family in the homes. Without the poor, there would have never been the rich. Tax the rich more, not the poor. If the rich, over spend, foolishly, that's their never ending wants, problem. Don't take it out on those, barely scraping by. Need better food programs for the poor, as well. I'm on disability, it pays a third the cost of a cheap living. Does that make me less worth of living? Than anyone else?</p>
<p>Education is a HUGE cost. Public and Separate Schools need to share busing. This means they would have same calendar schedule. In having same schedule it would mean reduction in custodial and care costs as well as the savings on transportation and reduced carbon footprint.</p>
<p>everyone should pay for this city stop giving free property taxes to your corporate buddies, condo builders</p>
<p>First of all it's fine to have a survey, but the City of Saskatoon doesn't listen which is very frustrating to its Citizens. I would like to know why that is????I'm very tired of hearing starting with my Councillor what's the problem in your neighborhood I would have to disagree. It appears that City Hall has forgotten to listen to the Residents of this City. It appears that the City is more for Businesses & Their Friends instead of all the Saskatoon Residents.</p>
<p>For all areas listed above and for other services supplied by the city I would recommend that the professional staff already employed by the city be utilized rather than contracting with so many consultants.</p>
<p>Garbage re-routes seems to be working well and continue to work on the recycling....</p>
<p>Getting the big things right (e.g., new bridges, major infrastructure) is important. But, the City should not lose sight of little things. For example, I see numerous street signs that are tilted and bent. Grass and weeds 50 cm high on parts of some boulevards is not acceptable (my neighbours would not tolerate me having uncut grass and weeds I my front lawn). These little things add up and can make the city look like it's neglected. Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback. This was a very interesting tool!</p>
<p>Has there been any repercussions for the transit fiasco and for south circle? Who is taking the blame for these 2 major screw ups on the city's behalf?...really hope the new city council has some forward thinking the way everything has been planned over the past 10years no one was thinking 20-30 years down the road... Saskatoon was a beautiful city with tons of promise but right now it is a city that had tons of potential and will have its hands full trying to make things right for the years to come!</p>
<p>Help people in the downtown deal with the pigeon scourge by setting up stations like those in Boston that feed birth control to them. They are out of control</p>
<p>Homelessness has to go, it is completely fixable, stop demonizing the poor and the vulnerable, increase either the shelters or allow those who are homeless to not have to become criminals for a situation that was created by our governments. We need bear patrols and we need access to programs for detox and programming, the waiting lists are too long and people needing and wanting help are being turned away. This is un acceptable and is creating a situation that from depending on your point of view, either burdens our city/province or creates jobs to deal with the situation. I prefer to not have to keep dealing with a growing situation that does not benefit anyone who is effected by this but especially the children</p>
<p>I am disappointed that every option for decreasing the size of the budget is accompanied with scare language.</p>

I am disappointed there isn't a question here regarding my tax dollars that are allocated to libraries and education. I would DECREASE dollars for libraries.
I am frustrated in continuing tax increases but no visible increase in services. Remain was a waste of money.
I am happy to increase the amount that I pay in local taxes, as long as they are used to the benefit of those most needing city services and who cannot afford them.
I am in favor of significant road maintenance (including the use of 24-hr crews where appropriate, to reduce traffic impact), additional interchanges, and park maintenance. Decidedly NOT in favor of: Handouts to the poor (housing), Paying Taxes for Usable services that could be billed Directly (Rec centers, River-side businesses, Busses, items that charge a fee already but are subsidized by tax dollars.
I don't agree with the new bridge going on 33rd St. Whiteswan dr seems a more likely spot, it is already twinned, wide and cause less congestion.
I don't want to spend any more on bike lanes. When we see constant volumes of people riding their bikes year round, then let's do it. Why would you spend money for only a few people? That's just one of the reasons why I don't go downtown!!
I feel the taxes that a city collects should be used for core services. It seems so easy to just provide the services a city of our size should.
I feel there are too many condo units/multi-unit dwellings being built throughout the city, but in particular Evergreen, Rosewood, Willowgrove, areas are flooded with units. The city controls the uses of these lands, and significant concern should be given to the excess in the market, and the effect on the market price of surrounding single dwellings that are adjacent to these units. This is a city planning issue that needs to be addressed. Even with the increase in population there are a significant amount of new condos (and smaller single homes) that have been on the market for some time. Development of new areas such as Brighton and Holmes will just saturate the market further. Somehow there needs to be a balance in these areas.
I find it interesting seeing sidewalk repair in residential areas yet the roadways remain pot holed. Could these 2 tasks be coordinated so they could be done at the same time? Traffic disruption would be less and while these are obviously 2 separate departments the current system for repair is so ineffective and likely more costly
I get the advisory panel surveys already.
I have no suggestions or comments
I have one question/concern regarding the city's emergency services. To better serve the citizens of Saskatoon in an emergency situation, has anyone considered having a centralized dispatch center where dispatchers from the Saskatoon Police Service, Saskatoon Fire Department, and MD Ambulance work together under the same roof?
I live in a nice house in a nice part of Saskatoon. I worked very hard to save up for some equity for my house and I continue to work very hard to cover my mortgage and taxes. I don't have a lot of extra money. I just received a tax bill for 2016 approaching \$9,000. This is a lot of money and will require me to work extra hard to pay the bills this year. I will spend more nights at work and my children will go without seeing me as a result. Please understand that the taxpayer is not a limitless source of money and while a "mere" 3.8% increase might only be a modest increase for some, it is not for everyone. I am comfortable working harder to pay for city services, but I chafe at waste. The SPS exudes wasteful spending.
I think city hall needs to have a lean program to get rid of what is not needed. You need to hire efficient workers not those who spend their day with the Ken Dryden pose. People who are hired need to be dedicated, hardworking, and proud of their work. The outside workers need to work not sit in their little houses and play on their computers which I have seen. Or one working and 6 standing looking down the hole. If they are watching they do not need to be there. Put them to work somewhere else. Do a day's work don't get paid for only doing a half days work. Why don't you consider using community service work or fine option people? Tell the union to get a life and

<p>get those people working at things the city can't afford to hire. If the union says anything, you as the city are not taking any work away because it would not be done anyway.</p>
<p>I think I've covered just about everything</p>
<p>I think that the city spend a lot of useless money on sending Our Mayor all over the world, I am sure some of the trips are necessary, but most not, also Our Police Chief spends a lot of our money being involved in meetings throughout the Country, I thought We needed Him here, Also I think the City Managers are being overpaid extremely, when a lot of the decisions are mistakes, such as the bridges and the Art Gallery over budgets. Who makes these decisions and why if We have these "Professionals " do We need to hire Consultants?</p>
<p>I think the city needs to focus on a balanced budget with no increases in taxes for at least 5 years. We are in a recession and need to decrease spending rather than increase and reduce or eliminate capital projects. We have 2 bridges being built now, wait on other projects</p>
<p>I think you should double the salaries of the mayor City Councillors. Seriously. I want candidates to have the pay so that they can work full time at this job.</p>
<p>I wish that the city administration would focus on practical issues and issues related to the strength of economy in the city. I avoid downtown whenever I can because there is little there that I cannot access in my neighbourhood, and traffic and parking are inconvenient. The fact that private industry did not want to invest in the river front fiasco should have been an indicator that it was not a plan with potential for positive financials. Traffic at SaskPlace is a bit congested, but bearable. Building a new facility downtown will be a mistake, unless half of downtown is learned for parking, and dedicated access roads constructed to allow almost direct access from Idylwyld, Warman Road, 33rd, 22nd, and Broadway Bridge. There have been improvements of late in policing, and snow removal. The recycling initiative has been well handled and managed. My primary frustrations after living in the city since 1991 are primarily related to the challenges created when city planning from decades earlier fell short. Unfortunately, I see nothing in newer neighbourhoods that indicates that recent planning is any better.</p>
<p>I wonder why the financial benefits of economies of scale arising from population growth don't seem to apply to city growth. I recognize that higher standards eat up some of this savings, and rightly so, but still.... I would also like to see the city grow up, rather than out. I would like to see small the small convenience stores located close to schools converted from candy stores to healthier offerings (fresh produce, etc.). We need to be able to parent our community of children, instead of cater to them.</p>
<p>I would look into investing into areas that would help to eliminate causes that require significant police investment.</p>
<p>I would love to be able to have the opportunity to discuss what matters to residents in the city and what we feel could be improved. I am a volunteer on a community association and would love to discuss your park enhancement grants and how they need to be re-vamped. We walked away from a grant this year because we were told no one wants to do the work, etc. It is very frustrating to try to improve your community, but get stopped in your tracks once you begin the current grant process. Our project was extremely overpriced. This is why community associations are not updating and taking care of their parks, etc. as it is too difficult to get anything done through current grant stipulations.</p>
<p>I'm tired of our city building "monuments", you wouldn't buy a fancy new front door for your house if the roof was leaking.....</p>
<p>If everyone wants to move here and be part of our city why do we continue to offer business and companies tax free programs extending up to 5 years costing the city millions in tax dollars and placing a heavy burden on the rest of its residents? Our taxes have gone up close to 30% in the last several years and what have the citizens got in return. Increased traffic, worse roads, reduced garbage pickup, increased crime, decreased fire service, increased debt load and financial burden. Growth does not pay for growth a few like myself and up paying for the many.</p>

<p>If Saskatoon is growing then why would we get rid of the only outdoor track in the City? I guess we don't want our children to grow up being active and healthy. I guess we want them developing childhood and adult disease like diabetes, hypertension, anxiety, obesity etc. and therefore put a bigger strain on our tax dollars by requiring more health care dollars.</p>
<p>improve bike infrastructure</p>
<p>In general, you just need to be more forceful about making many small improvements to the downtown core and its livability. Large monster projects are 'interesting' but they are a distraction from the real work of making the downtown more attractive. Why are there almost no parking garages? Why are their car parking lots everywhere sitting empty when you could have small development with underground indoors parking or a single block of parking 4 stories high that would free up 3 other vacant lots? What sort of craziness makes it ok to give money away to parcel y developers when we really need a new library and a real downtown transit terminal (not the cold, uncomfortable, exposed, and congested thing we have now)? Start thinking like you live here and stop thinking this is some sort of amusement park for people in the suburbs or Warman. It's downtowns that make cities great. No one ever said "Hey, I love NEW YORK because it has really nice suburbs really far away from Times Square."</p>
<p>Increase funding to libraries by however much I decreased everything else.</p>
<p>Increase the money for water & sewer infrastructure, an area most cities, including Saskatoon, are underfunded in.</p>
<p>Interest group lobbying must be more carefully analysed before tax dollars are allocated. Our ability to provide basic services first has been seriously eroded by irresponsible allocations to small, non-representative interest groups.</p>
<p>Invest in grid modernization for SL&P. Saskatoon is a great city to live in, and is changing rapidly. As a small-mid size Canadian city, we would do well to learn from cities that have already grown in the same patterns that we're experiencing. When Canada's longest and most successful Mayor, Mayor Hazel McCallion, was asked if she had any regrets after 36 years in office, she replied: "Yes, transportation was not a basis of our development unfortunately. We are now struggling to provide a major transportation system." (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fY79KbCptTo)</p>
<p>Involve the youth of Earthkeepers, outdoor school and Science Quest and other such programs. These youth have great incentive and progressive ideas, led by talented teachers Separate and public systems</p>
<p>It is common to compare private to public sector wages and work conditions and the need to demonstrate value to us is a requirement. I believe current value for tax dollars is fair and could be improved with more of a service culture as opposed to being considered a 'pain in the rear' I'm experiencing when calling in concerns or making staff aware of local concerns that YOU want me to call in. Spend the money on keeping the older components whether it is roads, buildings, alleys, trees and street sweeping in older areas. An old street with clean roads and sidewalks cannot be recreated. I'm pleased to show family and touring friends around and appreciate the cleanliness of our historic areas and parks. Keep it more regularly tended to.</p>
<p>It is time to do a comprehensive review of how we operate our city and the costs associated with it. It should be from the top down. We should be looking at wages and benefits and compare them to the private sector and productivity and how can we increase it. We should also pay the mayor more which might help attract better people. A \$130k or so in salary as good leaders in the private sector earn a great deal more. Lastly we should put terms in for Councillors and the Mayor. It should be two terms and out. Being on Council or being the Mayor should not be career. New ideas and new blood would be good for the city.</p>
<p>It seems as though there is a top heavy bureaucracy that no one what's to tackle. No one want to fire the person they've been working with for years. A business seems to know how to operate more efficiently than does any form of gov't</p>
<p>It would be nice for dog owners to be able to access their community parks for their dogs. The parks are unused so often that if people were not using the park dog owners could. Even if there</p>

<p>was set times during the day or night dog owners could access the parks it would cut down on having to drive somewhere to enjoy the dogs being off leash. The 30 km speed should be removed from High Schools. This slowdowns traffic on too many main roads. Children should be taught how to cross the road at a much earlier age.</p>
<p>Just using a little more common sense approach to civic affairs and budgeting. I think people are ticked off enough that we are going to see a wholesale change in the makeup of the city council this fall.</p>
<p>Keep the old meter posts and put arrows on the top the indicate where people should park. Everyone is parking like idiots now and leaving way to much space in between vehicles now. There is less parking now than before.</p>
<p>Learn from other cities, from their mistakes and successes, do not repeat the failures - this should be obvious. City staff in general seem to know this and seem to promote good policies, so we need to determine how to get ratepayers and councillors to support these good policies. I think planners need to be more aggressive in communicating the arguments in favor of 'smart growth'. A city is far more than its potholes. No one visits Paris or London or Stockholm because of the lack of potholes. No one chooses a city in which to live due to the lack of potholes. Kinsmen/PotashCorp park, River Landing, revitalized Riversdale, dense, mixed-use walkable neighborhoods, those are the things that bring in people, make it easier for growing and high tech and creative companies to attract and retain staff (and increase city revenues/decrease per-acre service costs).</p>
<p>Less big trucks at a fast pace, Brad Wall's vision is not a healthy one.</p>
<p>Let's get the city as it is in good working order before we invest in "dream projects" such as a huge, expensive art gallery. We are a small city now and I suspect we will be for many years to come. Dreams like rapid transit don't need to be considered until the population warrants it. We can't get people to use the transit we already have. Don't forget we are a prairie city with limited population.</p>
<p>Listed above. Oops.</p>
<p>Look at other ways to cut crime besides policing. Involve all levels of government & private sector in funding solutions. Other cities are doing things like Housing First, youth programming and support of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, etc. to fend off the effects of poverty that lead to crime and other social ills. Encourage social entrepreneurs to participate - they have the drive but sometimes they need to know where the need exists.</p>
<p>Love the bike lanes!!</p>
<p>Love the city website for how much information there is. I'm on a community association and out city representatives have been incredible resources. Sorry to hear there is red tape with every decision but overall, Saskatoon is a great city with an amazing library system and river front.</p>
<p>Main message is ensuring quality, productivity, and efficiency. The intent of these terms has been lost since they've become corporate "buzz words". The scope and focus of each department above is, in general, well defined. The next step is making sure that scope is carried out while getting the best value for effort and \$\$.</p>
<p>Many cuts can be made to budgets without cutting service. The city needs to look for efficiencies & tighten its belt. It needs to provide good core services but not be all things to all people. Leave the showpieces to private industry or wealthy patrons. E.g. River landing art gallery. Look for opportunities to partner with private industry esp. concerning sporting & cultural activities</p>
<p>Money should be spent on things that benefit everyone (infrastructure, police and fire), not a select few. Tax dollars that are spent so people can go "play" needs to stop. I think city management is out of touch with the reality that people can't afford to live in Saskatoon anymore.</p>
<p>More money on public housing, and more money towards bus, police and fire stop, increase the parking fines, get cars out of the downtown.</p>

<p>MORE money spent on police so now they get more per capita than Calgary but crime goes up, new management and ideas needed throughout city. Too many city trucks driving around like they are on a search for a job. fairlight is a 3rd world disaster of a road.</p>
<p>Most newcomers. To Saskatoon that I talk to want to leave after spending a year or two here. The main complaints are that the crime rate is too high. We need less police programming and more police arrest drunks and punks. The city is also too cold and most people say "there is nothing to do during the winter". Why aren't the sports and recreation facilities bigger and better? We are like a very poor relative when you compare us even to the Maritime provinces.</p>
<p>My address is not in the Property Assessment & Tax Tool, it says Appleby Court not found</p>
<p>My feeling is the city needs to look hard at best practices -- from other cities. Things like water management (how can we possibly have this many main breaks on my block alone, and why so many boil water advisories), road management (building roads to withstand our conditions), sidewalk bylaw enforcement, and just having a hard working and engaged workforce -- I see we can do much, much better. Saskatoon is not making progressive decisions -- let's plan for the future. Let's spend \$ on the things we need to make it a better city to live in, and more cost efficient as we grow. Having to have a two car family is far more expensive than paying a few hundred dollars more in taxes to support a functional transit system. I would pay far more taxes to have the services I want in this city -- though, I also see the tax \$ could be used more efficiently, particularly in infrastructure (roads/water).</p>
<p>My friends call this city stabskatoon. That's sad.</p>
<p>My one suggestion would be to not spend money paving new development roads (residential) for at least a year. The ground does not have enough time to settle after digging in sewer, water etc. The money saved from not having to fix the new pavement could be used to fix the older roads that have settled. Why is it that these new development areas expect perfect roads right away but then a year or so later have very bumpy roads and expect the city to fix them again? Come on people use some foresight and a little common sense for the greater good.</p>
<p>My say has been up top. I've been tempting to come to city hall at meeting nights but what I have to say course wouldn't be part of that nights topic etc. so not much point me putting in input. I'm glad this survey comes out but I doubt its really looked at or much care actually comes from it</p>
<p>Neglect to the condition of our streets i.e. far too obvious on my travels and to visitors that came to our city, 4" deep and the size of a basketball before you people do anything to improve this situation Embarrassing and frustrating as we try to enjoy out city</p>
<p>New pay system for street parking has resulted in my boycotting downtown businesses and I have found new providers for health and professional services where parking is free.</p>
<p>NIL.</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>Nope. This was well done.</p>
<p>Not happy when I live on minimum wage, and my taxes pay for these top dogs! Get the message!</p>
<p>On this form I have to choose "Residency 2-5 Years", as I recently returned to Saskatoon. However, this isn't entirely accurate. I grew up here 30 years ago, during the last "boom" Saskatoon had. At that time, it was the purported "Tech Boom", which kind of fell apart through the 90's. Upon returning to my home town, I am cautiously optimistic that perhaps long-term residents remember those days and the decision making that went on at that time -- and that those decisions are being learned from. However, Saskatoon is just as beautiful and troubled as I remember. This is to say that things in Saskatoon have gotten much bigger and much busier, but they haven't really changed all that much in 30 years. I say these things with fondness for this city and its residents. All in all, I appreciate this consultation with the city's residents. That is progressive and shows that we are, in some ways, on the right track. Keep up the positive efforts.</p>

Please have the courage to raise taxes to provide services that will make our city more livable. We don't have oceans or mountains, but this is a great place--we need our city, not businesses, to lead in providing the services and infrastructure that will improve quality of life.
Please, please debate the police budget and propose cuts. This single biggest expense has to be challenged and controlled.
Police and Fire are top priorities and they should be given the tools, vehicles, protective equipment to keep the city and themselves safe. Plus Fire should be given more thought and resources to provide an even more EMS services to the city and this can help with the back log of Hospitals.
Put up some outdoor rinks where the indoor rinks are so that the Zamboni can maintain the rinks and all of a sudden you have more ice space that is useable at an affordable rate. Otherwise we are in desperate need of a rink or four. If people are busy then they are not getting into trouble with the police.
Quit wasting our money on new state of the art Arts centre! The old one was more than adequate.
Quit wasting taxpayer money on non- essential items. While it's great to have city growth and cultural investments, this city needs to learn the difference between needs and wants. As such they need to learn how to budget for what we need, and forego councils wants. This includes the art gallery, the bike lanes downtown that I have yet to ever see anyone use (bikers still prefer to run over pedestrians instead- and the police officers watch them and do nothing) and tax abatement for developers- either they are in the business to build or they are all too happy to scam and rip off the struggling everyday residents of Saskatoon.
Really tired of paying more & more & more taxes & seeing no benefit.
Reduce out of scope management at City Hall. Reduce wages for all other management. Mayor & council and city managers should turn in their parking permits and allowances for bus passes. Eliminate tax abatements and subsidies. Increase business property taxes.
Remai Modern Art Gallery too costly. Also, the planned condo/hotel complex design is ugly.
Roadways and recreation should be our major focus. Quit giving tax breaks to business owners.
Said a lot
Saskatoon and its population seem to be dedicated to cars which is unfortunate. Increases pollution, urban sprawl, the need for yet more car parks (has anyone noticed how many car parks have the best views in town, e.g. U of S hospital; Victoria Place on Victoria, Bessborough Hotel. Reducing people's reliance on cars would be desirable from health, environment and community life considerations.
Saskatoon is a city that is usually under snow 6 months of the year. I am not sure that monies spent for bike lanes that really confuse traffic patterns on busy streets that are used by 3% of the population is fair to the other 97% The new art gallery should have been smaller in scale to better suit the area around it - that might have helped it come in under budget and on time as well - I am not against art galleries - as a matter of fact the Mendal should have been treated with more respect - I just think we need to be more responsible with our planning regarding dollars spent - sometimes bigger isn't better
Saskatoon is an old-fashioned car-based city that needs to be re-shaped into one that will serve well in our changing world. Some strong leadership from the city is required. No opportunity is offered here to comment on the city's capital spending, which shapes on-going operating costs.
Seems to be a lot of wasted money and time with lot of departments
Send me more info on the Citizen Advisory Panel. I have trouble walking, but would like to hear and express views.
Smarten up with your bike lanes, and provide adequate marked transitions into and off of them. I seriously feel safer in the driving lane.
So off topic - sorry in advance - but I HATE the new downtown parking system.

Start doing something about the dandelions. They are terrible and cause a lot of extra work and cost for me.
Start focusing on current residents instead of dreaming of the day that we will be a gigantic city like Calgary. We are not that, and it doesn't appear we will ever be that. Stop building unbelievably expensive vanity projects like the Remaining Art Gallery and instead focus on providing excellent public services for residents such as transit, libraries and community activities. We already have ridiculously high property taxes compared to other cities, and using them in such flippant ways as beautifying the city or pulling down a bridge that could have been used to pedestrian traffic makes me absolutely sick about living here.
Start living within your means. This government has raised taxes every single year and yet we struggle to see where it goes. The bus strike is always looming which is unfair to students and people who rely on the buses. Lots of waste in council
Stop building sound walls. Is someone there getting a kickback on these things? Stop raising taxes. Where I am supposed to get the money from?
stop spending tax money on art galleries and lights along a bridge...the city is beautiful on its own.....also get the welfare recipients and prisoners out there painting and picking up garbage...saves money for everyone and keeps the city clean and beautiful
Stop trying to scare people with service level reduction and perform audits on the departments that are performing poorly for the money namely roads, snow removal, police, transit, and the city manager's office.
Support the Meewasin Valley Authority. It should have the authority to regulate. MVA should be supported with a law that no one can develop within 30 meters (horizontal) of the river. All land next to the river should be public land, no roads, just park - and trails for active transit (if appropriate). Please support the MVA. I was limited in the amount that I could increase in some areas, and that was disappointing. Some people need to drive, so I would not ban all roads, but everyone must be supported in taking transit or being active to get around the city - walking, biking, running, cross country skiing (all through pleasant treed spaces).
Taxes go up at a higher rate that my own income raises. Tax rate increases need to remain 1-2% maximum. Otherwise, things will get too expensive to afford. I need to live within my income, governments need to do the same. NO more art galleries please as we won't be able to afford the one STILL being built. I do believe the city is trying to promote business development which in turn gets people employed. We should look into more partnerships in sport facilities and their development.
Taxes need to be evened out We all get the same services. My taxes are out of control. Over \$7000 a year it's getting ridiculous I think the salaries at city hall and the police and fire are the biggest issue of concern. Needs To be addressed
Taxpayers are looking for more value from their tax dollars. City services and administration costs are not yet at a point that is reasonable, efficient and effective.
Teacher salaries. Management salaries. Police policies
Thank you.
Thanks for opportunity to give input into these matters!
Thanks!
The Caswell bus barn redevelopment appears to be stalled because of concerns over the need for massive infrastructure expenditure. There is no reason for this. A phased project starting with just the basic environmental clean-up along with a long term, general plan for gradual infrastructure upgrades that is coordinated with creative re-development will result in an immediate improvement for the neighborhood and early tax income for the city. The city owes this to Caswell after 100 years of Bus abuse. If the project is delayed for even a year, it will mean abandoned buildings that are ultimately demolished and a much more expensive, project that will be decades in coming to fruition.

<p>The city has to get its priorities straight. The city no longer cares about the people, but they do care for money. People are struggling in this city and no one gives a damn. The people who run this city need to learn about empathy and sympathy. The people need the help. Focus on the people. It seems like the last few years have only been about looking good to tourists. We have a bunch of new buildings, yet the Meewasin Center is closing, the Lighthouse has shut their doors, and there are more homeless people. I would love for the higher ups to actually be involved in the city and its neighborhoods. I don't mean the fine dining areas, but the buses, the outskirts, access, etc.</p>
<p>The City needs to significantly increase its spending for active transportation initiatives and heritage preservation.</p>
<p>The City of Saskatoon Police Service should be ashamed of putting staff resources out on residential streets to give tickets to people who are barely going over the speed limit and/or don't quite come to a full and complete stop at an intersection (even though they have essentially stopped). It's a money grab, and everyone knows it. We do not need to give any more money to the police, and in fact their budget should be slashed drastically. We need more fire halls. We need more rinks and leisure facilities. Roads need repairing. That's where the money should be spent.</p>
<p>The city should avoid wastage and private contractors and consultants.</p>
<p>The city should have a location to recycle light bulbs. Cut the library amount 10%. More stuff is on the internet and thus library use is not as important as it used to be.</p>
<p>The city spends 36.5% of their portion of property taxes on police and fire. I think this percentage needs to be reduced and more resources should be allocated to social programs, poverty eradication, and programs that make this city an even better place to live. I fully support tax increases so that we can receive more and better services. I think we pay too little tax in this city and our infrastructure and civic output reflect that reality.</p>
<p>The greatest difficulty with this Budget Survey has been the lack of a "forum" in which to address the absolutely necessary changes that the City faces now and far into the future. The plans have (to some extent) been made, but all of the "action" is still to be addressed. That takes place through these annual budgets. For example, I agree with the need to fix all the potholes and adequately clear the snow on existing roads, but I do not want urban sprawl nor do I want current and future transportation needs to be met by building more roads for private cars. In addition I do want more infrastructure for active transportation. So my very real dilemma arises when I have to address such opposite demands through a single budget "slider" (in this survey further complicated by multiple headlines, such as Road Maintenance, Ice & Snow Management and Traffic Management, none of which address the need for change in investments and operational priorities)?</p>
<p>The parking system is very poor. It was designed for the city, not for its citizens. The system that has been put in place may work well in warmer climates, but for the growing number of seniors here, and anyone with mobility challenges, having to walk or wheel to and from a pay station in the middle of winter presents a huge barrier.</p>
<p>The Remai Art Gallery is a sinkhole of money. Should have never been built.</p>
<p>The Remi Art gallery is a huge waste of tax payer funds. It is very clear from the number of editorials that expressed displeasure with the cost of this facility that it was not wanted. Now we are in debt for this project and the loan payment has resulted in taxes being increased to pay for basics thing, such as road repair and snow removal to offset the art galleries debt payments.</p>
<p>The tunnels under Circle Dr. in the Massey Place area are poorly designed. Debris is always catching on rocks placed at the entrance and water running off the street goes directly into the tunnel. In spring or any time it rains, the tunnels become a mess and more than once, my husband has needed to help someone navigate the water which has collected there. When the mud dries, it forms ruts which caused a friend to take a nasty spill when her bike tire caught on</p>

<p>one of these ruts. They are just not people-friendly ways to move from one side of Circle Dr. to the other.</p>
<p>There also needs to be an increase in funding for the libraries in Saskatoon. There is a good deal more that could be offered if funding was increased. A new & larger main branch like that of Winnipeg should be considered.</p>
<p>There is too much focus on building a "legacy" for the current mayor. We don't need a new art gallery, one that will be crammed between a ridiculous high-rise hotel right on the river's edge and the KPMG building. The art gallery will not be very accessible due to tight parking and an entrance fee. It will never be a "destination" attraction...Second, getting rid of the old parking meters was a mistake. The old meters were part of Saskatoon's downtown charm. While other cities strive for this type of authenticity and quaintness, Saskatoon pretends we are the "big boys" and must introduce costly new meters that are frustrating for nearly everyone and dangerous for the physically impaired (who must walk to and fro on icy roads in the middle of winter). I now deliberately avoid going downtown unless absolutely necessary. When completing this "budget review", I was uncertain where the Meewasin Valley Authority fit. Funding should be increased to the MVA, not decreased. The major needs to advocate to the province for more funding.</p>
<p>There's a huge demographic in this city that uses the municipal services but isn't engaged in municipal politics. City councillors hold meetings and seek input and who turns up to these? What age group? What ethnic mix participates? What kind of people's opinions that are offered, are actually 'heard'? I went to some meetings and the percentage of young families or the under-40 age was pitifully small. And most regrettably, it was a very "white" group. This in a ward that has a high population of well-educated folks from the Indian subcontinent and eastern Asia. To really be a cosmopolitan city, city council has got to find ways to engage these segments of what is collectively "our" society. And "city hall" has to quit thinking about expanding boundaries as if a broader property tax-base will solve budget shortfalls. If that was true, cities like Chicago and New York would be rich with no budgetary problems; Toronto's TTC could fund its expansion without going broke and Vancouver could finally build its ALRT (rapid transit) extensions to Tsawassen and the North Shore.</p>
<p>These unprecedented taxes increases (this year in particular) are not sustainable. There is no noticeable increase in services provided and the higher taxes will eventually drive away both residents and businesses alike.</p>
<p>This city has a spending problem, and an accountability problem from its departments, especially the police. Annually increasing taxes, instead of looking at ways of increasing efficiency and cutting waste, is a poor excuse for leadership from our elected officials. Finally, enough catering to special interest groups. This is a city, not a church or charity.</p>
<p>This is fantastic. I hope you can take some of the more controversial and imaginative ideas and at least speak to them. Just so you know, I moved from Saskatoon to Asquith about a year ago. I work in Saskatoon, and visit family and access services and shop in Saskatoon. I'm thinking about moving back to Saskatoon in the upcoming year. This survey didn't account for people living outside the city. It also focuses more on tax payers than renters. Renters are important people too, y'know.</p>
<p>Traffic lights is my biggest complaint. Wait in the system is another complaint. There seems to be no accountability for city workers who drive around and take extended breaks. I do not see the city taking my tax dollars seriously. I see wait everywhere.</p>
<p>Two things: 1) Library - Needs a complete overhaul to emphasize newer ICT (Info & communications technology) in service delivery, rather than bricks & mortar to store physical artifacts. 2) I live in The Willows and understand that the type of condo organization we have is relatively rare in the province. Taxation for this type of organization needs to be reviewed. We are subject to the same taxation as other city residents, but do not receive the same city services. This is unfair.</p>

<p>Until this city is ready to look at all the unavailable middle city management and all the hoops one has to jump through to find someone who is responsible for anything there will be no improvements all around.</p>
<p>Use our tax dollars responsibly and quit raising taxes. Use police to stop real crime. Be responsible stewards of our money and look after all citizens equally.</p>
<p>Very poorly designed survey - far too complicated!!!!</p>
<p>We live in a beautiful city, great people, growing, beautiful parks, lots of services for residents, but we need a more financially responsible council. Taxes cannot continue to increase year after year. Building another arena down town is not needed (use the current one and maintain it), get the auditorium down town used more and better managed (way too much business goes to the exhibition grounds), the commuter bridge is not needed, when another bridge is being built two miles way! More urgent need is the road conditions within the city that are in dire need of repair?? Tax payers cannot continue to have tax increases year after year after year. Council does a great job and are all very dedicated, but we need to get the taxes within Saskatoon under control. Thank You for the opportunity to voice my concerns and thoughts.</p>
<p>We need a change. Our resources are going towards meeting our mayor legacy goal and not to where it is needed.</p>
<p>We need better control of the pet situation. Too often I have seen dogs running loose and cats doing their business in my yard. Calls to Animal Control have resulted in one person sitting in their vehicle for 5 minutes and then leaving without getting out to see if there was an animal loose or coming to talk to me. Another case happened when I left a message about a dog being loose and no one ever called me back.</p>
<p>We need to implement or increase the performance expectations of city. Reading the comment bellow that I have reduced the tax revenue by one cent is going to reduce service is a comment.</p>
<p>We need to invest in our roads more than anything. Focus on making what we have better before we expand too much more.</p>
<p>When accepting donated money for projects, don't make that bring on additional financial load. When someone donates \$xx dollars for a, let's say, art gallery or museum, then you spend \$xx dollars on the art gallery - not \$xx + \$city city taxpayer dollars.</p>
<p>When is the last time a new rink was built in Saskatoon? We need new rinks!!!! I am not interested in bike paths or outdoor pools or more buses. As a tax payer my number one priority is new ice surfaces in Saskatoon.</p>
<p>While even though my decrease says it will result in a service level reduction, I do not believe that for a moment. As we (community) have always provided a service regardless of whether we have a lot or a little. It is merely who has the bigger squeak in the wheel and who can barter for the oil needed the best. Some will do well and others will continue on status quo or with less. None the less we will continue to service Saskatoon.</p>
<p>Work harder to reduce taxes. Start becoming effective with the equipment and programs you have in place rather than seeking continual increases and enhancements.</p>
<p>Yes the high school speed zones need to be looked at again. These teens are young adults some with driver's licenses and should be responsible enough to not cross a busy road in the middle. The other zones should have a flashing solar powered sign as we have too much sign pollution.</p>
<p>Yes, I would like to see less parking in the downtown area, and no parking allowed on one side of 8th street and the lane reserved to buses, taxis and bicycles. We do not need 6 lanes of traffic on 8th street</p>
<p>Yes. Future development of utilities, like encouraging residents to install of PV panels & geothermal. Waste water treatment development. Is it the City's role to sell electricity and drinking water?</p>
<p>You started charging to parking in Sutherland on central avenue...how stupid is that? Prove that decision was good, all it has done is upset taxpaying business owners. Improve productivity, because I pay the highest property tax in Canada and am NOT seeing it put to good use. Your</p>

administration is management heavy, fix that now. Your parking machines do not synch with your parking agents. I have had to correct a problem twice in this respect at my own expense...

You want more and more of our money, but provide us with little in return. I now pay for recycling picked up when I was already doing it at the depots provided. I am paying for residential snow removal, and not once has a blade touched down on my street. I am also paying for the police, and yet, despite numerous complaints from the neighbors, the drug dealers across the street are still in operation. You need to start caring about residents of the inner city. We're not all welfare, out of work moms and deadbeat druggie dads. Some of us are actually hard working, tax paying individuals, who like character homes and neighbourhoods.

GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT (CORPORATE)

Do you have any comments or feedback regarding Corporate Governance & Support?

Need to support this if we want to grow our fine city
- does the hiring of outside consultants fit in here? If so, stop spending wads of money on consultants where more efficient methods are readily available (i.e. contacting other Cdn civic governments to see what they've done, their hurdles/mistakes, their successes: this can be done without airfare and hotels)
Access to address city council without having to jump through several hoops to address our concerns as tax payers and citizens. It should have not changed.
Accountability. Hold people to task. Terminate people that are not performing as required. Be productive and effective, minimize the corporate policies, and procedures that just cost everyone time and money. If there are unions involved, start by getting rid of them. They are essentially only labor brokers these days.
Administrative costs need to be reduced for a city of this size.
Answer: Not at this time.
As in any other Government business the public would like to see less top management and more workers
Assess and reduce duplicate/redundant positions.
Behave more like a private corporation than a government body that seems to think they have the right to increases every year.
Bureaucratic growth has been growing well in excess of population proportion. This is becoming less efficient when economies of scale should making it more efficient.
Can't decrease this amount?
Can't let me take away from this section? ...
City is becoming less open and transparent. Why the secrecy on the newly negotiated pension plans? Why was the decision made to not have details on these plans not posted on the city website? You know what is said about sometime that appears too good to be true! How many tens of millions of dollars is it going to cost taxpayer who are now stuck with the entire funding of the old plans until the last pension is discharge fifty or sixty years hence?
City Planning needs to have an oversight process for all of the city. It seems that the individual city departments do not communicate with each other, so more oversight is required.
Connect departments, i.e., planning and development should be in contact with water management, parks, environmental services and beyond this there needs to be ongoing contact between city departments and other levels of government. For example rainwater management and protecting our river and wetlands needs to involve the whole watershed.
Cut by 10-15% there is at least that much to go in any organization especially when it comes to government.
Cut by 10%
Cut spending to this.
Cut your costs!
Deal with problem employees so they are not a drain on the system. Grouchy city workers who are stuck in jobs for years and slacking in their duties
Decrease overall spending in this area. Have regular clerical jobs wages the same as similar jobs in other industries.
Deregulate everything. Let the market decide.
Don't know if this fits here but sure wish council meetings were every two weeks in the evening. I used to watch all but seem to forget they are on in the afternoon. Also if I missed it Shaw repeated it several times. Now I can only seems to find it on Shaw while it is happening.

Don't really know what that refers to.
Efficiency of delivery to a stated level of service in all things.
Efficiency. Communication. Less silos. Transparency.
Ensure it is run well and efficiently this looks like a blank cheque to me.
Ensure that competent, qualified people are the decision makers so fewer consultants are required to be hired. City governance conducted by people who are expert in their fields and residents of Saskatoon should be well qualified to make decisions concerning the growth and maintenance of our city. I am concerned about the number of "experts" hired from out of province, country, at great cost, while civic employees are also being paid to render the same service.
Fees that are charged are surprisingly round numbers or flat fees with no supporting explanation of cost recovery. Continuing to adapt to technology and break down the us vs them mentality in city hall is a goal worth pursuing. Far too often we hear "we can't do that" as opposed to "let's see how we can make that happen". The Corporation needs to acknowledge it serves the public and is not just a job with the City. It has improved somewhat, but the controversial mentality of "it's not my job" or "hire more people" is not the answer to give us whether we call for trees to be trimmed or drunks to be taken to cells.
GM Totland's wage and benefit package is unreasonable. His pay out package is absolutely unreasonable. The people making the decisions regarding the bus lock out should be held accountable for making an illegal decision. They should know better.
Go over departments and move people around, there may be cut backs needed in some areas, or move those people to departments that need them.
good as is
Greatly have to improve on efficiencies
Have an outside auditor review city management seems to be a large number of management positions. the city could save money in all departments including police and fire by leaning out structure and demanding more of the management employees
How come I can't budget for less spending on councillor's salaries?
How does Saskatoon's budget in this area compare to other cities. As an average citizen hard to understand how this fits in, though it
How is the Art Gallery going to add revenue??
I believe the fewer layers of management the better. I believe senior levels of management should be housed near the from line workers.
I don't know enough about this area to provide any comments or feedback
I don't know enough about what this is to comment...
I don't know enough of how this works to comment.
I don't see a budget line here? Is this really \$269 from the pie chart? Should these not be self-supporting???
I have no suggestions or comments
I know you need people to run the city, but try to do more with less, like private business. You have way too many employees, and they are bored!
I realize that administration if very important however, there are a lot of efficiencies that could and should be implemented to ensure smoother working of operations
I think it is time that the city better plan the maintenance and upkeep of the city. They need to develop a 5 and 10 year plan and each administration continues to follow this plan to better coordinate things like water, sewer roads repair so many of these services are done at once instead of tearing up a single section of road multiple times (year 1 for water. year 2 for gas year 3 for something else) why in this day and age are all these department independent of one another instead of all working together.
I think it would be a good plan to have an external review of the administrative operations to ensure that all positions are necessary. I often question the number of workers required to do some simple maintenance to roads.... not uncommon to see 2 working and 5 watching...just saying

I think that one of the strengths of Saskatoon has been accessible corporate governance. The mayor and council have been both accessible and responsive. As we grow this will become more of a challenge that will only be met if we clearly acknowledge this as a priority
I think the city has updated some of their technologies to give better service and maybe it helps to utilize their staff better. The last time I called about something like a sewer back up I was pretty amazed at the service.
I think the city needs to look at creating efficiencies in their management and unionized ranks. There are lost opportunities for cost savings. We also need to look at the waste of vehicles idling in the winter. While lean has been heavily critiqued it has also focused on improving efficiencies and service delivery. In some areas it may also point to staffing reductions. In addition we need to refocus on supporting library services and a new main library branch downtown. Literacy is a key issue and with our city becoming more multicultural we need a stronger library system to support these individuals and those without the capacity or resources to find information.
I think the city should undertake program reviews to streamline the organization. In any large organization, bloat and excess creeps in over time. There may be services and programs that the city should not actually be involved with. It is healthy to re-prioritize and to offload services and programs that are no longer needed. I support external review of programs and services.
I think you have made some good moves in the recent past with IT. I don't think we can reduce anything since we are growing and we do have to pay our civil service well enough to want to stay.
I want to see your books, all of where tax dollars and city dollars goes
I want non-standard office hours so I can access some administrative and financial services after 5:00
I want to be able to receive more online service and support.
I would be curious to see if there is any room for trimming at the top? There is usually always room for some fat to be trimmed so to speak, especially when it comes to six figure salaries, the number of staff support, travel expenses, personal expense allowances etc. Who is City Hall accountable to for these items?
I would have to give this department a failing grade if its main job was too improve corporate services to the taxpayers. It seems able to spend money on high tech systems but when a personal contact is required it is hard to get even a manager able to explain or settle a situation.
I would suggest this should be reduced. It's a very big line item and there should be ways to be more efficient.
I'm pleased with the level of service at City Hall and the libraries; that's about all the interaction I have with city governance & support.
I've always encountered good, quick service at city hall. Kudos.
if city staff don't know what they are doing now it's time to get rid of them & get someone that does know what to do cut it in 1/2
Improve the level of service.
Insure that all Saskatoon Residents have a say on Support from Corporate Sponsors, both Federal & Provincial Governments.
IT AMAZES ME THAT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ARE THE SECOND HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF MY TAXES. WHILE PRIVATE COMPANIES ALWAYS LOOK TO FIND WAYS TO DECREASE THIS COST I NOTICE THERE ISN'T AN OPTION TO DECREASE THIS PERCENTAGE OF MY TAX. HOW MANY HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALISTS DOES THE CITY HAVE? HOW MANY IT? HOW MANY ACCOUNTANTS? IS IT APPROPRIATE FOR THE SIZE OF BUDGET THEY OPERATE OR THE SIZE OF "COMPANY" THEY RUN?
It is not easy to contact by phone someone who you wish to speak to or even to know whom you should be trying to contact. Phone calls seem to always result in having to leave a voice mail.

It took 3 weeks and as many phone calls to get the walkway garbage picked up this spring. I had raked and bagged 8 bags of garbage from there. They had always said they would come if I ever needed help with the walkway. It was in April so again only 2 week household pickup so had no room in there for it. And forget about ever calling in about snow removal. We live on a curve at the bottom of the crescent, so all the snow drifts in. Has always been a trouble area, does get sanding regularly but can get quite deep. When it melts there is nowhere for the water to go so can get messy. The paving crew paved over the nearest drain a couple of years ago, the other drain is in the middle of the road, on the top of the ridge.
It's time for a change. That's all.
It's time for a complete change on council.
keep it 'lean'
Keep the people local and I would suggest that you have positions for people from all socio-economic backgrounds so that you are reaching out to more than one group.
Kill this department, or show me an increase in its productivity to prove its worth
Less usage of outside consultants would be a cost savings for the city!!
Like any bureaucracy there is waste that can be trimmed. Get rid of even a few upper management types and save millions over the next decade.
Like the website and contact info.
Limit expensive meetings. No catered meetings. Tax payers should not pay for lunches or retreats for government. Use the internet, host online meetings and stop travelling so much on planes, car, etc.
Lower the wages, especially of the city council.
Make it easier to figure out what department to phone and where to find phone numbers. The website doesn't help enough with actual phone numbers of departments, or even a general inquiry number.
Making sure the city is doing right by its people and not what is best for big business.
More commitment to direct action, and decision making from our professional employees, with less reliance on expensive studies, and consultants.
More efficiency. Better management. Remember where the money comes from and be frugal
Need to look for efficiencies in this area. Interested that I was not able to adjust the amount spent on this area.
No budget slider for this one?
No comments at this time. I feel we are on task here.
Not knowledgeable on this at the moment.
Odd that there is no option to adjust the spending in this department. Ensure that governance is effective. Just having a governance system in place doesn't mean that you are getting the right result. Also need to ensure that we are not over governing. What are the key objectives of the governance and support team?
Percentage seems high.
REALLY? No option to change this? This tells me this process is just a farce.
Reduce personnel
Reduce red tape by engaging users.
Regina has less managers and pays employees less. Why are we so top heavy??
Repeat of graffiti on a pamphlet entitled "How the Government spends your money" It said: - "Includes photo of actual toilet." Or in Saskatoon's case, a photo of the Remai Art Centre
Roll back salaries during economic downturns for all management
Seems very over managed
Spend less on media consultants.
Streamline services - not so too heavy
Tax breaks for small and new business owners

Thank you for creating this survey as a forum for comments.
Thanks for all of your hard work
The atrocious amount the City paid to update its website was ridiculous!
The changes that have been made over the last few years with restructuring are all positive. Not sure if amount of money spent was necessary but we elect those to make sure operations is being carried out correctly.
The city online presence is a start.
the city should do more with less
The recent changes to Council minutes including downloadable attachments and incorporated video-feed is excellent. The City's website does NOT have a good search function, however.
There is room for increased efficiency and less wastage of money e.g. spending on traffic pay meters that did not work properly, spending \$1.5 million to stabilize Saskatchewan Crescent when the consultant recommended against it.
There needs to be better management of civic employees. Too much wasted time
These are areas to be reviewed as there are too many people in high paying jobs doing the same work....like the health regions...too much management doing the same job...streamlining needs to get done.
This is a fuzzy question that mean very little to me.
This is amazing that it ends up to be the biggest chunk of the pie after police service! I notice that this piece of the pie cannot be adjusted, I wonder why, the survey was fashioned in this way
This is often the first place cut, and it really should not be.
This is the area that needs to be reduced drastically. Management waste, union restraints, keeping employees that perform well below average (not including handicap employees), WCB abuses, Short Term Disability, Sick Leave abuses.
This system needs reviewed much better. Too many friends on friends in government helping each other out
Too many highly paid middle managers that are getting nothing done. Revamp the process and streamline.
Too much outside expensive consultation
Uncertain
Use the people you have and stop hiring consultants. If your people can't do the job, fire them and hire someone who can. Having us pay double to get a job done will no longer fly.
Very top heavy, less management and much less money spent on consultants.
Way too much bureaucracy in the building permit process. The City of Saskatoon's interpretation of the National Building Code discourages mixed use new buildings as well as the re-development of older building stock that is necessary for start-up business, and the creative industries that will ultimately lead to a successful and diverse economy. It is no accident that most development is simple big box and simple, suburban apartments. It doesn't have to be this way.
We have no complaints. As a retired couple, we have no interaction with them; but hope they are sufficiently funded to do their jobs.
We seem to spend a lot of money on consultants. We do have a large amount of civic employees too. Consider using who we have on staff, or remove staff that we don't need.
What you're doing obviously is not working zero dollars is where I sit.
When I hear Corporate Governance I think of City Council. It is important City Council understands it is there to think strategically and help guide Saskatoon into the coming decades. City Council needs to learn when to stop meddling in operational matters. I would appreciate that focus. City Council should not be the way citizens complain about services. Every time a person has a complaint, it should be dealt with by an administrative person, and, only in rare circumstances, should a Councillor bring an item forward to be revisited? Further, one City Councillor may not give direction to the City's administrative staff, regardless of level. It must be a resolution of Council,

duly voted upon. The characterization I see in the Star Phoenix is that each Councillor feels they have unfettered access to staff. I see that as inefficient and ineffective. Work the big issues.
Why can't I adjust how much I want to spend on this? Is this where your salary comes from?
Why can't I adjust the amount spent on corporate governance?!? This is the one I would like to reduce the most and there is no slider available. Seems particularly sketchy.
Why do we hire consultants when we have well trained, high paid people on our staff?
Why don't we get a slider option for this? There could definitely be some "belt tightening" in this category.
Why is there no bar to adjust the allotment?
Why is there no slider for this item? As with any form of government. What steps does the city take to ensure that waste within its governance is controlled? I would suggest we could do more work with less if we remove the waste that surely would be found if a more lean and technology driven approach were used.
Why is there no slider on this section??!!
Why is there not a slider for this one? I have never received any human resource, information technology, or finance supports for my business in Saskatoon, so who or where to is all of this money being allocated? I think that governments should not support corporations, but rather support local, small, and independent businesses. Governments should serve people, not money.
With a growing population and aging infrastructure/programs we need to ensure we have the support at the City administrative level.
Yes, cut, cut, cut salary for top dogs at this time for the future!
You guys do well with a most challenging job. Keep thinking of sustainability, what is really important, and less about money, bringing more people in and other stuff that derails a great city.
Your statement above is scary. What happened to innovation and leadership as part of governance and support??? I want the pay to Councillors doubled. I want Councillors who will work full time.
Less services/supports to businesses and more services for residents that Need it.

- No Changes/No Suggestions were mentioned 13 times.

GRANTS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING (COMMUNITY)

What are your top priorities for Community Grants/Affordable Housing? What change(s) would you suggest?

Develop a Saskatoon Social Planning Council. Provide cost of inclusion grants for those experiencing both mobility restriction and poverty to afford transit tickets to attend community volunteering and community meetings, from all parts of the city with affordable housing. Fund development plans to bring universal design social housing to the north downtown, for those experiencing both poverty and mobility issues that make them unsafe in both market and Saskatoon Housing Authority housing units.
Don't know enough to comment,
More advertised meetings about affordable housing
More affordable housing
A significant contribution to the proposed YMCA facility in Riversdale. Many inner-city, low-income people could benefit from a great facility in this area.
Access to affordable housing is a determinant of health. Additional programs could be offered for safe affordable housing in areas that aren't typically used could be looked at.
activities for children and recognition of volunteer contributions to Saskatoon
Addressing poverty. Real responses to the TRC calls to action. Mental health and addictions.
Affordable funding is a disgrace. Should be increased.
Affordable housing a priority. Homeless shelter needs. Community grants are not focused on these issues.
Affordable housing alone is not the answer although it may be desirable in the short run. People need affordable housing because they are not able to find work or are paid low wages. What is needed is increased employment at better wages.
Affordable Housing and Community Grants are imperative.
Affordable housing before community grants. Make home ownership affordability a priority before giving grants to existing communities.
Affordable housing for families in addition to community programs for children and youth at risk.
Affordable housing for homeless
Affordable housing in areas of the city that are near grocery stores and bus stops; better maintenance of affordable housing buildings, etc. Provide grants to a diverse group of initiatives and organizations.
Affordable housing is a provincial responsibility. Let the province be responsible for it.
Affordable housing is an issue for many people, availability should be in several neighbourhoods and not concentrated in a few areas
Affordable housing is really tough in Saskatoon...I'd actually increase it \$5. Thanks for including the link to the community grants. I was not aware of most of the support given. I think these are a great way to improve communities.
Affordable housing must be a priority!!! The next generation of secondary graduates are being forced out of the city, and many out of the province because they cannot afford to live here and this is a terrible loss to our society and our economy. This has to change immediately
Affordable housing pays off in the end and gives families a needed lift
Affordable housing should be a much higher priority! Why is this budget so low?? Reducing poverty should make Saskatoon a much better place to live.
Affordable housing should be a priority over providing grants to groups for sport and culture. People can promote their own cultures on their own time and dollar if it is a priority to them.
Affordable housing should be a priority within our city for working poor families.

Affordable housing should get a lot more for the immigrants especially
Affordable housing that includes organizations like Habitat for Humanity so people can take part
Affordable Housing will help to decrease the current costs of homeless residents (policing & health).
Affordable housing-yes, community grants- reduce
Affordable low income housing and support programs like community gardens and teaching people how to garden. Ditch these huge parks now and garden the spaces
All housing should be affordable. Why is that such a challenging concept for the politicians of Saskatoon?
Although affordable housing is important, the city must ensure that the grants are given to the right properties for the right purposes. Some of the grants provided in the recent past are not suitable to the properties. For example offering affordable housing in a project where the units are designed for large families in a congested neighbourhood with no play areas for children is not appropriate housing for those families. You then have another problem where children are playing on dangerous busy streets with no supervision.
Answer: At this time we should decrease community grants, perhaps assist community organizations with marketing to the corporate sector for additional funding. Increase affordable housing is necessary.
As a rental home owner the rental market is flooded with property and rent is dropping with tons of available housing. The market is doing what your public policy can't
build affordable housing in areas where they have access to grocery store and transit
By making property owners responsible for tenant water, you are in contradiction of reducing housing. Landlords will be raising the rent to cover off people who don't pay their bills (they do not have lawyers or resources to go after these types of fraud). Clean up this and I would consider affordable housing.
Caring for those less fortunate makes our city a better place
Change the location of the lighthouse.
Cities should not be in the affordable housing business, this is provincial, federal, and other group's responsibilities.
Communities are the glue that holds this city together. I witnessed community associations accomplish amazing things with very little money, often working through a ridiculous amount of bureaucracy to accomplish simple projects.
Community associations provide excellent services to their members. Encourage them and assist them as much as possible without interfering.
Community Associations. Let the controversial organizations pay their own way.
Community grants are wasteful. If a project or service is desired, the people that want it can pay for it out of their pockets.
Community Grants status good. Need to have money to develop affordable housing - one issue that leads to crime, gangs etc.
Continue with providing affordable housing options. However, the idea of "high density" rental neighbourhoods is a bad one. Put a transient, lower income population (I'm not being judgmental, I have been part of that community) into a high density, condensed area, and what do you get? In five years' time, these neighbourhoods will be hotspots of crime: primarily domestic violence, drugs, and gangs. Other cities see this, but Saskatoon has apparently missed that memo. Spread the rental housing around the city, close to major transit points to make it easier for people. Give people room to breathe! Also, be aware that some of the companies that have built some of these units really don't care about the people they're building them for. So, rather than encouraging companies to build housing for business' sake, encourage them to build housing that encourages communities to thrive. Build rental communities.
Decrease community grants to 2 dollars increase affordable housing to 60.00

Decrease overhead and administration and focus dollars on delivering the service. Decrease red tape and hurdles to improve the effectiveness of application, reviewing and awarding these programs.
Don't know enough about this
Encourage communities to raise funds. We did this when I was a kid growing up in this city. It can be hard, it gets groups to pull together and find better goals. Not just ask for anything they can.
every developer of high density property should be required to provide some affordable housing in the development as well
Everyone needs shelter. Hit the greedy, to make way more affordable housing. Limit selling of property, to the greedy, even from other countries. Make a law that will stop the greedy high cost of rent. Newer higher rent for new buildings is somewhat understanding, but not older paid off buildings, where their tax and so on, has not increased to give them a solid reason, for tripling rent in the past 15 years. It's greed /love of money, and that's all there is, to it... Tax them just as hard as they hit the public, with their greed. Make a rent control Law! Greed has one ultimate final outcome, self-destruction!
Financial support to pay community association staff positions
Firstly, let's get our infrastructure and roadways repaired so we can have some pride in this city, then we'll look at spending elsewhere.
Follow models in Swift Current or other places to eliminate homelessness
Food bank, affordable housing, habitat for humanity
For the grants, let the purchaser choose where and what they live in. It shouldn't be the city deciding where I live if I need the grant
Get homeless people off the street
get rid of half those art grants
Get rid of these programs. Stop building low income housing in nice neighbourhoods.
Get the homeless off the street into houses to give them a purpose
graded levels of free to affordable housing for all who need it
Grants for sports: We are a hockey town and yet no rink has been built for a long time. We are closing track and field tracks. Ball diamonds are being poorly maintained. Please justify grant? Where is money going? Need to invest in our kids. Spend some on them. Affordable housing should be a federal issue, not a municipal issue. Exception is residential development. Allowing for a variety of residents (apartments, condos, single dwellings, etc...) in each new area. Otherwise, the Fed's should promote this better.
Grants that help seniors and low income families access sports and rec and arts programs.
Grants towards community associations to promote programs for children and youth that's affordable and access to funds such as cost as a barrier. Obesity so s big problem and we need to encourage our youth to get out and participate in sports. Also, cultural and heritage programs are important and we should be developing our beautiful rivers edge and creating walkways and eventually lots of foot traffic which will provide opportunities for businesses to open up and revenue generation.
Hold the feds and provincial government to account
Home ownership is an important component to investing in a community. I'd love to see more programs for young people, seniors etc. Owning a home can change your life.
Houses can be a variety of different sizes from 800 sq. ft. to 1500. Need to stop letting the developers dictate what type of house you can build. The city should create guidelines that they need to build condo, apartments and a number of different size house in the areas. Not all these cookie cutter houses that all look exactly alike (know will never happen as the city doesn't have will)
Housing first saves money. Invest heavily.

Housing first should be number one priority in every city. Have more community programs and events so people can access services in their communities.
Housing has become more affordable recently - grants for those in need is acceptable
Housing is a provincial issue let them sea with it
housing is getting expensive, and a good portion of its valuation is arbitrary
Housing is not a municipal responsibility
I am all for everyone having a place to live and making it affordable. As far as community grants, we are a very community minded city and it shows but can we not limit the number of grants given in a year. Example: x number of grants are given out in 2016, then a new set of grants are given out in 2017 different from the year previous.
I believe all Residents should be able to access these grants including Seniors, Working people whose wages are below the poverty level. Instead of always concentrating on people who are on welfare or immigrants.
I believe this is a key issue in the health of people and the wellbeing of the city. People in a home are not on the street, People in a home are healthier. Mentally and physically. I would rather spend a sizeable increase of my money on housing that on almost any other aspect. See what Medicine hat has done... Police cost would be reduced too. Trants entry...however. His entry was for affordable housing ...not community g
I do not mind these grants but really disagree with wealthy companies being given 5 year tax rebates to come here. The Mayor says that is good to get companies into the city core. So does the small mom and pop business get the same consideration? It really frost me when the Walmart's and Galaxy theatres, etc. get these breaks. Sure makes me not to want to shop there.
I do not support the creation of new elaborate recreational spaces until a full exploration of current spaces/programming is available. I also think if special buildings are identified for First Nation Children then it would be appropriate for First Nations organizations partner and raise funds for such amenities. I would say this should also apply for the rest of Saskatoon's population. We current Y have undersubscribed recreation facilities at present representing a financial benefit for a few.
I don't agree with spending on either subject.
I don't have enough information in this area to comment.
I feel the Meewasin Valley Authority is being forgotten by all the parties who have a stake in it. It deserves greater funding in order to maintain its building and its stewardship of our precious river valley. I really fear that the MVA is losing ground in the city's head-long rush to develop along the riverbank.
I find it disappointing that the maximum increase allowable for Affordable housing, using this tool, is \$0.36/year (or \$60,000). Far more money should be spent on grants and affordable housing. This will have a much greater impact on crime than more cops on the street. Poverty and crime are inseparable. Reduce poverty and you reduce crime. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.
I have drastically increased the Affordable Housing Program grant keep up with the increases need as a result of inflation from the recent economic boom. I have drastically increased the support to Meewasin Valley Authority, who is severely underfunded. I have also significantly increased the support to preserve heritage structures and entire historic blocks and streetscapes, while keeping existing grants as allocated at the least.
I have nothing here.
I see investing In The community programs and things like cooperative housing as fostering a mutually invested contract. There is then a shared responsibility and more programs equal more employment and more interest based opportunities for youth in particular. Libraries are great for their programs.

I think affordable housing is important, but the city needs to work with the province and possibly even the federal government where applicable to work on solving problems leading to the need for affordable housing. Working on social issues which can result in a more employable citizens will lower the need for the affordable housing spending.
I think community grants and housing projects are upstream solutions that could help solve crime, poverty and health issues.
I think it is time a lot of people need to start looking after Themselves instead of relying on the rest , They can buy older Homes to start with , They do not need new Homes
I think that money should be spent in keeping communities safer and nicer looking. I do not know enough about your affordable housing initiatives to make a comment.
I want grants to be open to organizations offering food security to neighbourhoods with affordable housing.
I work as a volunteer with a charity and it is a very complicated process to apply for granting from this agency. And only once in many years did we get any grant, and that required so much involvement for \$500 it was difficult. We no longer even apply, that is probably good news for the granting agencies but not very effective for charities. We quit the year that the administration (United Way, City of Saskatoon, and Aboriginal Urban) said that 50% of the applications were filled out wrong and so they had gone to others who had not applied yet and awarded to them instead. I would suggest that these community grants are in need of review, how effective are they for a charity? How dependable are they for a charity? An award of less than \$1000 probably is not worth the paperwork required. And for large amounts, what happens to the charity if the funding is pulled? Can the city's funding be a dependable source for charities (who have happened to fill out the application forms correctly) Our charity is run entirely by volunteers. Oh, and the other thing they told us was that charities can get put on their "black" list and not ever get approved anyway, and they would not say who was on their black list. Really? So how effective is this \$65 dollars being for the average national charity working in Saskatoon? On another note your calculations in the above are strange. A decrease of \$1 in the grant is worth \$450,000, an increase of \$ 0.40 in affordable housing is worth \$60,000...that is interesting math. I was trying to redirect an equal amount from community grants to affordable housing. How effective would an additional \$60,000 be to affordable housing anyway?
I would increase the funding for affordable house beyond the \$3 but that seems to be the most I can indicate.
I would offer the houses to special needs situation first or families that are willing to work to get something back. Community Grants - you should get a percentage based on what your community pays in taxes. Why duplicate what the Federal system is doing (they have adjusted things enough to help the middle to low income families) There are lots of middle to high income families living in communities that could use the grants to help improve their parks.
I would rather take a few \$ each year to upgrade the roads and snow/ice management.
I'd like a bit of an increase in my taxes for social housing but really, the developers have to do more. I'd like a bit more spent on the cultural infrastructure as well. A city is livable not just because it is affordable. There must also be the ability to express the cultural identities of those who call this home.
I'm not sure the City should be involved in Affordable Housing programs. This should be a provincial program.
If people cannot afford rent and daily costs of living then any sport, culture and social-serving community groups are an absurd waste of money!
Improve the Clarence Downey area - make it a winter activities wonderland!!!!
Improve the outdoor track at Griffiths stadium
Improved housing for those in need.
Increase grants to community associations.

Increased community grants for projects to increase sustainability, such as local energy generation and food production.
Investing in the lower income families boosts the economy for all, it lowers crime rates, and provides opportunities for the lowest income families
Investing this is all community sports facilities would better all communities. Hockey Soccer....
Is the Meewasin Valley Authority included in this? The MVA has done exceptional work for the citizens and visitors to Saskatoon; City's contribution to their efforts should increase. Re affordable housing, Lots of people/families work hard at low-paying jobs and they should have a proper chance to decent accommodation in a safe part of the City. Community Grants are important to a City's culture and vibrancy.
It is absolutely a priority that affordable housing be available to the people who live in our city. Poverty is created and I for one am tired of seeing people homeless, including those who are working poor, living in shelter or worse on the street, with limited access to shelters. There is also the demonizing of the poor and the homeless that this is their fault, I would like this to be addressed and to cease. Stop punishing those for this created situation... even 35 yrs. ago when this was the poorest city in Canada, we still had affordable housing and homelessness was virtually unheard of, so what has changed? And why do we support the suffering of our fellow human beings? If Medicine Hat can eliminate homelessness, then so can we
It is not the City's job to develop affordable housing.
It is simply impossible for a 20 something year old to purchase a property and start to build some equity. We are inevitably going to be left with a life of debt and will continue to be forced to piss our money away to the high income folk who have continually purchased properties and jack up the cost. Please limit the amount of homes/ rental properties that these baby boomers continually purchase just because they can. It is ruining our housing market and adding to the impossibly achievable cost of living for us younger folks. Unfortunately we aren't able to buy a home for 60k and watch it turn into a 300,000 dollar bill over the next 15 years.
It's crucial that we all share in the cost of affordable housing. This will address some of the core problems stemming from poverty.
It's the city's fault for pushing the market with growth. They should not encourage or support affordable housing.
Just make sure that the people that are using the housing actually need to be there and not ripping us off because the rent is cheaper.
Kick out tenants cheating the system, many are making money under the table and not reporting income.
Learn what affordable actually means. Almost \$300,000 for a 2 bedroom townhouse isn't affordable housing- that's middle class income.
Let economics sort it out. A small amount of government money helps few people and has an inefficient rate of return.
Lobby the government of a living wage for everybody to combat poverty
Lower taxes so all people can afford to live here. Start with 10% a year.
Many, many individuals are abusing the affordable housing/community grants. Until there is policing to decrease or eliminate this abuse, it should be decreased!
Maximize affordable housing.
Maybe help ensure people are paid fairly so it isn't such a need
More active living, build rinks/sport facilities
More affordable housing for families in need
More cash for the MVA
More food self-sufficiency for the city. Permaculture plantings, community gardens, farmers market support. The lack of food availability to people living in the downtown area needs to be addressed.
More grants for locally based initiatives by area.
More grants to sports

More money needs to be available in Community Association grants, etc. For example - \$10 for every new lot, goes into an account that once a community association is created in that area, it gives them the start they need to get things going, watching Evergreen CA now is so frustrating as no one want to help and no one will pay the \$10 membership fee, so how do associations get rinks, etc. going? Also, signage for community that has a message board that the community association would be able to use once established, we have these beautiful signs, but then the community associations are not able to put up a sign to let the community know what is happening in the neighbourhood. Also, community associations are expected to submit audited financial statements to the city for their annual grants, it costs approx. \$1500 -\$2000 to have that done, and the grant is only \$1200, this is costing the CA's money, doesn't seem right. More money to go to community associations please, we find it very stressful to operate, especially when there is only a handful of volunteers.
More money to upgrade existing playgrounds to modern standards
More public housing downtown
more support for community associations, incentives for builders to develop community affordable housing, new developments would require 5% community housing build
Neighborhood improvements that encourage the development of community and relationships. This is what creates safe and satisfying neighborhoods. Community gardens and pocket parks are good. Mega projects like huge recreation complexes don't really help. Programs like SUM theatre are fantastic.
No change
No changes
No changes however social programs are the responsibility of the Province and not the City and the City should be careful about taking on programs that allow the Province to download its responsibility
No changes.
none - good as is
Nothing can really be done here.
Offer less attractive city lands to developers in exchange to develop affordable housing.
One of the measures of a truly great civilization is how they treat the marginalized.
People who destroy the property they rent must be held accountable. Single parent and low income families of ANY race given priority. Low income renter pay percentage of income for rent. I believe the ideal is 40% of monthly income.
Perhaps the people could do some volunteer time, for the COS, as a trade-off for getting affordable housing.
Positive effects throughout the city b/c of initiatives like these.
Pressure provincial government to stop offloading and pulling grants on worthwhile community organizations. Provincial gov't has had a free ride and zero criticism for a decade.
Promoting unity
Provide high-density housing with lots of communal greenspace and playgrounds adjacent to the housing, not off in an isolated park or empty school grounds. Keep it family-oriented.
providing homes for our people(working poor) who need this opportunity to have a home
Pull back on sports grants. Increase to Meewasin as the river and everything around it affects us all.
Put some effort into heritage
Reduce community grants and maintain affordable housing portion.
Reduce funding towards Art museum and other things that need to find ways to be self-sufficient if they require major capital investment. Continue to invest in parks
Reduce program considerably; make room for non-profit organizations to fund their own activities that DONT benefit all Saskatoonians.

Reduce the amount and frequency of the grants. Grants should be targeted and very modest. It's not the city government role or position to provide this program.
Reducing basic living costs will yield in reduced cost in medical care, police services, etc.
Residential property is way over priced for this city which is reason affordable housing is such a huge issue.
Safe and affordable housing is a social determinant of health. Saskatoon's population deserves access to housing. In terms of community grants, one to incentivize green building (e.g. energy efficiency, passive house, cohousing, alternative energy).
Saskatoon needs more affordable housing. Not sure what community grants do but we shouldn't invest more in that than we do traffic management.
See above - limit residential ownership for rental properties - long term residents make for better neighbourhoods.
See comments in previous question.
See my earlier comment about encouraging (enforcing) the replacement of old, dilapidated, poorly maintained rental properties with well-built but basic accommodation and higher minimum rental standards for houses and apartment buildings.
Seriously stop giving away taxpayer money, let the taxpayers do it themselves. Make a model for residents to donate money into these charitable programs but don't make it mandatory
Should be a provincial or federal program not city dollars
Similar to road maintenance. Would like to ensure that the programs don't only exist, but are well run and have quality metrics that we can benchmark with other cities to ensure they are well run.
Status quo
Stop funding affordable housing initiatives (if you can't afford it, get a roommate!) Status-quo on community grants as those are very valuable programs, other than: REDUCE 'river edges' grants. Let businesses in those areas cover their own costs.
Stop giving free grants to people
Support for well-built energy efficient homes for low income households
Support sport programs!!!!!!!!!!
Tax Payers SHOULD HAVE A CHOICE what if any community grants they want their tax dollars to go to! If a tax payer has a strong connection to a special group, they should be able to have their Tax \$ go there. ON similar note should a tax payer have a strong disconnect to a group such as the gay pride parade and grants given, tax payers should not be forced to have their tax \$ go there. IS IT REALLY THE JOB AND RESPONSIBILITY OF CITY HALL TO LOOK AFTER THINGS LIKE HOUSING?
that you have created then make sure you were planning to maintain it and not then have green space go back to wild weeds but still expect people to pay the taxes if they were useable green space
The amount of money spent on the new art gallery is ridiculous given the crumbling infrastructure in the city.
The cities and province, together, should build and own rent-controlled, affordable housing. This should not be left up to the private sector as there is no motivation of profit.
The city has no place in handing out money from tax payers
The city made a poor decision when increasing the base property value of every house in Saskatoon by raising the prices of new lots to an unaffordable level. People need more earnings for housing not subsidized housing for the unemployed/underemployed.
The city needs to move from a reactive position on crime, poverty, congestion and health issues to a proactive one. The housing first approach to homelessness is a great example of this. White Buffalo Youth Lodge is another great example of how properly funded community services might be a better approach to addressing social issues than policing, carding and other reactive approaches currently largely espoused in Saskatoon. The city can't gentrify its way out of poverty and crime nor

can it police its way out of crime, as numerous studies have shown. Helping create well-supported inner city communities seems like an approach far more befitting of real leadership from council.
The city shouldn't be involved in this, leave it up to the appropriate organizations.
The decrease in the grants would offset some of the above costs.
The housing first program for homeless people - costs less overall and is better for all people in Saskatoon.
The slider wouldn't let me increase affordable housing beyond \$2. I think that shelter is a fundamental right and helps people deal with other social, health and family issues. Make affordable housing part of every neighborhood.
The support programs are not accountable to the taxpayer and when the programs or agencies partner with a sponsor or donor there is more prudent investment by the agency, and the sponsor is networking with the program service provider to do more focused work. Many of these are black holes.
The two biggest waste of community money have been the art gallery and the children museum. The money could have gone to road repair. Less big business controlling our city councillors.
There are already too many groups with their hands out for subsidy or grant money. I'd start weaning them off the public teat right now.
There are enough provincial and federal low income programs. Should not be municipal
There are many groups that can benefit the community but the funding id not available to them.
There are too many community support programs and overhead involved. Concentrate on 3 areas, consolidate and make it work. Splinter groups have increased the cost to serve dramatically. Affordable housing is one thing, the Community Grants to treat and solve problems from people using ILLEGAL substances simply needs to STOP
There is a great need for affordable housing. I would like to see the city put more money into this.
There is a need for accessible affordable housing for people with disabilities. Grants that support community organizations enrich the community.
There is a need for increased funding to the community grants programs, and the quickness of delivery of these funds to groups applying.
There is no reason why the City cannot build and manage its own subsidized rental housing if private builders will not. The City has a duty to all residents to provide the first necessary service to them - namely housing. It has been shown time and again that all other services become relatively meaningless and unusable if housing is not secure and adequate. Crime, fires, and other costs decrease in lock-step with housing security and stable incomes. This should be a high priority for the City, and I would increase the affordable housing budget to many times the amount allowed in this Citizen Budget, partly replacing that spent on policing and other enforcement services.
These are not the role of municipal government to provide.
These are OK. Perhaps less for heritage.
These both deal with social issues in the city, which are top priority for me.
This has to be better monitored and there seems like all this affordable housing/condos in neighborhoods are standing empty...
This is a very urgent area that needs to be dealt with. We need much more affordable housing I safe locations, drop in centres during the day and night, activities for families, children & youth that are welcoming & respectful of all. Perhaps some of policing budget could be transferred to this area. It would benefit all residents of Saskatoon, not just those receiving the services
This is feeding the problem. Low income housing is a harbor for the non-working community more-so then a benefit to students and low class working citizens as they have dorm living quarters etc. Growing the non-working populace of Saskatoon fed by our social assistance programs etc. is only growing the problem and creating more of these types of non-productive people which will grow up causing more crime and higher tax rates to feed them weakening the economy in the end. This service is counterproductive to Saskatoon and needs to be scaled back to dwindle the problem

forcing people to take incentive to work more and contribute to the community. We need to widdle away at this problem and not contribute to it which in turn will force people to start contributing and working.
This small investment seems worthwhile and should continue at its current rate.
Those with limited means have little access to the cultural life of the city. These grant programs plug the gaps for them a little bit and cannot be starved for funds, as they often are. Affordable housing is also vital. The quality of life in our city depends on the quality of life available to ALL.
to fill the gap there are options for fund raising
Tough one, as I have seen mostly abuse of community grants and affordable housing.
We all need to work together to support one another.
We have limited knowledge of these services and grants.
We need more affordable housing either in single family or multifamily housing
We need more homes for the homeless, but, just as importantly, many homeless people need mental health support. We also need safe injection sites, HIV clinics, and lots of work to stop child prostitution.
We need to look at shared housing and other alternative options, perhaps utilizing several tiny homes on one lot.
We need to make more housing affordable; housing here is too expensive.
Well, I think housing for the homeless should be a top priority. Often when the non-profit sector requests "affordable" housing, they mean housing programs for those people in poverty.
What is the ROI on these programs? Let's focus on gainful employment for these citizens.
While the Land Bank is sacred the merits at best are outdated and in general I am not sure this area is providing the value. There are other more effective ways of doing more for the intended constituency
Why are we doing this? Vacancy is probably near 8-10% The City should be providing \$0 for this in an environment like this
Why aren't these people working? It is incredible that they are existing on money from the gov't.
Why can't I increase funding for both of these more than the slider bar? A .38 increase in affordable housing? I consider this a high priority -- so can't we do better? I pay taxes to live in a city -- to make it a city I want to live in. I don't understand the fixation with low taxes, and I prioritize things that make it a liveable city -- like social programs, recreation, and transit.
Why it is that Affordable housing would only get \$60,000 and the grants get \$1.8 million? \$60,000 doesn't even build 1/4 of a house? I'm not even sure that \$60,000 is a real attempt at being helpful.
Why is the city into social support? Focus on services and infrastructure.
Why is the city subsidizing affordable housing?
Work to get rental rates to an affordable rate for the average citizen
Youth focused initiatives, ensuring that all children and youth have access to healthy programs and physical activities including organized sport. Too many organized sports in the city are creating barriers to accessibility for all citizens.
ZERO grants for business, allocate all that money to helping the poor!
Need to find a way to break the cycle of those abusing the systems/ programs frequent drug testing/ sobriety testing would help reduce the number of those abusing the programs and making sure those committed to changing their lives and needing the help are receiving it.
more affordable housing in core neighbourhoods

PARKS

What are your top priorities for Parks? What change(s) would you suggest?

Doing a great job! Better snow clearing of park walking paths.
How the city maintain the green space actually have again I live in Briarwood and part of the green space that we have every designated as natural grasslands you can't take an area that you have cultivated and then suddenly decide you're going to call it natural green space all that means is the weeds go crazy and children have no place to play it allows for bugs and ticks and weeds rather than use of a green space for children to play with children can play outside and start to get into trouble when they put inside where they start to get obese
Keep up the good work. I might look at the genetics that saved our flowering crab-apples from the devastation of fire blight which denuded many of our streets. There are some very nice specimens on the streets now that might be used in a breeding program to develop a disease resistant strain. I don't think I would plant any more of the flowering pears unless a sterile form is found/developed.
- more garbage cans and more prompt emptying of garbage cans so that (lazy) people are not tempted to toss their garbage on the ground - affix "no littering" signs to all garbage cans - put prominently visible "no idling" signs in all parking lots so that short-term and long-term pollution is reduced significantly - blitz residents with key information about how unnecessary idling of vehicles is destructive to human health and to the environment
"Reduced main to pathways". Bikes ride on street year round and are not using the paths as already paid for. NO more bike paths, no more special lanes. I road on side of the road as a child as I was taught. What changed to now? Maintain what is needed for those walking. Install water detectors for sprinklers to save on water usage (rain monitors). Plant perennials.
Accessible green space throughout the city and continued improvement along the river.
Actually doing the maintenance on the parks. Soccer fields, etc. tend to be full of weeds and long grass.
Again, I do not see a purpose in growing this program when there are other far more important areas that need funding to simply maintain. The city looks good already. But beauty is only skin deep. This city is falling apart at the core and the main services are lacking in their ability to sustain. We should worry about beautifying the city after we fix the real problems. It's a waste of tax dollars. The city already has more than enough parts and recreation.
All of the above
Answer: We will always have people wanting more pools and playgrounds, but can't see spending more at this time.
Any additional dog parks should be paid for by increases specifically to dog licensing costs.
Ball diamonds in the city are a disgrace compared to other smaller centers
beautification of parks
Beautify, More maintenance, i.e. cutting grass more. Enforce dog leash bylaws.
Better management is needed. 12 people & three chainsaws seems a little off-balance for cutting down one tree. Witnessed this last week.
Better park maintenance.
Better paths from West side neighbourhoods to downtown or the river.
better planning
Better snow removal on the Meewasin walking trails.
Clean safe parks.
Community assc. Could take on more responsibility for maintaining parks in their zones. I.e.: clearing snow on pathways could be a minimum wage job, no need for someone to make \$25/hr. for clearing snow.
Continue to invest in a mix of natural and developed parks.

Continue to maintain the parks and boulevards. Determine a way to provide low maintenance boulevard plantings free of weeds such as dandelion and green fox tail.
Continuing to work on biking paths to reduce greenhouse effects and give more options for exercising and biking to work.
Dandelion control to help homeowners as spread of weeds is high.
Decrease overhead and administration and focus dollars on delivering the service.
Design park corridors.
Develop a white-water park. The City is fortunate to have such a gem run through it. It should be celebrated instead of feared. Raise areas of the trails where water pools in the spring. Spring usage is important in encouraging walking as an activity throughout the year. Wet feet discourages usage.
Different types of landscapes that require less maintenance and watering.
disability accessible dog parks with lighting and paved paths and small animal off leash dog parks the maintenance of the parks are good I would like to see more eatable fruit trees and bushes planted that citizens could harvest not everyone has a yard.
Do something about safety. There's no way (for example) that young women can walk/cycle safely in many of the trails along the Meewasin Valley. There's also no need for everything to be so manicured and artificially planted. However, more frequent and early mowing before undesirable plants (Canada thistle, dandelion, etc.) form flowers is needed.
Do something about the weeds! Please!
Do something about the weeds. The city parks this year are a disgrace and I am tired of controlling my weeds when you do nothing about yours. The city has no grass just dandelions. An embarrassment.
Don't plant so many annuals. Instead opt for perennials and drought resistant species.
Due to the increase in green spaces more attention is required. The decreased condition of existing areas is noticeable
edible landscapes
Encourage more community involvement
Expansion of urban forestry program, creation/dedication of a major park within the urban limits (like Nose hill park in Calgary). NE swale or area between circle/central/river.
Extend the bike pathway network. Maintain existing paths
Few parks
Fix up the MVA trail and keep it maintained. Support the MVA in developing linkages to the city's parks and neighborhood trail system. Right now we are the city of missing links. Spend less money on suburban mega parks and develop some core neighborhood pocket parks. Consider dogs and kids and they will be a huge success. All trees are not sacred. Those old, giant, poplars can be cut down. They are giant weeds. They are messy and the roots are a hazard to everything around. New trees can grow to replace them.
Focus on native plant biodiversity, different varieties of trees, fruit trees to increase food self-sufficiency and grassy areas for play. Park pathways need to be ice free in winter and designed so that there are no lakes of water blocking pathways in the spring.
Focus only on certain parks.
Funding should go to low cost activities such as soccer in spring summer and fall, Pools in the summer and Outdoor skating rinks in winter. Hockey rinks cost too much .Participants must be well off to play hockey, so use of the rinks is limited.
Garbage removal from the bushes and parks
Get rid of the dandelions, mosquitoes and tics.
Give the MVA more \$\$.
Given the provincial government's lack of support for the Meewasin, the City may need to contribute more. It is an important part of Saskatoon's identity and is in need of further repair, maintenance and upgrade.

Good
Good The city does a great job maintaining our parks. We have some amazing parks.
good as is
Good balance of parks in city.
Good job
Great job. We should be proud of our parks. One focus would be ensuring winter activities & maintenance get equal focus.
Greater mosquito control funding
Green space creation and park maintenance
Happy as is
Have "Young offenders" and others doing "community service" clean parks on a regular basis
Having good parks are vital to our city. I would like to see parks like Lakeview and others be redone especially the walking paths. The paths along the river also need a lot of work.
High cost per tree..... should be savings
Huge waste redoing some of the city parks. Dundonald park for instance, I really can't see a huge difference except lights and benches however it was a "3 year project"?? The last year was literally a tear up of existing grass to replant. What a waste
I am quite pleased with the present service, but as the city grows we need to have the parks and pathways maintained. Plowing snow on streets and pathways currently is excellent.
I appreciate our pars system.
I believe the city is right on this one, the level of use of parks, including dog parks within Saskatoon has increased exponentially in the last 5 years.
I believe the parks are well taken care of
I believe the right kind of parks would actually involve less work and incur fewer maintenance costs than the majority of parks we now have in the city. Most city parks are not interesting places to visit. We don't need to manicure nature. Why build more of the wrong kind of parks while simultaneously destroying the best possible municipal or provincial park already at our doorstep, i.e., the Northeast Swale? The MVA needs adequate funding if we are to have any hope whatsoever of having any worthwhile access to REAL nature. The City of Saskatoon needs to step up to the plate and provide adequate funding. As well, the major needs to advocate the Province to reverse its funding cuts and instead INCREASE its funding support. Check out what Red Deer, AB is doing for some fresh new ideas in the area of parks and reforestation, etc.
I do not know enough. Yes, maintain parks.
I don't think we should consider spending more money on parks until we figure out how to maintain the ones we have. Gabriel Dumont Park is a shambles - the beavers have taken over; the riverbanks are overrun with people drinking on the sand bars and at makeshift camps in the trees; debris is accumulating at Diefenbaker Park and even in Kiwanis Park. We need to clean up.
I don't want to see more grand additions to parks while streets and alleys are in poor condition. Our city is beautiful, has recently had new parks built, and that's good, but now turn more focus and attention to other areas.
I enjoy our neighbourhood parks, and I feel that they are well serviced.
I have no changes to suggest
I have seen no problems with parks. New area development is slowing down so there should be time to get caught up on all new park development.
I have significantly increased this budget item because the park system, trails and urban forest are absolutely essential amenities in a healthy and vibrant City. It should be noted that they are in many cases the only opportunity for some of our citizens to interact with the natural environment.
I like what the city has done with the green spaces and river side good work. My only suggestion is timely snow and ice removal on the stairs and paths. I fell down the stairs because of ice last winter on the west bank of Sid Buchwald bridge.

I live close to several parks and the Forestry Farm. I think the city does a phenomenal job of looking after the parks I use.
I live near several areas of standing water on City property. I see the signs that the City has put up about Mosquito counts but I never see the City spraying those areas. Why? With all the viruses Mosquitoes are carrying these days why is our city not proactive in trying to kill them?
I love our parks. I think most are maintained quite well. I love that some of the newer areas are incorporating sloughs to keep the rural feel. Great to watch the water birds.
I love Parks, they are great for my family and for the city!
I love the greenery around the Meewasin and the old growth in mature neighbourhoods. The city needs to put more pressure on developers and builders when building in new neighbourhoods to ensure there are trees and green spaces established. Every household should have a tree or two on their lot. The onus should be put on builders to plant some so we endure the neighbourhood is green and inviting.
I might suggest tendering out parks for maintenance for to corporations as community partners.
I only have experience with the trail behind Silverwood golf course down to White Swan and it is perfect. They even have a snow plow. However accessing it in the winter through the walkways is probably a challenge.
I see city parks crews spend an hour+ having coffee at Haywood's on Arlington. Use cheap student labour or something. Let the grass get a little longer. Such a waste of money.
I see parks as one of the most important, liveable features of the city. I'd like to keep our playground in City park (the old kinsmen). Why are we making incremental decisions to save small amounts of \$ and reduce usage? How can we maximize use of parks? The suburbs have great parks -- and that is good design, but what can you do for the older neighborhoods?
I walk the park in my neighbourhood every day and am thankful that someone 40 years ago recognized the need for green spaces in each neighbourhood - keep it up
I want to see the City spray the friggin' dandelions!
I would increase monitoring for Dutch Elm (as we had a case last year). Much as I love the flower pots, I think we're getting a bit carried away (along Broadway ave, anyway). Fewer pots there would be fine. The sports fields would benefit from spreading some topsoil or something in the dips to re-level the fields (but then they'd be muddy...ok, re-level the fields somehow while allowing use...anyone got a magic wand? - specifically Victoria School field). I love the summer parks programs for kids. I'd keep it the same.
I would like more garbage containers, as I often see garbage thrown around especially by the skate park by pinehouse drive. I don't think there is a can by the park. (or maybe it's just the lazy people) Maybe some add like if you don't pick it up who will and show someone living on a garbage pile. This could be put up in schools, pools or other venues.
I would lower the price to the potash park (Kinsman Park) from \$2.00 a ride to \$0.50 per ride
I would rather take a few \$ to support road maintenance & snow/ice maintenance.
I'd like to see fruit trees in parks and the public invited to harvest the fruit.
I'd like to see more xeriscaping in our parks so that less watering is required.
I'd like to see parks that are more prairie-oriented, not necessarily ones with irrigated flowers. Love the walking trails!
If the city wants to be truly environmentally friendly, get a herd of sheep and they will take care of the parks.
Improve urban forestation program - increase plantings and maintenance in downtown/Riversdale, increase maintenance/pruning program to meet current best practices for optimal tree health. Increase variety of structures/uses for parks, rather than just flat open fields, add more seating structures, plantings, etc. Doesn't have to be 'playground', can be options for walking and contemplation and just generally improving the desirability of a neighborhood. As was done in Weaver and the park on 14th between Preston and Arlington, with some landscaping to add hills, etc. This can be done in many parks without removing sports fields. Contribute to expansion of

Meewasin paths (widening to support the increased usage since inception, including dedicated cycling/rollerblading/high speed lanes.
Improved snow and ice control in the Lakewood parks this winter was appreciated in our area.
Improved winter park access. A few more rinks etc., This is money well spent.
Increase budget. One of the limited things going for this city is the beauty of it. Capture it, sustain it, and Create it.
Increase community garden plots and all parks should have them. Grants for community associations with help from Parks to create community fruit orchards in all parks.
Installation of more biking and walking paths, for example, expanding the Meewasin trail south. Adding bike paths extending east and west. Increased planting of edible plants such as a Saskatoon berries etc.
Investment in new park spaces is vital. Not too necessary to do snow and ice removal on stat holidays and pay time and a half plus a day is very expensive I think the parks program is vitally important to the well-being of the citizens and youth of the City especially as Saskatoon is growing to 1/2 million by 2023. It is good that parks have street addresses available online, so special needs transit can deliver passengers to open spaces. Special needs transit needs an address to convey passengers
It is too costly to keep the dandelions down but I know if I lived next to Harold Tatler park I would rather see a sea of green instead of yellow which will then mean that my yard will be dealing with the presents of seed fluff from the yellow dandelions. Perhaps just mowing more often before the flowers start to seed?
It seems that the city is worrying more about the "new" area parks than it is the existing parks....as stated above, stop making new areas....till you can manage what we have effectively..
It would be nice if the City would actually take a step back and remove their greed when selling lots in new areas and put some parks in instead....shame...shame...shame on you.
It's fine
Just make sure everyone is working. Lots of times there are several people standing around with no one lifting a shovel.
Keep clean and mowed
Keep up with the maintenance. Perhaps be a little less ambitious about building new structures.
Keep working on Meewasin Trail. Let's get it going in a cohesive continual path from Bridge to Bridge.
Keeping parks clean and needle free...tough to do, but hiring needle pickers in the spring could help.
Like to see more community garden spaces, also fruit trees and bushes planted in public spaces.
Look at water use. I see the city watering park grass Donna birkmiar park several mornings a week & it is supposed to be "natural". Seems excessive. Control dandelions- without chemicals (similar to u of s innovation place). Add community vegetable gardens to parks in place of some grassed areas, plots could be rented out to individuals. Ensure compost bins built into such sites and compost used in the gardens
Lots of good parks.
Love our parks. Love the snow clearing in Victoria Park in winter. Safer to walk there than neighborhood sidewalks.
Love our parks. Very important to a beautiful city like ours.
Maintain better equipment at public parks throughout the city (but the grounds are usually always super). More green space!!
maintain funding to Meewasin
Maintain pathways. Insect control.

Maintain the parks. Control weeds and pests. Leaving the weeds and pests to multiply is equivalent to an unvaccinated child in a classroom. This is no longer acceptable. Homeowners are required to increase efforts to reduce infestation because of the city's "environmental protection of pests"
Maintain what we have.
Maintain what we have. We want to live in a city we can be proud of when people visit. The major roadway boulevards should be treed and maintained. Circle drive boulevards where the most amount of people travel is disgusting.
Make all developers more responsible and let them do the parks we enough for the lot
Make community parks clean, attractive, well-lit, and safe. Consider developing currently unsold plots in new neighbourhoods into greenspace for residents. Look at the lots at Lowe Rd and Evergreen. Make them an extension of the park walkway system in the area.
Make old parks look just as nice as the new parks in the newest sub divisions.
Make parks in old neighbourhoods as nice as in new neighbourhoods.
Make public swimming pools free
Make sure that Trees are being planted in proper places. In new parks put the trees where they will give the best shade for the play structures.
Maintain the urban forest, maybe provide tree removal services for trees on private property (maybe a bit cheaper than commercial).
Many parks I have visited are dirty & have broken glass in the sand where children play; priority here is to keep park areas clean and safe.
Maybe some weed control would be nice.
Meewasin is a top priority and maintenance of its current infrastructure is essential.
Money to Meewasin for trail upkeep and natural parks like Donna Birkmaier Park and the NE Swale
More all year use of parks i.e. ski trails and warm up shacks available
More and better parks a
More benches for sitting along the trails
More efficiency. More actual working and less administrative. Encourage more volunteer community pride in keeping areas beautiful. Maybe community contests...no fabulous money prizes, just pride of place.
More efficient management
More emphasis on appearance of public spaces (cutting), and more efficiency in horticulture practices (weeding and small brush pruning).
More flowers for bees. Trout fishing pond.
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more funding for Meewasin Valley Authority
more green spaces
More green spaces that are maintained without the use of pesticides.
More green spaces, more native plants & trees, picnic areas
More help to Meewasin for trail desperately needed repairs/upgrades.
More indigenous plants, more fruit bearing trees. Less asphalt. More support for Meewasin. No more pathway, more biodiversity.
More multi use pathways
More naturalized parks and more staff to properly manage these sites (invasive weed control, native plantings, restoration/conversion back to native landscape), less mowed parks, should be a nature experience and not a green desert
More naturalized parks, connect parks and naturalized areas with pleasant walking and cycling paths with a goal of connecting one end of the city to the other, for example, so that regardless of neighbourhood people could walk or cycle from their neighbourhood to the river. Preserve natural areas such as the Northeast Swale.
more of them, and less parking spaces

More park development
More park maintenance.
More parks and more beautiful parks
More Parks, More Fire Pits
More parks, water parks, trees, fruit and berry trees, outdoor gyms, paths along the river outside of the city, etc.
More places for our children to get out and be active!
More spending on playground infrastructure
More tree planting and maintenance on blvds
More tree planting and other planting with a view to encouraging bees and other pollinators as well as birds. In other words, creation of a beautiful and sustainable urban ecosystem. Probably too much attention is given to organized sports as opposed to daily outdoor activity as a lifestyle.
More trees and facilities for children.
More trees should be planted along major routes such as Circle Drive, McOrmond etc.
More trees, more natural landscaped areas.
More xeriscaping and other low maintenance plantings, keep native forest unbroken (less maintenance), less urban sprawl
Mosquito control efforts
MOW the parks. We have an abundance of overweight kids and adults and we have several parks in Saskatoon that are natural parks. Last time I checked the ducks were still coming to parks that were maintained. Now that we are seeing an increase in the ticks, do we really want kids playing in long grass?
My top priority is that Chief Whitecap park (an off-leash area) be kept as it is. No reduction to the space. It is used and loved by dog-walkers, including myself. I am newly returned to Saskatoon and LOVE this park. I hear there are threats to reduce the space. Tax dollars would be far better spent on other things such as roads, policing and the like.
Need more parks and larger parks including in existing neighborhoods. As well, more paths for running. Dm biking. Why are the new areas deficient in park space vs older areas? Schools have no tracks, rinks, few ball diamonds, few soccer areas and smaller playground areas. Plan all new areas (and take space for current poorly designed areas to fix this problem. Areas where there are schools should have double the space left vs current planning - i.e. Willow grove schools
Need washrooms in parks. Especially ball diamonds where kids need to use washrooms.
New park development is non-existent in Evergreen, save for a ridiculous and expensive "green bridge".
No problems with the current state of the parks
Not having to pay to have our children play on fields would be a great start. In order to enjoy the parks with our kids this is a funny concept. We are now expected to pay or at least book to use city ball diamonds to have our children enjoy park practices. As a result more teams are not using the parks rather booking free school gyms or field house and going yard facility. At 6 years old telling people they can't use diamonds in their areas and having kids and family enjoy the outdoors is not fair. Nice to see things like the Frisbee golf park being built and parks maintained. Nutana ball park could use a serious upgrade, city washrooms are locked when the kids play ball and we are told they won't open till mid-April while season starts May 1. The priority for kids' sports is lacking. Yet we pay fees to the city to run the programs and use their fields.
Not sure I have seen where 1200 trees have been planted annually. Not a priority.
Off leash areas ought to be closed to dogs if dog owners can't keep control of their animals and pick up after them. There are enough of these areas. We need more parks for people. Do some week control from time to time so that you don't affect neighbouring property owners adversely.
Our parks are awesome.
Our parks are great and maintained.

Our parks our nice but current level seems too expensive when compared to other more essential services.
Park equipment updated and more money allocated to cut grass more often.
Park maintainable of weeds. It's not a park/ playground if the grass is knee high full of bugs and weeds. Don't cultivate parks then try to revert to "green space" which basically means the city lets the weeds and grass grow and do no park maintenance It's a breeding ground for bugs and ticks and is not conducive to kids playing.
Parks are already great in this city though an increase in trees, a more comprehensive route of cross-country trails and completion of the Meewasin trail system all seem like very valid and important goals for improving what is already a great success.
Parks are getting ugly with Dandelions. If you don't do something about them there will be no grass left. Mowing less often. Boulevards could use less mowing.
Parks are important to me, they make our city beautiful.
Parks are important, but this is an area where I feel the city could work with the province and use currently unemployed people to plant flowers, water flowers, cut grass and other items requiring little to no education (aside from some training). This will utilize people that need to work and will create a work force that will not need to enter into permanent employment easing overhead payroll expenses such as benefits and such.
Parks are managed well.
Parks are needed since sidewalks aren't wide enough for two people anymore.
Parks are not being maintained. More money needs to be allocated to replacing pathways, increasing lighting, updating or replacing tree and shrub beds.
Parks enhance quality of life (roads don't). Saskatoon has some lovely park spaces and we enjoy and appreciate them (as mentioned above, some need enhancing).
Parks need to have community involvement - get schools involved in park clean up and maintenance as part of career training (worked??).
Paved Parks, also trails for x-country skiing, disc golf courses as well as improving municipal golf courses.
Perhaps sub-contracting the maintenance to non-city companies with city oversight meeting strict standards may be more cost effective
Place less focus on these avenues, especially in suburb neighbourhoods with limited usage.
Plant native plants and shrubs, get rid of annual plants and plant hostas and perennials that come up on their own each year. Get rid of all the planters. Cut back on employees in this area.
Plant no new elm trees! When planting trees and shrubs choose as many with edible fruit as possible (Saskatoon, choke cherry, sour cherry, crab apples) in areas near roads, so they don't need as much maintenance. Smaller trees will need less trimming around power lines. Plant large trees away from power lines! Continue to promote, and provide water for, community vegetable gardens in areas near apartment and condominium complexes. Require space for them in new developments, even if they are not fully used every year. Support healthy activity in inner city parks, such as slow pitch, beach volleyball, disc golf, cycling, walking, cross country skiing, and snow shoeing. Encourage dog walk parks and off leash parks; there are none on the west side! Walking a dog is very healthy, much healthier than sitting at home watching TV.
Plant only fruit trees
Please do not allow developers to unnecessarily kill mature forests such as the one that was on Parcel Y. We could have been enjoying the beauty and ecological benefits of those pines and elms for the last six years (and for goodness knows how many more years to come) if Lake Placid hadn't been in such a hurry to destroy them. Also, please look carefully at what kind of new development is being allowed close to the river. Monster homes that are set closer to the street appear to have some impact on slumping. Finally, can we please have more dog parks and off leash areas?

Please do something about the dandelions!! The greenspaces look awful with all the yellow weeds. They are left to go to seed and end up in our yards. I understand not using weed killer that is bad for the environment but please find another solution.
Please plant street trees in all new neighborhoods. This was a huge oversight.
Please please go back to spraying for dandelions. Our parks look horrible.
Pretty them up a bit. Flowers and trees. Fix up the wooden playgrounds and then put money in a budget for maintenance of the playground equipment. Some of the playgrounds on the west side are awful and need to be repaired.
Privatize the parks. Each neighbourhood can hire private contractors to maintain parks. Let local communities care for their own space.
Provide more activities for families in the winter - similar to what Edmonton has implemented
Provide work programs for Correctional Inmates and Community Service to take over some of the maintenance so professionals are freed to focus on Installation. I would also like to see old playgrounds given a makeover (replace sand with tarmac to make the surfaces safer, more accessible and less likely to be infested and replace steps with ramps and include wheelchair swings)
Public washrooms in parks, Arbor Creek park could use a public washroom as people often use the trees.
Quick and regular clearing of pathways through parks in the winter would result in greater use being made of them, with the attendant health benefits.
Reduce funds for parks that are rarely used and increase for parks that are highly used.
Reduce the amount of irrigated grass in the city. This wastes not only money, but significant amounts of water in a province that needs to watch its water usage!
Reduce tree watering. Reduce path maintenance. Reduce grass watering and reduce mowing frequency.
Reduce unnecessary maintenance such as ripping out mature plants from flower/perennial beds and replacing them with young plants & ugly mulch. Plant/allow grasses to grow along freeways etc. Letting them grow, mature and go to seed will let the grasses eventually choke out the weeds, instead of mowing just infrequently enough to allow the weeds to grow and go to seed. Try growing natural grasses and wildflowers along freeways, easements, berms etc. Then mowing resources can be reallocated to parks that need more frequent attention.
Reforestation with appropriate species and maintenance of existing trees, maintain flower pots
repair meewasin trails, and improve drainage to reduce ice
Replace boulevard trees as soon as they are dying. Do not wait until the tree is completely dead.
River Landing Stage 14 needs to be completed ASAP so it can be vandalized by Saskatoon's Finest.
Same dollars and look at different levels of what really is necessary to have in parks.
Saskatoon is a beautiful city, let's keep it that way.
Saskatoon is known for its' river valley, and all our beautiful trees and greenery. I'm very proud of our beautiful city so it is important to keep it beautiful
Saskatoon needs more and better green space.
Satisfied :)
Significant infrastructure repairs and replacement required for John Avant Park.
Since the province does not properly fund the MVA, we need to step up as a city and do the right thing.
Small dog parks would be an asset to owners that cannot utilize the large dog parks. Although small grassed area parks are prevalent throughout the city, many residents on the perimeter believe these parks are for their use only. Signage posted at the park that outlines the uses of this particular area and that it is open to all residents of the city, may help to dispel these myths.

Snow and Ice control for winter cyclists. It can get horrendous along Meewasin after a snowfall, and it sometimes stays that way for days. Connect pathways between parks for more pleasant cycling, walking, and running circuits.
Spend less on manicured parks. More natural, lower maintenance cost parks are way prettier and cost effective.
Spray for weed control, are parks and boulevards look horrible for visitors coming into our city.
Spray for weeds. Our parks are supposed to be green and not yellow.
Spray the dandelions already. Spend all this money and still have weeds growing. Support agriculture.
Spraying for weeds and bugs. More water parks. more lighting
status quo
Status quo
Stop trying to appease just the environmentalists, the weed problem in this city is atrocious, is could even be said laughable. When the green areas are now yellow with weeds, which is not evident in other cities, someone should have to answer why this is so.
Support the Meewasin Valley Authority, extend the trails to Whitecap First Nations and to Wanuskewin, maintain the trails for biking in the winter. Continue to develop bike pathways connecting different parts of the city and to clear them in the winter. Beside the bike routes, in the winter, set cross country ski trails so people can commute by skiing. Increase native plantings and invasive weed education to citizens. Ban invasive plants that are in garden stores and ban them from people's gardens.
Supporting Meewasin, urban parks and natural parks (e.g. Meewasin Northeast Swale).
Take the money you are throwing away on the Remai Center and put it towards something useful, such as parks
That the city monitors its water usage in parks and green spaces, there is costs that can be saved, I have seen numerous times with sprinklers running in the rain.
The city has already let our parks degrade with their policy on spraying....not sure things can get much worse.
The city has finally been doing a good job with developing parks!
The city is doing a good job with parks and this is something that benefits all citizens
The city needs to bring back spraying for weeds. Our ditches and parks are covered with litter and weeds making it hard to keep up your own property. Warnings, then fines should be handed out to people that don't keep up their yards. I find Saskatoon is becoming a city that can't call itself beautiful any longer. Communities should come together to show more pride in where they live.
The City needs to do more in the way of programming. You should set a goal to double the number of people on the riverbank in any given week, You need to revisit the Meewasin Plan, written 40 years ago by someone who had inadequate depth at understanding western Canadian sensibilities. I think you'd get all the advice you need.
There are city employees clearing snow from already clear sidewalks on Meewassin Trail on statutory holidays. Wasted dollars. Watering should be reduced and mowing reduced. Ball diamonds in some parks are not being used by local residents due to the required booking and paying for their use. As a result they are empty but are still continually groomed for no one to use. Wasted dollars.
there could be a lot less trees planted in residential areas , as most of the trees are not the type residents want and are a nuisance along with worms and unwanted berries lying on the sidewalks , let the residents plant what they want , it seems they have to look after them anyway . And it would save the City a lot of money.
They are doing a good job. Can potentially save some costs by using recycled/mulched xmas trees etc. as trail bedding on paths. Tics are going to be a big problem in the near future.
They are pretty good,

They waste too much water. Yesterday they cut the edges of the grass, and did the same thing all over today. MAYBE they need better management!!!
This city should be known as a green city, investment in great parks will help this.
Time to increase significantly the city contribution to the MVA. Much inefficiency in management and resource use.
Top priority is the expansion, maintenance of Meewasin trail system. This network should be able to tie all the neighbourhoods together.
Tree pruning, elm tree surveillance, park maintenance
Updating old playground equipment
User pay
WATER THE GRASS!!
We continually hear stories of park maintenance personnel completing their work for the day before noon and having to "hide" for the rest of the day. And we hear them from parks department employees! Huge dollars wasted here. Needs to be cleaned up!
We do not need city employees taking care of the parks. Put them out on a tender.
We have many more priorities right now. The poor need assistance more than a park
We need to be spending far more money on making Saskatoon an even more beautiful city in which people love to spend time outdoors. More resources should be dedicated to urban agriculture programs. We have acres of grass in our parks that produce very little benefit. We should be growing food in our parks, not lawns. Urban orchards (including berry orchards) should be allowed if community groups are willing to accept responsibility for their care and maintenance. Our parks are one of our greatest civic assets.
We need to keep the parks nice and cut. City needs to go back to spraying heavy chemicals with all viruses out there e.g. Zika. We need to get rid of the unwanted pests.
We need to start using herbicides to reduce the ghastly appearance of what the parks let alone the rest of the city looks like with dandelions and other nuisance weeds.
Weed control
Weed control. Why isn't it being done?
Weed trees and shrubs. Water trees and shrubs. Monitor insect infestation. Tent caterpillars are killing the shrubs in the new areas.
What's the point, all these new areas have a park only to have half of it covered with a house anyways. Stop with this infill, we're not Calgary! People like green areas, especially when you look at areas like Montgomery! There's trees, and space! You allowed some green along a roadway between neighbours so there's some breathing room
Why do you keep putting trees and shrubs down the centre of the street? There is no need for those stupid planters in the centre of 25th and 4th ave. those barriers just make it difficult to clear the snow in the winter
Widening of MVA trails between University and Broadway bridges to include separation of bikes and people.
Would not change
You should let the neighborhoods decide on what they want in there parks. If they believe collectively as a whole for improvements then just there taxes should be increased.
your spending way to much now
snow removal and mowing are important, But I think there is money to be saved by reducing some park upkeep services

- No Changes/No Suggestions were mentioned 4 times.

PLANNING AND GROWTH DEVELOPMENT

What are your top priorities for Planning & Growth Development? What change(s) would you suggest?

North Bridges and overall traffic flow. Circle Drive North flow/lights and the Idylwyld and Circle interchange.
Only building one bridge over the river in the NE part of the city. City builds one bridge and prov, dep't of Highways builds another right beside it. WHAT a WASTE. Why not just add a couple of lanes to ONE bridge then let people go their own way on the other side. That is why we buy planners and architects. It is my tax money that will pay for TWO bridges.
There are too many expanding neighbourhoods now. We need to adjust like the market. Why is Brighton being developed when we have an oversupply of homes already?
- if it's true that core neighbourhoods are taxed to provide infrastructure for suburban neighbourhoods, stop this and make suburban sprawl home owners pay for their own infrastructure - it's time to pay attention to established neighbourhoods and maintain and upgrade their infrastructure
"Planning" shouldn't involve much more cost than pens and paper. The software is in place, the staff are already hired - hire local and design local (get rid of the Vancouver planning firms etc.).
Achieving more infill development will mean reducing fees and offsite levies to attract and incentivize development within Circle Drive that can more efficiently utilize infrastructure and compete with new development outside Circle Drive. Need to support building owners next to new and higher development affecting snow loads and impacts to existing buildings. Are you serious about slowing Urban Sprawl?? Waive fees and watch your investment dollars come into the Centre City areas, and increase the tax rates on underperforming properties.
All tax money should go into revitalizing and increasing the density of our urban centres and there should an embargo on developing future suburbs.
All the new developments are packed in like sardines so the eaves practically touch, if they aren't rows of identical townhouses. The newer streets are windy and confusing when they should be straight and tidy like the rest of the city. The roundabouts in the evergreen area are a pain, people skid off them all the time in winter and with all the identical tract housing it is easy to get turned around. The current city planner failed utterly.
Always support green space, community gardens, private gardens, green houses for food, and a total recycling industry, in or very near Saskatoon. Recycle everything, times are going to get tough, in the future. Tree's, park's, garden's for FOOD, consider restrictions on people cutting down good tree's, for no reason. I've seen very good machinery for moving/relocating trees. An incentive, volunteering, a grant via provincial government, to take unwanted trees, from one area, to newer bald, area's... Never lose the trees.
Answer: Focus on infrastructure to accommodate population increase, this isn't the right time for a new arena or another city owned mega-building.
architectural guidelines for older areas as well as new developments
Area developers should pay more for land, they in turn can pass along to the new buyers. May promote smarter growth instead of wider sprawl.
AT this point think the city should concentrate not on creating newer suburbs. If our current infrastructure provided a better level of service people would be more encouraged to consider neighborhoods currently occupied. The Canadian economy and certainly Saskatchewan's has slowed down for the foreseeable future. The previous focus on new neighborhoods to the exclusion of other established neighborhoods has contributed to the current dilemma. Older neighborhood schools and amenities not fully utilized because the populations have been drained. The perceived need for new elaborate and costly amenities and schools. Perhaps there should be small tax

incentives for owners(not builders) to consider purchase of housing in established neighborhoods/ or creating enhanced infill
Based on current methods of growing this city, I would not want to live here when it is 500,000 people. Many other better cities at this size.
Be realistic we are not Toronto
Before City of Saskatoon worries about the growth of the city maintain what you have because some areas have been neglected.
Better anticipatory planning.
Better control over permit issuance, building plan compliance and building inspection for condo builders. Need to consider builder reputation and outstanding complaints by condo owners. You are building a city, not a ghetto!
Better planning of roads and necessary overpasses when new areas are being planned for. Roads first, buildings second.
Better planning. Currently there is little or no planning for new areas resulting in bottleneck and poor traffic flow. Twists and turns make it hard for city people to find their way around much less visitors from out of town. We have a chance to build car friendly roads with good flow. Let's do that instead of having people sit in their cars at bottlenecks and burn fuel. Bottlenecks and getting lost means motorists speeding along to try to make up time, it's dangerous. And finally emergency vehicles can't get to where they are going quickly and efficiently. Let's build with vehicles in mind because people use them. Oh and plan bike paths to look like those in Europe. We can do that when we are planning the city but not after. Let's spend some money and hire qualified city planners. Next the city sells land for specific use. We are now over built in rental property that makes it a challenge for those people who thought the city wanted them to build basement suites. Plus I understand the city is giving grants to the developers to do this over building at tax payer expense. Let's change that.
better road planning more ways in and out of neighborhoods
Bigger isn't better. Until the city stops thinking along the lines other Midwestern towns did 30 years ago, Saskatoon will keep making mistakes. Manage really well what we have before constantly expanding. Hire more town planning experts. Permanently. Not consultants. My top priority is a "walkable" city, one that has parks, outdoor cafes away from roads and parking lots, separate bike lanes for at least 3 seasons of the year and rapid transit, instead of noisy, land-gobbling pseudo-highways and interchanges all over town. Make it possible to get groceries and basic household goods without having to drive to some mega-paved parking lot, shop in a barn-sized building and be overwhelmed with masses of cars everywhere.
Bike lanes and landscaping in old west side neighbourhoods.
Build appropriate infrastructure before developing any residential areas. Encourage in-fill to renew older suburbs / city core
Build it right the first time. How many times did the Warman Road overpass at Circle Drive get expanded to handle the left hand turns onto Circle Dr going East.
Build up not out. Consider including a somewhat more grid like layout in new neighbourhoods.
Building new roads to handle future growth instead of having to redesign them years later wasting money
Cancel consultants
City cannot sustain the population we have right now on the roads and with the infrastructure. Why would we encourage growth? Especially in only one area of the city. There should be no more east side expansion.
Clearly increased funding to
Completely Finish areas before starting new developments. Evergreen and willow grove are still so far from being complete yet city spends time adding new developments.
Continue to offer green spaces. Need more than one way into and out of new neighbourhoods. Causes traffic lineups for busy times like going to work

Continuing urban sprawl needs to be discouraged. The costs of services to new developments need to be reflected in the costs of those developing and moving into new areas. Urban and existing suburban areas need to be improved to attract denser populations.
Core neighbourhoods - not suburbs, increase in cycling and active living paths and infrastructure
Cut the red tape on infill. Visit places like Vancouver where you see a mix of apartment and condo next to million dollar homes. Core infill is a joke in Saskatoon.
Decrease overhead and administration and focus dollars on delivering the service. Turn land over to the private sector earlier in the process and focus the City's role on core infrastructure services rather than land ownership and sale.
densification, change bylaws/policies to allow for laneway housing to be larger than existing home (the whole point is to create more housing in older neighbourhoods where houses are typically small - the idea that the laneway suite cannot be larger than the house is next to impossible), allow for tiny houses on wheels to park in existing backyards (and pay more for property tax or some other method to account for increased housing on property)
Despite the mayor's impression, the growth of Saskatoon has been a function of luck with the local economy being unusually strong while much of the global economy is somewhat depressed. I predict that population growth in Saskatoon will shrink considerably from what we have seen, and we will have plenty of time for planning. Frankly, I would rather live in 170,000 Saskatoon than the current city, so significant growth does not appeal to me.
Despite years of talking about increasing density of housing and revitalizing the older neighborhoods new subdivisions keep being built all around the edge of the city. Evergreen which I believed was originally being advertised as a subdivision where people would be employed as well as live there doesn't seem to have worked out that way. It seems to be even further out than most of the other new subdivisions increasing commuting time.
develop an Injury Prevention Plan to research complex issues like the unpredictable jaywalking in traffic on 22nd St west at Ave W
Develop the core, high density, mixed use, and tax IMPARK lots at the rate of a 3 storey building. Build a city parkade downtown.
develop the downtown and revitalize the Westside, no more urban sprawl
Developers of these communities can pinch in.
Do more with less
DO NOT give away any added money to develop River Landing, the right time will come for it to be developed
Do not have any other than when plans have been made in the past they always seem to be WAY OVER what we have been told it would cost.
Do not subsidize new neighbourhoods. Focus on core/older neighbourhoods. Reduce level rail crossings,
Do the job right the first time. Effective discussion and proper analyzing prior to implementing access in and out of new neighborhoods. Be proactive
Do we have such a department could have fooled me. I thought the city was designed by a committee who could not agree on what we should do and each member got what they wanted. This city isn't sustainable just look at what is happening now.
Do what you can but allocate some money to help improve what we have rather than all new areas getting nice stuff and older areas no upgrades
Don't invest in growth when we have problems with current infrastructure.
Downtown arena. Move the lighthouse
Downtown development, business, grocery store, down town living
Downtown residential development
Easier to access by public transit and non-motorized forms of transportation

Effort needs to be made to focus on downtown development to attract more people downtown
Elect Engineers to your board, and they will have the vision without spending money.
Encourage redevelopment in older areas by giving tax relief for any increase in assessment that increase value by at least 50% on renovated or new structure. We have a lot of old, properties in Saskatoon that should be replaced with up-to-date, energy efficient structures. We have to encourage a more rapid turnover in low-income areas.
Ensure forward planning to ensure services are in place into the future.
Environmental concerns associated with increased growth. Less city sprawl.
Expanding outwards is not a smart way to deal with growth... that causes just more transportation and infrastructure issues. Growth isn't as great as politicians and the public make it out to be. Increase density inside the centre of city. If you have to build new neighbours, deal with the upfront costs of making houses environmentally friendly and solar ready. Make them as proactively sustainable as possible. Build them with the expectation of good transit service to them (suburbs have notoriously bad service). For those reasons, I would give more money.
Far less emphasis on developing the downtown core. Fewer residents find it practical to use downtown services mostly because of parking and traffic issues. And a downtown arena is a backward step. It was only 35 years ago that we decided to move it out of there! Our planning needs to do a better job the first time so it doesn't have to continually revisit previous decisions.
Fill the vacancies we currently have before building more
Find ways to make money instead of giving everything away with tax abatements Suburbs should be paying an extra fee to live outside of the city core in order to pay for extra fire, police, water, sewage so that it doesn't put a strain on the rest of the city Safer, better, and connected cycling infrastructure please!
Finish developing existing neighborhoods before working on new ones.
Fix the existing roads first
Focus on changing zoning to allow for more density and less on developing new suburbs and expanding the footprint of the city
Focus on densification. Saskatoon can't afford to make the mistakes of urban sprawl. Focus on what makes a prosperous urban life. Facilitate a grocery store in the downtown/Riversdale area.
Focus on making it easier and more pleasant to live near the centre of the city to reduce expansion. People living in the suburbs are most likely to have vehicles and bus services should be focussed on the city core and only expanded outward when resources allow.
Focus on more infill housing
Forget about growing to 500,000 - won't happen in this century.
From my experience, I have little confidence in those at city hall planning anything. Tax payers should be the ones planning. DO NOT Try to Force the city to be a BIKE Friendly city in a climate that is not friendly to this activity. Winter biker's causes countless problems when they drive on winter roads (i.e. down Taylor) with cars lined up behind them. Plan for REASONABLE TRAFFIC FLOW, keep major roadways away from schools, and DO NOT Resort to the current city hall response for traffic of "reducing speed" rather than create rapid moving traffic roadways. WHAT A CONCEPT!
Funding should not change. The growth will fund this piece on a relative sense. There needs to be more advanced planning for schools and recreation facilities, these seem to come as a surprise and are always over budget. That does not need to be the case.
Get back to basics by spending less on urban beautification and more on basics.
Get rid of the narrow streets and lots. There are streets where you cannot pass an oncoming vehicle in the winter because the snow along the curbs has pushed parked vehicles further onto the traffic lanes. Hart Road from Betts Avenue to the east is a good example.
Get rid of the urban beautification initiatives.
Good enough

Growth in the downtown , grow up not out
Growth is slowing. To avoid raising taxes cut back planning and Growth since it's not needed as urgently anymore.
Growth will take care of itself
Have developers front the costs for new areas, they can then recoup directly from the new users
Have more consideration for bike riders, planning for new neighbourhoods should always include bike paths or lanes right from the beginning, not as an afterthought
Have proper infrastructure built prior to the neighbourhood being built instead of trying to play catch-up.
High density housing in the sprawl, and high taxes there. The services have to go a long way, and those out there should pay for them. This might encourage people to move into the north downtown - that is a great plan for urban development. Why is that not going ahead? But keep the Garden Patch garden where it is! It is a model for Saskatoon citizens to see how we can care for everyone and everyone is entitled to and can contribute to growing healthy food.
Hire people who know what the future holds plus what realities of travel are - cramped roads in new areas where fire trucks can't get into
Honestly -- why are we letting the city sprawl? I think there is the need for planning for growth, but how have we not recouped the costs of this growth? Something is clearly wrong here, and perhaps this isn't the right line to cut -- but something has been done very wrong.
How about some respect for the few remaining heritage buildings in Saskatoon? How about getting something built on Parcel Y? And how about stop the big sprawling neighbourhoods, all cookie cutter the same.
I am not in favour of continued urban sprawl.
I believe the economic growth of our city is in decline and therefore requires less investment.
I don't expect sustained fast growth. Don't overinvest in planning. Watch the trend for 5 more years.
I don't think you would see much change in the way things are designed and constructed.
I don't understand why this is a separate item in your budget and why isn't there a category for the City of Saskatoon's employment costs? Saskatoon's City Planners are employees of the city so their costs should be under the city's payroll costs. Having said this, consider reducing the number of city planners and outsource the work to private firms. Private firms can be held responsible for their errors!
I have been very happy with the planning initiatives.
I have read a lot of these reports, the city has been planning in a very wise manner, and I am impressed with the reports read to date.
I have three main concerns: 1) limit or ban the use of herbicides and pesticides by all home owners, especially those whose property is closer to important ecological areas such as the northeast swale, 2) provide more incentive for high density development, especially downtown, and infill development, especially in the core, and 3) DEVELOP A STRONG HERITAGE POLICY BEFORE ALL OF OUR HERITAGE BUILDINGS ARE GONE.
I support modest increases to the planning budget. I would suggest we adopt tighter timelines for implementing some of the plans that have been developed. Actually, implementing any of the plans that have been developed would be a great start. I would like to see a lot more aggressive implementation of the north downtown plan and the replacement of the bus barns.
I think looking forward and preparing for the future is one of the most important things a growing city can do. I think that we currently are far behind our growth rate; however, I feel with the slow in the economy we have the opportunity to catch up. This will require forward thinking and adapting to change.
I think the City is moving ahead faster than necessary in some places. A lot of the newer places are improperly planned it would seem, as some have narrow streets etc. who does this planning?

I think the city should get out of land development. Leave this to the land developers with guidelines that fit within our social makeup
I think this is slowing down very fast so I would not allocate additional funds at present and would in fact cut back on this.
I think we are lacking in this area and try to fix things after the fact which costs way more
I want to stop suburban sprawl. The business vacancy rate in downtown Saskatoon is so high, why not convert some of it to residential or mixed? Sprawl is just going to congest roads and I don't want that either. What about tearing down old, vacant, houses and putting up apartments in their place.
I would love to see a program to support revitalization of current neighbourhoods vs spread. Also - less density with the spread as it would be supported with infill. Possibilities include rebates or significant tax reductions for people who spend money to improve houses and lots that are purchased in older neighborhoods. Currently it is more cost effective in many cases to purchase new in the new areas vs the cost to purchase and fix up and older home.
I would support this additional growth but I also want there to be continued activity in our core neighbourhoods to ensure they aren't forgotten. Perhaps some sort of programs or initiatives to encourage new arrivals to purchase homes already built and on the market would be a preferred option to continually expanding, especially since there is so many homes currently for sale
I'd like to see alternative transportation (biking) built into new neighbourhoods, and complete neighbourhoods (with a grocery store and a coffee shop) so biking is a viable alternative for some trips. "Shortcut" bike lanes to make biking out of the neighbourhood feasible too.
I'm in favour of more planning as long as "increase the ability to respond to future growth pressures" doesn't mean build more bridges.
I'm not convinced that Saskatoon is going to grow as much as anticipated because I think that the resource extraction economy is going to start to shift as more focus is put on renewables. Saskatoon needs to invest more in renewables for the future. I want to see smart growth that pays for itself.
I've lived here 35 years and am thrilled with the beautifying of our City that has happened in the last 5 to 8 years. Neighbourhoods seem to be well planned but I am concerned about the outlying neighbourhoods and the commute needed when going to work. Also, so many events are held on the river bank downtown and there is nowhere to park. When the new traffic bridge is built, will there be a focus on Rotary Park. It needs updating.
If contractors want to build new neighborhood. They can beautify.
If you're planning on growing to 500,000 people then you need to sort out the snow & Ice maintenance and road maintenance. Please see my comments there.
Important to develop public transit and non-vehicular routes i.e. path ways or bike lanes to main areas of the city
In a time of economic restraint for many people, STOP building places like the art gallery, (most people loved the Mendal). I think the public is reaching its limit of raised taxes, etc.
In my opinion Saskatoon has become far too spread out. Other major cities build up not out wasting land. Again poor planning on our Mayor's and the Planning and Growth Dept. at City Hall. Let it be known that the Real Estate board has more listings for sale now than for decades. So why then are you expanding this City? I have three friends who are Real Estate agents with listings that have been on the market for over a year and even with multiple drops in price these houses, condo's etc. are still not selling. Stop wasting precious land, taking away habitat for animals all in the name of building new areas which do not need to be built which that much real estate sitting unsold!!
Increase downtown development for residential units. Go up instead of out.
Infill in existing neighbourhoods (densifying), while keeping in mind to not perpetuate the gentrification on neighbourhoods. We should also support infrastructure for alternative

transportation as the city is growing, rather than continuing perpetuating a single-car occupancy reliance.
INFILL INFILL... Underground parking and build up not out!
Isn't there enough new neighborhoods? Growth should be scaled back.
It feels that the city is expanding too fast. Where are all the new people coming from?
It is so important that we planned appropriately for the future demands of our city.
It would be nice to see some of our existing new neighborhoods actually be completed. It's terrible that Hampton Village has had to wait so many years to have the entrance road completed and we still have almost no retail development or community services.
Keep looking ahead as you have been doing in recent years
Keep traffic flow safe and effective
Less airplane visual appeal and more practical built on the square subdivisions with green spaces centrally located. we need fresh air zones, quiet zones and roads that have distinct names so they are not confuse as in Redberry, Redberry Road, Redberry Lane, etc.
Less growth outward - have more regulation on "homes" that are made into continual rental properties - there should be a limit to how long a home can be a rental without "permanent" residence. As the Declaration of Human Rights states, every person has the right to a home - it is not easy when there are people who own multiple properties in residential neighbourhoods designed for home ownership to be renting.
Less monuments to the mayor, more effin' bridges.
Less sprawl, more concentration on downtown core.
Less sprawl.
Less suburban sprawl.
Less urban sprawl development, more focus on affordable housing solutions, rent control etc. Infrastructure cannot keep up with new developments. Build up, not out.
Less waste on "art"
Let the market decide the city's growth.
Let's do everything to NOT end up like Calgary, a sprawling urban mess.
Limiting sprawl. Encouraging increased population density
Little bit more spacing between 2 houses will be better especially in new neighborhoods.
Look at the unused house inventory in the city and realize that areas like Kensington and Brighton don't need to happen right now and stop trying to turn us into a city with ghost town elements on its outer edges
Lower
Maintain housing where poor folks can live - just where did those people who were displaced by the gentrification of Riversdale go? Under a bridge?
Maintaining traffic flow in and out of areas needs better focus. For example one eat in to rosewood should never have been an approved design.
Make downtown 'livable' again! Raise the housing density in older neighbourhoods. Limit car access by smart traffic flow organisation in those neighbourhoods.
Make sure all new roads are twinned from the beginning instead of what happened in Hampton Village.
Make sure infrastructure is in place before anything is built.
Making sure the new developments fund the infrastructure needed to sustained them
Many of our problems of today in this city is for lack of planning 15-20 years ago. Lack of foresight by the mayor and Councillors of the day,,,,, trying to keep taxes down,,,,, now we pay for this
Modern mixed use neighbourhoods with active transportation infrastructure
More bike paths leading to downtown (from east side).
More emphasis on increasing population density, particularly in downtown core and near transit hubs. Tax incentives/disincentives to encourage smaller, local, walk-able retail over big box stores

<p>that are far from their customers and practically require a car to get there. The company may be getting economies of scale from the big store but that's partly coming from taxpayers paying for the roads to allow the customers to get there. Encourage new and infill developments to combine small commercial spaces with residential to create relatively inexpensive commercial space for local amenities (bakeries, small grocery stores, restaurants/delis, etc.) or small specialty/destination businesses. Encourage work/live structures in areas where it makes sense. Consider building standards revisit old ideas for passive or very low energy heating/cooling of homes, tap storm water run-off for uses such as watering lawns where potable water isn't required to postpone expansion of water treatment capacity.</p>
<p>More future thinking. Too many corporations and municipalities focus on the heat and now but have no thought of the future. Things that might cost more to implement now often save a lot of money in the long run. But the current bottom dollar is only what is focused on.</p>
<p>More housing for vulnerable populations - CLSD</p>
<p>More infill development. Much less suburbs.</p>
<p>More infill instead of expanding outward</p>
<p>More infill properties, More multi-family units (go up), More live/work opportunities. Less sprawl (cost more in infrastructure)</p>
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<p>More money needs to be available in Community Association grants, etc. For example - \$10 for every new lot, goes into an account that once a community association is created in that area, it gives them the start they need to get things going, watching Evergreen CA now is so frustrating as no one want to help and no one will pay the \$10 membership fee, so how do associations get rinks, etc. going? Also, signage for community that has a message board that the community association would be able to use once established, we have these beautiful signs, but then the community associations are not able to put up a sign to let the community know what is happening in the neighbourhood. Also, community associations are expected to submit audited financial statements to the city for their annual grants, it costs approx. \$1500 -\$2000 to have that done, and the grant is only \$1200, this is costing the CA's money, doesn't seem right. More money to go to community associations please, we find it very stressful to operate, especially when there is only a handful of volunteers.</p>
<p>More research into rehabilitation, conversion and revitalization of existing, older neighbourhoods. We need more focus on re-use of existing space rather than continuous expansion and elimination of farmland. Bigger isn't always better.</p>
<p>More residential areas. More efficient and conserving watering of lawns and gardens</p>
<p>More thought put into exit/entrances from neighborhoods to major thoroughfares</p>
<p>More urban beautification.</p>
<p>Much better implementation of the accesses to new areas prior to the area being completely populated. Having the entrance and exit to a new area constantly congested, and then compounded with construction is frustrating. Go back to the old style of neighborhood (wider streets, and wider, larger lots.) There is a lot of land around Saskatoon, no reason to cram everyone into smaller and smaller lots within new areas. There should also be enough room for two cars to pass each other comfortably with cars parked on both sides of the street in the winter (so consider snow piling.)</p>
<p>Multi lane freeways and road ways</p>
<p>Need a new funding model. User pay in the new neighborhoods. Lot prices are artificially low for those getting the newest infrastructure.</p>
<p>New areas and new builds in older areas should pay a lot more property taxes, there is a lot of infrastructure that has to be put in. Older neighborhood infrastructure are not maintained and not serviced and pay proportionately same property tax</p>
<p>New lot prices should provide for that.</p>

New neighborhoods are so congested, vehicles parking on main roads, keep main roads wider allowing for safer traffic flow, and it won't appear so congested. It feels claustrophobic. (ex. Evergreen) More Trees, especially entering the neighborhood, should be surrounded by beautiful trees by each sign!!
New neighborhoods need more planning so we don't end up like Silversprings, with two neighborhoods the combined size of Martensville and Warman, with no roads to accommodate the increase in traffic. Also, water pressure issues.
New neighbourhoods should pay for the planning and servicing they require in the fees charged to property developers. If development is happening quicker than the city can handle, the fees are not large enough.
New residential neighborhoods need to pay a larger share of the costs associated with expanding the size of Saskatoon. The infrastructure spending required for expansion could be better used by building UP existing areas to increase density in the core, where a lot of the jobs are, rather than expanding OUT. I would prefer to see Saskatoon build UP than OUT.
New West side communities need more amenities. Willowgrove, Stonebridge, etc. have many amenities including shopping, restaurants and grocery access within minutes. Hampton village has shoppers' drug mart. Kensington is getting more and more but why does it take longer than the east side.
Newsflash: the Boom, while it may not have turned into a Bust, has certainly softened. Our priority now should be repairing and replacing the infrastructure that was so sadly neglected during the boom -- the infrastructure that Saskatoon so rapidly outgrew -- not aggressively creating new neighbourhoods. Revitalize older and aging neighbourhoods. Not just the West Side, but neighbourhoods that are aging past their prime while their populations increase: Forest Grove, Sutherland, Wildwood, Lakeview, Lawson, etc.
No backyard alleys. Attached garages. Plan better ingress & egress from neighborhoods BEFORE development.
Not familiar with this funding
Not just letting urban sprawl happen because people want it. I like the Growth Plan to 1/2 million. Would like to see it sped up.
Not very responsive or timely at this time.
now that the city isn't growing as fast why not infill or at least raise taxes on those empty lots
Over passes and bridges where they are needed the most. Whose idea was it for a South bridge??? Build it where it is needed the most. Over passes at McCormond and highway 5 and at Attridge and Central. STOP new development. Why are we pouring all this money into new development?? What benefit are the citizens of Saskatoon seeing from it? We live here because we like the way it is. There is a very small portion that want to see half a million people in our city. The vast majority of us would rather have stayed at 200,000. Less crime, less traffic, more community minded.
Park maintenance, bike paths, back alleys. Energy/green initiatives
Pass the Drainage Bylaw and protect existing residents from problems with infills. Have developers replace sidewalks that they damage while building. The city may get money from them but residents have to live with damaged walks as the city is not fixing them.
Plan "Smart"
Plan correctly. Why time and again is there developments that have to be redone or redesigned to suit the needs. Let's get it right the first time. The intersection of confederation drive and fair light where you turn off to go to circle drive north and south is a good example. Build another lane...simple as that. When you planned the overpasses years ago you cheated out this intersection. Typical
Plan for improved access and egress for new neighborhoods

Plan for sustainable growth; better active/sustainable transportation; beautification efforts in pedestrian areas (e.g.: keeping the bridges clean and fixing steps); increase green spaces and preservation of riverbank
Plan green spaces and ability to respond to growth
Plan integration with Corman Park, Warman & Martensville. Plan transit and services ahead of time so we don't get stuck like we have for the last 100 years putting band aids on decisions that were right in the moment but were not part of a long-term vision.
Plan to go up and not out into suburbs....need to contain radius around city and build up not out. Enough - city has spent way too much on this area.
Plan wisely
Planning and development in my view is the least effective function of the City of Saskatoon and has been for many years.
Planning for a half million is a nice thought but we need to improve the infrastructure that we have now. When planning new neighborhood, main sizes etc. should accommodate far more than what is needed to sustain the upcoming neighborhood. Street size should be a consideration for emergency vehicles and not pack everyone into a small spot and expect it to work later.
Planning for roads and interchanges to accommodate increased traffic to new neighbourhoods on the edge of the city
Planning in neighbourhoods and shopping areas for pedestrians not car centric. Development of existing areas not increasing the suburbs
Planning is critical. Just need to speed up processes so good developments and projects can be dealt with. Prioritize and don't treat every request the same. Many are ridiculous and should be treated as such.
Planning is key to the growth of Saskatoon.
Planning is key to the growth of Saskatoon. Great that the city has a plan to grow Saskatoon to over half a million residents.
Planning is key. Look ahead 25 years instead of 5.
Planning roads to allow expansion.
Plans were made 25-50 years ago & are updated every year what's the problem. Plan your plan & work your plan
Population density in the downtown area! Let's build up, not out. Use those myriad surface parking spots and let's get some high-rises built, then grocery stores to serve downtown.
Preservation of natural spaces, green areas, preservation of historic core.
Press provincial government to change development act to allow development levies for things such as Fire/emergency services infrastructure, public transit infrastructure etc.
Program seems to be ahead of the curve.
Proper infrastructure planning
Proper infrastructure, do not allow the city to grow too fast and past its current means.
Proper planning is the key.
protect natural areas like N.E. Swale, increase funding for Meewasin Valley Authority
Protect what we already have.
Public outreach and education of both the public and councillors on Smart Growth, sustainable growth, intensification, self-sufficient growth, etc. Urban planners know the 'current best practices' and all the arguments in support of them, but are stifled by voters and councillors who do not understand all of the information in support of removing perverse subsidies to sprawl development. No one has to prescribe how people choose to live (sprawling suburbs with a zero walk score can certainly be a choice, as can single-storey sprawling big-box stores with huge parking lots and massive road interchanges), but the various urban designs should _of course_ be charged based on their actual maintenance costs and per-area revenue-generating capacity.
Public transit and cycling implementation

<p>Push this cost to the Land Development Branch, who is the largest developer in the City vs. subsidizing them.</p>
<p>Put the cost of the civil work in new neighborhoods in lot prices and taxes for those neighborhoods.</p>
<p>Quality of life is no longer priority when lots are being sold at 150.000 plus and there is no yard. Young families will never know the back yard quality that can come from gardens, kids play area in your own yard and so on. Larger lots would be a good option for those that want it instead of cramming more homes in a smaller area</p>
<p>Really think through new areas. I work in Stonebridge and it is hard to navigate home from work at 5 o'clock. It wasn't bad when the area was new and way fewer people lived there. There should have been more ways in and out of Stonebridge to prevent traffic bottle necking and being lined up just to make it onto the new traffic circle.</p>
<p>Recognize that a major part of the year it is cold and roads are covered in snow, ice and/or gravel. It doesn't make sense to make huge infrastructure changes to support the few cyclists who bike in the winter.</p>
<p>Reduce the amount spent on consultants and get competent staff that will develop a plan and maintain a history of why decisions were made.</p>
<p>Renewing existing communities rather than increased spending for new areas. There are beautiful communities all over the city which are being left to disrepair.</p>
<p>Reroute money to plans for increasing density as opposed to encouraging the suburban spread. Create bylaws and tax cuts for home owners to allow garage suites and more incentives for creating basement suites (legal or not).</p>
<p>Revitalizing existing communities and heritage management sounds good to me...invest in that. No new neighbourhoods...make developers pay for that.</p>
<p>road ways</p>
<p>See my traffic comments above</p>
<p>shift to public transit, drastically reduced private vehicles, elimination of street parking, vastly increased public garden space, free housing for the homeless, covered public square, 100% renewable energy plan in motion</p>
<p>Since this budget item presumably DRIVES the future urban form of the City and drives the associated shift in transportation away from motor vehicles towards transit and active transportation, I have drastically increased this budget item. As an inside, I do not know what the actual dollar allocation should be and where it should be applied in practise.</p>
<p>Slow down, Calgary is a mess due to fast growth, Saskatoon is going to become a mess with selling off land so fast. Make companies and new housing have to put in some form a green energy, solar panels, etc., to reduce the strain on the cities grid.</p>
<p>slow the expansion, look for ways to infill older areas of the city</p>
<p>Small is beautiful</p>
<p>Some communities such as Stonebridge, appear to be too heavily populated. I understand the need to increase population density, but Stonebridge is ridiculous. For the most part, I do like the integration of parks, schools and commercial areas as is seen in the new areas of Willowgrove and Stonebridge.</p>
<p>Somehow is see planning and traffic should be working together in the same department because of the traffic problems caused by the new communities</p>
<p>Sorry but city planning sucks. Can do with less funding the same poor job</p>
<p>Start a light rapid transit system now. Some inner city parks are lovely e.g. Buena Vista and others are boring - no bushes, no flowers, no benches, no playground. Heritage management has traditionally been weak in Saskatoon - the Capital Theatre could be bringing in tourists to this day. That was a terrible, terrible thing that City sanctioned. People travel to Europe to see all the grand old stuff; we keep tearing ours down.</p>

Start build upwards instead of out further. Downtown is a joke. Look at the city planning of St Paul MN. A city of similar size. We have no urban areas. There should be tall buildings in the downtown area as well as several storied carparks. Better downtown housing and parking would increase the pedestrian aspects of downtown.
Stay ahead of traffic loads instead of catching up
Stonebridge access from highway. More exits in general from 'locked' in areas.
Stop building new subdivisions which means more roads and more money for road maintenance. Why don't you make better use of the space we have.
Stop developing land outside of the core neighbourhoods. High density, active transportation. More transit, less parking, more walkable. Every neighbourhood should be walkable. Building a city around cars is ridiculous. Look around at older cities that are nice to live in. don't repeat mistakes others made and are now trying to fix. do it right the first time
Stop growing out, it is too expensive to maintain and we do not have the resources available. Focus on the core and rebuild communities we already have. NO MORE APPARTMENT STYLE CONDOS VILLAGES
Stop increasing every year. Start cutting, trimming services instead, i.e. arts building and other white elephants
Stop letting the builders determine how a new subdivision is made up. Need a better variety on types of houses, condo, and apartment mix all the new areas don't have to have 500.000 houses on every lot
Stop making the new developments with non-linear streets. These new neighborhood developments are undriveable.
Stop planning as though there was an endless supply of cheap land and fuel. Show more creativity in what you give (on my behalf by the way) to powerful development interests. For instance, require developers build high quality social housing as part of their permit to develop. Require developers out in the middle of nowhere to directly fund core neighbourhood infill and infrastructure regeneration. Require developers to include cost of buses to these new remote subdivisions as part their costs. And don't let them get away with saying that 'we pay taxes like everyone else'. That is short term and does not address the long term infrastructure deficit we are seeing blow up out of the ground. All the century old stuff has to be replaced soon and the taxes are not high enough. Tax those who are making the most right now. Developers and speculators.
Stop the infill!!!! Pass the buck onto developers, not tax payers!
Stop the sprawl. Building high density housing downtown. Low income housing initiatives as in fill not fancy mcmansions
Stop the unfettered and irresponsible growth. Let the services catch up over time.
Stop the urban sprawl! Promote infill development and improvements to current neighbourhoods. We don't need more suburbs.
Stop the urban sprawl.
Stop trying to say that new developments are a major cost to the city, they pay an overinflated value for their property lots, have smaller streets, and pay a much larger percentage of property tax, in comparison to the cities older areas. These new areas more than pay for themselves, and end up funding the repair of all the older areas of the city. Equalizing how taxes are actually applied around the city would be the fair thing to do. Do not put in paved roads in new developments until the area has a sufficient number of dwelling already built. This would ensure that the heavy equipment required to build the houses, does not damage new roads. Hold contractors who do damage the roads accountable, by fines that go into a road repair pot.
STOP URBAN SPRWAL!! I am particularly concerned about the developments that are damaging to ecological jewels such as the Northeast Swale. That area deserves to be protected.
Street names and signage. Naming streets with persons/lake names does not make for easy navigation.

Switch focus to building within the "core", build up and stop the sprawl.
Take a look at existing neighbourhoods. 50% of the fees taken for subdivision of existing lots should go into a fund to defray the costs of repairing and increasing the capacity of the infrastructure in existing areas. We need policies to encourage redevelopment. We'll still get all the urban sprawl anyone could ask for.
That the arteries going in and out of these new areas are suitable for the size they are being built as. Wider streets make sense for many reasons, particularly in winter months for snow clearing.
The city has a vested interest in revitalizing existing communities rather than subsidizing more and more new developments on its periphery. As Calgary's Mayor Nenshi has already said to city council, we cannot commit the same blunders as Calgary has and continue to grow outward unthinkingly. However, if you want to get people living downtown you need to incentivize this to entice people back from the periphery. Meewasin, the farmers market, bike lanes, Rivers Landing, etc. may seem like frivolous features to the city but it is features such as these that build community and encourage people to live in more dense quarters, as they can see the advantages this holds compared to suburban living. The bike lane demonstration projects in the downtown area are pitifully cheap attempts at what has proven successful in Vancouver and Calgary, for instance, which is a two-pronged approach of using flower boxes to create real barriers and more beautiful streets in one fell swoop. Bike lanes can then be seen as protective buffers for not only cyclists but also pedestrians and patio-dwellers by adding another layer of distance between them and the rushing throng of traffic. Revitalization is necessary to draw people back to the core, which is necessary to rebuild the backbone of the city and save our budget from being frittered away on subsidizing newer and increasingly less dense neighbourhoods on the periphery that simply increase the costs and barriers our city faces in terms of budget expenditures and planning.
The city is constantly growing yet we seem to be slow to think about traffic flow and congestion.
The city needs to plan for the growth in the older age group and needs to set up new areas of the city with proper housing. An example is more developments with bungalow style condos and gated communities to go with it.
The city needs to quit building, so many vacant housing right now (especially condos).
The City should have done its homework BEFORE planning new neighbourhoods that degrade and destroy prairie habitat (e.g. Northeast Swale). It should have bought land to the west or south that had already been cultivated. It seems the city is determined to destroy the scant 5% of native prairie remaining in the Saskatoon area. Instead, the city allows complete destruction of the natural habitat. Along with the province, it is determined to drive several highways through the Northeast Swale. Whereas other cities, such as Red Deer, AB, are reforestation with indigenous species and protecting their natural habitat, the city seems bent on destruction of that which makes Saskatoon unique and special, i.e., its river valley and native prairie. Regarding "urban beautification", the city needs to re-evaluate what it means by this. Does it mean more parks with evenly spaced, non-indigenous trees and perfect lawns of Kentucky bluegrass, that contain a couple of benches that no-one ever sits on? This type of park appeals to no-one. Other than providing a visual calm amongst streets and buildings, these parks do not entice people to visit them. There is nothing for a child to discover in such a park. I am not saying we shouldn't have any of this type of park but I think we have too many. Some of these parks should be replanted with native grasses and trees that allow for nature to exist within city limits. By "nature" I don't mean dull, flat, pristine perfect, uninteresting green places but rather spaces that represent our natural history.
The downtown needs continuous attention. The abundance of surface parking lots are embarrassing. We need strategically placed parking garages.
The economy has slowed, so although planning for growth is still important I think the focus should be on what we have/do now.
The extra staff that was hired for the growth years what are they doing now? Do we ever downsize anymore?
The growth planning is brutal in this city

<p>The money is OK, but the planning is horrible. Downtown needs to be seen as the cross roads for great pedestrian and cycle linkages between all the core neighborhoods. Stop spending urban improvement budgets on big concrete barriers down the middle of streets and artificial, very expensive improvements along Car street like Idylwyld. Development should seriously embrace all the industrial land around Optimist park and other areas within the circle. Also, encourage residential intensification and diversity along the major streets that will be part of the BRT. No more out of town consultants! Stop doing mega projects and look after the little things. The pathway in Caswell along the tracks has a big blockage in the middle and there isn't even a paved walkway between the University, the University bridge and the downtown.... seriously????</p>
<p>The planners have not done a good job up till now. Road interchanges are an afterthought. Maybe we need better planners.</p>
<p>The planning department does good work and makes great plans that don't seem to be taken seriously by council. When these are taken seriously, the budget could increase.</p>
<p>The Planning for Half a Million is unrealistic and skews priorities away from realistic, near-future needs. Saskatoon is not the next New York. Take cues from cities closer to us in size and environment. Plan for 300,000 by 2030, and make the development and road structure a model for that size. Smart infill development and increased urban core housing are keys to that, and will require no new bridges, freeways or overpasses. Make Circle Drive truly a ring road freeway by eliminating all lights on the 42nd St. section and through- and around-city traffic congestion will decrease.</p>
<p>The planning process is backward. We design and develop large new residential (Rosewood, etc.) and commercial areas (north end industrial) without proper road access and infrastructure. Roads should come first or at least in sync with development.</p>
<p>The population is so far away from where planning is at that there is little doubt that work will be repeated and changes will be made multiple times before we get to a million people.</p>
<p>The province is going through hard financial times. The city has not been growing and it is ridiculous to be planning for 500000 when that is such a long way off. There are current problems and improvements that need to be made, problems that the existing residents are dealing with that have not been remedied. Not to mention the overdevelopment of new neighbourhoods is driving down property values in interior neighbourhoods and flooding the market.</p>
<p>The strategic initiatives of this area requires a comprehensive inclusion of other components of the city. Much of the plan is based on attaining a population of 500k. To reach that mark city taxes, commercial property (city inventory) and in general business friendliness is required to attract the businesses and people to reach this goal</p>
<p>There are many abandoned and derelict houses in the city that could be torn down and used for building new structures. There are many lots far larger than required (especially in Montgomery) whose property lines could be adjusted to create space for more houses. Affordable housing is a great need.</p>
<p>There are some places that need 4 way stops , such as the corner of mcewen and Louise st</p>
<p>There has been a total lack of vision from the future planning and total pie in the sky not going to happen dreams. this department is staffed by people with no grip on reality, get rid of most of them.</p>
<p>There is a lot of growth in the suburbs but this congests once you hit downtown. There needs to be better flow of traffic into/out of downtown. Another bridge?</p>
<p>There needs to be more exits and entrances to the newer areas as well as more road lanes.</p>
<p>There seems to be lots of planning, but not much evident change. Ensure new neighbourhoods are VERY walking and transit friendly. Ensure existing entertainment zones are welcoming in summer and winter, night & day, without the need to drive.</p>
<p>There should be less "green space" in the new areas. The parks are not properly maintained now, weeds everywhere, not enough watering of trees and shrubs to get parks established. No one</p>

weeds the tress and shrub areas! They look horrible! There are tent caterpillars killing the shrubs and no one monitors this.
this area of planning should include roads and other infrastructure
This area of the city administration should be looking at the efficient movement of traffic when planning for growth in either commercial or residential areas.
This department serves no useful function, after living in a new neighborhood for 4 years zero city activity short of useless narrow parks, this despite premiums paid on lots that allegedly would go towards neighborhood development, a bunch of useless boulevard development in an area predominately inhabited by people with young families, where are the parks, where are the rinks, even an outdoor one,
This is an Area the city has done poorly in for decades we don't seem to truly planned for growth such as entrance or exit into areas the city creates a zone partially finishes it and then moves on why have five different areas being developed at the same time developer one do it right and then MoveOn we live in Briarwood and there are still areas that are waiting for the city to do properly if you have green space that you have created then make sure you were planning to maintain it and not then have green space go back to wild weeds but still expect people to pay the taxes if they were useable green space
This should be something the developers who build the houses to pay
Thoughts: why am I paying for new growth? Shouldn't New Growth pay for New growth? Reduce "urban beautification" initiatives as they are a waste of taxpayer dollars Planning New Neighborhoods - let 3rd party developers like Boychuck handle that at cost.
To date I am not impressed with the City's Planning. A comprehensive traffic accommodation plan should be in place before development begins and interchange and access control be established prior to utility design and internal street layout.
to not build expensive monuments downtown - i.e. the new art gallery and not providing adequate and affordable parking - no rink needs to be downtown - or you could build it right in front of another river facing window at Persephone - just like the art gallery - that was sarcasm -hopefully whoever is planning for our growth will show more respect to the buildings and peoples already in place
Too many people being put in small areas with small or no yards. Too many condo's all together. We need to slow down this city's growth. Get infrastructure in place first before building more condos.
Traffic flow and impact on existing neighbourhoods
Traffic flow planning could be better.
Use local experts in planning and design rather than outsiders.
Use the money for revitalising existing communities to make them safer and more pleasant for pedestrians..Leave the riverside the way that it is, it is meant to be a gathering space for everybody to share and not for big and inaccessible buildings.
Use the structures already built and if you do build communities ensure there is enough ways in and out so it isn't a traffic jam to and from work. Put things back when you're done. On 11th st there is a four way stop that was only supposed to be temporary during the circle drive construction that is still there years later.
Vary the lot size in new areas more. Still need lots with big yards, as well as ones with small frontage. Also, increase the minimum road and sidewalk width!
Water pressure supply maintained
We DO NOT need to grow anymore right now!!!!...the core is empty and being underused because of it....stop building all these new areas, it's over done...there are way to many, stop building new areas, it's effecting our core infrastructure.....our water pressure, is suffering....

<p>We don't need to be so crazy about expansion. We have already grown immensely in the last while. It should be a sign that when we are aggressively expanding, the complaints become worse. Focus on what we already have. Older businesses are closing because the city is so concerned about making new businesses. That is the wrong way to operate. Saskatoon talks about respecting its heritage. Well, take care of the people already here.</p>
<p>We have not received top quality planning in the past. We might as well reduce \$ in this area. Then we will be getting proper service for what we are paying. And not over paying for poor quality service.</p>
<p>We live in a big, relatively empty province. Why do we focus on high density living? The size of our city is like a suburb of large cities, I don't think urban sprawl is a problem here. Having lived in centers with millions of people, I can tell you they are crowded and very noisy.</p>
<p>We need better city planning. We need proper thoroughways out of neighbourhoods. No residential street should become a major road. That is just poor city planning.</p>
<p>We need more for R&D. The city is growing, which is good. But by design it needs to be managed and well planned out. We need higher skilled engineers for the development and layout of new communities being built. Better road and flow design etc. We need more market Analysts and more thought going into growth and development. We need to build the new right from the ground up if we are going to be able to sustain growth. The city needs more people here and more data moving forward. As growth cannot just be in one form. Everything needs to adjust across the board to allow healthy growth. The city would benefit with a stronger team of bodies and resources to make these projections and collect the data for planning and collaboration with ALL of its other departments to accommodate growth.</p>
<p>We need to be proactive in this city and start building the infrastructure in parallel with neighbourhoods rather than when they are done. We are far too reactive when it comes to planning.</p>
<p>We need to encourage more density. More multiple family units nearer the city center. Less urban sprawl please.</p>
<p>We need to focus more on infill projects and higher density living. The continual expansion model currently being used is going to lead to more and more problems related to road maintenance, water and sewer pipe maintenance as well as reducing the ability to create successful cycling and transit plans with people living too far from their jobs.</p>
<p>We need to hire some Growth and Planning and Development with some talent! The new neighborhoods are designed poorly. There is like a million apartment buildings and town house developments built in huge blocks together. Once again go visit Edmonton or other cities and compare their neighborhood designs to ours. Not saying this to be mean but it is time for some fresh thinking and maybe some new leadership.</p>
<p>We need to start using what we have and quit this ridiculous ongoing developments throughout the city when we have so many neighborhoods sitting with empty lots...fill these before any more planning goes on.</p>
<p>We need to stop expanding. Focus instead on the neighbourhoods we already have.</p>
<p>We need to stop growing outwards and start planning for more development within our current neighbourhoods.</p>
<p>We pay engineers for that. Quit wasting money on consultants of fire useless engineers</p>
<p>We should be looking at supporting more building within our current residential areas rather than spreading out so quickly. This puts lots of pressure on all services - fire, police, water and sewer etc. How much of the construction is being done on the speculation that the people are moving here and will build or buy homes and lease commercial property? Are there incentives for opening small businesses downtown? We hear lots about the really large properties, but what about all the vacancies for small businesses downtown?</p>

We spend so much money on the wrong things, the museum and contractors and not on core services to run the city. I pay taxes to get basic services and I don't want fluff and charities and the city giving away my money. If I want to give away money to charities I will.
We want less neighbourhoods and more dense neighbourhoods. I truly despair though that city council / administration does not understand this. We need to reshape people's minds and make living in a denser city more desirable. Build walkable amenities that make people want to live downtown and want to leave the car and 3 car garage lifestyle behind.
What are we doing to increase density within circle drive? Increasing density will improve transit and result in a better cost per capita for items like roads and sewers. Council should make some priorities for future development so that we end up with a beautiful city - not an ugly spr
What planning hire planners who know what they're doing. Hold them accountable with less reliance on consultants. The growth expectations based on the recent past are over. We need no new potash mines for at least 20 years based on existing latent capacity and that excludes BHP being built.
When planning a highly developed residential area, put in enough parking and keep the main streets in and out to more than one lane of traffic. While the bike routes do help out the 3% of the population it should not be at the expense of the busiest travel roads. You have messed up 4th Ave now which is a busy street coming off the Broadway Bridge. Yea, more traffic jams.
When planning new developments, take into account the effects of access on existing traffic entering & leaving the development. Possibly improve accesses prior to the development of a new area.
When planning new neighbourhoods ensure the main roads in and out of the new areas are designed to move high volumes of traffic. For example, McOrmond leading out of University Heights functions very well. Preston leading out of Stonebridge is a failure.
When planning new neighbourhoods, ensuring that the streets are wide enough to reduce the congestion we currently experience in the new neighbourhoods. The city must also reduce the number of homes in a neighbourhood that are allowed to have basement suites. And those that do must be able to provide parking to their tenants on their lot.
While growth of a city is never sustainable as your report suggests, I do realize it is inevitable. A top priority in my mind is increasing the density of established neighbourhoods.
Whoever plans new areas over the past couple years should be fired! There are very few enticing features in all new developments.... Roads are too narrow, 2 routes in and out of big areas, developments in swamps...., lack of major arteries to move traffic in and out will cause major problem in near future as seen in willow grove/stone bridge/rosewood!!
Whoever got stamp happy approving all these homes to be built needs to be fired. Raise our property taxes because the city infrastructure couldn't keep up and it cost the city too much money to build into these new neighbourhoods. Maybe so many lots shouldn't have been approved right off the bat!!!...
Why am I paying taxes for development in new neighbourhoods while you do nothing to revitalize the neighbourhood I live in?
Why is the developer if a new sub division not responsible .why do I need to fund raise to put lights ,benches etc.
Why not incentivize for more infill rather than creating new neighbourhoods??? If that is not done, the older neighbourhoods are going to deteriorate & create more issues for policing.
Work cooperatively with our neighbours. Do hold up development and progress in the RM of Corman Park.
Would like to see more advance planning before growth development.
You cannot build an increasingly sustainable community and continue growing indefinitely. Continual growth is not sustainable. Cities need to tackle the question of when to actually stop growing.

You need to focus on real-life situations and planning instead of these pie-in-the sky pipedreams that are coming from the present Mayor, Councillors and administrators. Get real people!
Less time spent on beautifying new neighborhoods and more time maintaining and fixing up the existing ones.

- No Changes/No Suggestions were mentioned 3 times.

POLICE SERVICES

What are your top priorities for the Saskatoon Police Service? What change(s) would you suggest?

Should put in more red light cameras throughout the city to stop the number of people that still run the red lights. Put in more photo radar in areas to bring down the speed people travel on the roads. Set up the photo radar (need more than just a few school zones) to ticket people who are a certain speed over the posted limit. Then a percentage of that revenue would go back directly to the police budget to give them an increase in funds (let the police develop a surplus of money that they could use at a later date)
Contact and liaison should be made with CN and CP to alleviate time barriers, and know when trains route through the city to allow for adequate response times. No need for more police stations, as generally officers patrol locally, and can be on the scene in short order. Need to keep abreast of City of Saskatoon property on the city limits, and which lands are newly annexed. Need to be honest and transparent and not slander the good name of residents when investigating gossip
Don't know, other than finding out the difference in price between a purpose built police veh. Rather than the yuppie trucks as seems to be what the police are acquiring now.
- it cannot be a given that the police budget will be increased every year; policing strategies must be become more effective - I know there are truly dedicated police officers, but unfortunately my limited experience (4 instances, all between 2000-2010) has been with indifferent and ineffectual officers - I realize cops on bikes is part of policing and an appealing job option, but how effective it is, statistically?
#1 priority. If you get one thing right get this one right. More. More cops, more cops more cops.
10% austerity cuts.
A department that deals with rowdy parties, more gang initiatives, better monitoring of traffic violators, no more administration.
A greater police presence with police either on bikes or walking in the higher crime areas such as downtown. The areas around shopping malls and other places where panhandlers tend to gather makes me uncomfortable.
A police biking/walking presence is important and welcome. I think they should always be in two's for their safety. Would some money spent on daytime patrols be more effective on night-time patrols?
Add more Beat cops to crack down on crime.
Add more traffic police. start enforcing speed, courtesy, signaling, aggressive dangerous driving kills and costs insurance dollars
Additional resources to deal with gangs and related issues.
Adjust role of police officer to peace officer, looking to resolve situations or refer people to other services rather than focusing on looking at what laws have been broken. Processing people through the courts is very expensive & stretches out into months or years. It is also important for police on the streets to conduct themselves in respectful and non-traumatizing ways with people on the streets.
Adopt HUB methodology as used by Prince Albert to identify and intervene high risk individuals to prevent issues.
Allocate more money from policing towards solving social issues that eat up police time.
Allocate reduced police budget towards social services, which is more effective per-dollar. It is expensive to have police officers acting as social workers, or dealing with issues that arise from a lack of support for mental health issues, affordable housing, etc.
Anything to increase employment and representative officers of city demographics

As much police visibility as possible and manpower to reduce crime.
As the economy falters, crime will become a larger issue. Past efforts have made measurable improvements, but we need to continue.
Assign officers to areas of the city to get to know the neighbourhoods - meet and greet people in random places like malls, let them know who you are and what region you are assigned to. Almost like a beat cop in a car.
At nearly 25%, the Police Service's share of total tax dollars is too high. Force the Police Service to find efficiencies, keep salary increases in check, and divert financial resources to other priorities.
Better managed police force. Everyone can not have the weekends off!! I think the scheduling of the police force is terrible on weekends.
Better Scheduling of Police Services. Everyone can not have the weekends off!! The scheduling of the police force is terrible on weekends, thus the service is not where it needs to be. Just adding police officers is not the only solution, scheduling during high call times is key.
better interaction with citizens
Better race relations. Stop carding
Better traffic enforcement: more radar checks, more distracted driving enforcement, more stop sign enforcement.
Better utilization of the officers we have and focussing on what crimes are really happening in the city. Cash grabbing speed traps that do not improve safety in this city have to stop...pathetic use of these trained officers.
Can we not be the most dangerous city in the country? That would be great.
Change focus from radar traps to crime solving. It seriously offends me to see police hiding behind a pole with a radar gun, trying to catch citizens when the crime rates are so high. Institute foot patrols.
Chief Wieghill needs to be more budget conscious. The Police Service can't be all things to all people- get back to basics. Response times aren't that great anyway
Communication skills training
Community Connection. Preventative action. Public education.
Community engagement to facilitate problem solving before they escalate to criminal activity. Also, more resources on addressing the root cause of gang activity.
Community outreach so police are respected again. They are so valuable.
Community Policing initiatives, more foot patrol regular 'beat cops'
Concentrate on root problems and police presence is not as necessary. Increase spending on education, social services, arts, etc.
Concentrate on the big crimes, not minor by-law infractions & nanny state nonsense.
Continue the practice of Carding.
Continue working on crime prevention and improving relations between citizens and police.
Crack down on cyclist who don't follow traffic laws. Have fines for blowing red lights, cycling the wrong side, obstructing traffic on Spadina when there is a bike path 6 feet over. Riding in pedestrian crossing.
Crime
Crime
Crime prevention. A more evidence based approach to funding
Crime prevention. Getting drugs, guns and knives off the streets. Working on violence, controlling violence in poorer neighbourhoods, no one should have to live in fear because they are poor.
Crime reduction, traffic patrols. Less management, recognizing that there is an optimal level.

<p>Crime, ticketing bikes not acting as vehicles, more time working with communities on how they can make the communities better and safer. Really focus on each and every crime regardless of size and aim for maximum punishment. We have witnessed examples of crime in our neighbourhood where due to police negligence in collect and presenting the crime scene and witnesses, those who committed the crime were allowed to go free. Just from being there I could have gotten more info for the lawyers than the police were able to provide. This should not be acceptable - every case should be done to the best of their ability and all data followed up on.</p>
<p>Cut in half!</p>
<p>Decrease overhead and administration and focus dollars on delivering the service.</p>
<p>Decrease public servants and increase physical police presence.</p>
<p>Decrease top salaries to make up for hiring more staff. Let me see this transparency and show me all the books of what salaries are, what freebies are given, etc.</p>
<p>Develop community relationships required walking police officers. Crime is usually because of homelessness and lack of community resources to do something else. Such as sports.</p>
<p>Do a better job with what they have</p>
<p>Do more with less. Brand new police station has not improved things</p>
<p>Do not enforce victimless crimes.</p>
<p>Don't know how to feel on this. There is but isn't being a good job done.</p>
<p>Downtown pedestrian and especially bicycle patrols. More emphasis on conflict resolution training</p>
<p>Drug and Crime increased response. Speed Trap decrease. Bicycle Cop decrease. spend less time/money Messing with good people and more focusing on actual Criminals</p>
<p>Drug related crime</p>
<p>Drugs and Gangs</p>
<p>Eliminate noisy air support unit in favour of more training in peaceful conflict resolution.</p>
<p>Emphasis on fighting serious crime. Less on minor traffic enforcement, and PR.</p>
<p>Emphasis on reducing the conditions that lead to crime.</p>
<p>Enforce laws on the books. Stop pointing to social issues and root causes as those are being dealt with by agencies that are working at those problems. Focus on law enforcement and do that well. Judiciary needs to recognize police are bringing people to the courts because they have committed a criminal act and the community expects the judiciary to deal with the wrongful behavior. Police should not be trying to avoid the courts by not charging people. Better to demonstrate the effectiveness of the ability of Police to apprehend criminals and have the weakness of the court system come to light. I want the Police to show leadership and know the community DOES support them stopping someone at 2am with a backpack in an area where calls have been placed or criminal activity is known to persist. I EXPECT to be stopped and questioned about my behavior while climbing a fence in daylight hours or looking through car windows at night. Repeated visits to Dube Lighthouse need to stop and those that regularly walk away from treatment need to go to Police cells so the streets are not being roamed freely by people consuming alcohol freely in public causing more disturbances.</p>
<p>Enforcement of the traffic laws with warning and ticket for violations. Many drivers ignore red lights, stop signs, do not turn into the correct lane, or turn left from a right hand only lane. These violations occur in high collision areas as on Circle Drive and Faithful or Miller Ave. If you had police stationed there occasionally to hand out tickets for these offenses Circle Drive and other high collision areas might change so there not so many collisions by drivers making up their own rules.</p>
<p>English</p>
<p>Enhanced communication skills as training so police can reduce confrontation without the use weapons.</p>
<p>Even more foot patrols down town.</p>

Far too much money spent on policing in this city. Every year Police Service presents a request for an unsustainable increase. Where, exactly, is the average taxpayer supposed to get the money to cover these increases every year? Seriously, where?
Fighting crime, drugs, gangs, etc.
Fighting gangs. Ensuring that cyclists obey the traffic rules.
Focus on community policing, remove the budget increase for increased weaponry, and challenge the provincial and federal government to focus on poverty reduction and substance abuse rehabilitation to reduce our major crime factors.
Focus on criminal behavior in difficult areas. Reduce focus on speed traps (Attridge and Circle 2X per week), does nothing to increase safety, everything to increase ticket revenue. Respect would grow if senior police service management would call this what it is, a revenue source.
Focus on gang related activity. We should be proactive not reactive.
Focus on gangs, drugs and weapons. Focus efforts and target areas of the city where the individuals perpetrating these crimes are frequenting. Stop harassing the public for minor infractions. Use more common sense and a more personable approach.
Focus on issues that matter, aka drunk drivers instead of time wasting activities, such as paperwork.
Focus on real crimes like the stabbings and shootings in the avenues and quit harassing bell-less cyclists and pot heads.
Focus Police on gangs and troubled neighborhoods.
Focussing on the right crime, less on petty crimes.
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Foot and street patrols. Community interaction. Crime prevention activities.
Freeze Over time Police budget out of control
From personal experience the response time and presence of the police is already quite poor. While I respect the job each individual does, I think the police service needs to learn to work within their existing budget.
Fund the same, but alter programs to prioritize community foot patrol program.
Gang control
Gang control
Gang control. Too many police out there with speed traps.
Gang violence. Continue street checks, where appropriate.
Gangs must find Saskatoon hard to operate in.
Gangs. Weapons. Stop criminalizing petty possession of marijuana. Keep the CSO program and expand it!
get the crime in this city under control
Get the drunks off the sidewalk at the Avenue D liquor store. What a joke. The police pick them up dust them off and send them down the street to pass out 1/2 block away. Then the Dept. has the temerity to publish stats that the number of arrests are going down. That's just awful.
Get the west side under control.
Happy the way it is
Has there been any operational reviews to determine if police resources are being used for non-urgent activities
Have more policemen and women walking the streets to improve their visible presence. Become a friendly face in communities and not just there when problems arrive.
Have the police enforcing the traffic bylaws. I believe most traffic issues are caused by people not following the rules of the road.

<p>Having a community presence in areas with high crime rates that is targeted at community engagement and integration so as to better serve those communities; reducing the amount of time spent on petty matters like jaywalking, bikes on the sidewalk or even speeding as these are issues that may be far more effectively addressed through better planning and transportation management (for example, stop making lanes so wide and studies suggest you will have a far easier time reducing traffic speeds than when you create lanes fit for racing and then penalize drivers for going speeds that feel natural in such circumstances; similarly, start making crosswalks where needed rather than having these absurdly rare along routes like College Drive only to penalize jaywalkers for crossing at the places where crosswalks are needed); & try putting more funding into social services associated with some of Saskatoon's crime, which often involves complex interactions between poverty, mental illness and addiction, for example.</p>
<p>higher presence in known crime areas of the city</p>
<p>Hire more cops and stop going after pot smokers.</p>
<p>Hold fast.</p>
<p>Holding pattern. Same as last year.</p>
<p>I am disgusted when I see Saskatoon Police lurking around corners on east-side residential areas giving speeding tickets to people going 10 mph over the speed limit on streets like Taylor and Brudell or for those whose tires don't quite come to a complete stop (but they have essentially stopped, looked, and continued), when they should be dealing with real crime in our city. Slash the police budget if that's how they're going to have police officers spend their time, taking money from law abiding citizens to pay for their new police station. It is angering.</p>
<p>I am not familiar with the police budget breakdown but feel that the construction of the new police station was poorly timed. The City seems to have embarked on too many larger non-transportation related capital projects at a time. I wonder how being in a new facility has impacted the annual operating budget for the police.</p>
<p>I am unaware of any further needs or shortages the Police are currently facing but consider then a vital need so would be willing to pay more if they required it.</p>
<p>I believe the police service has enough funding.</p>
<p>I feel there is much fear mongering from police services. We need to figure out how to better coordinate the social and health services to enhance the preventative work the police is already doing.</p>
<p>I find that we are constantly one of the worst cities in Canada for crime yet I only see the police setting up speed traps to criminalize the tax paying citizens of Saskatoon</p>
<p>I know it costs more to hire more police and the tools for their job but they are a necessary need in the city.</p>
<p>I know that police services are very important, but if they keep getting annual increases I sure they are not looking at where they could cut back or make things more efficient.</p>
<p>I really don't know what to say ... will leave it at that.</p>
<p>I strongly suggest that the east side of Saskatoon get more police coverage than it is currently receiving. The crime is moving from the west side to the east due to lack of police presence on the east side. For the amount of taxes paid on the east side the coverage is NOT adequate!!!</p>
<p>I support significant decreases to the police budget. Our money would be much better spend addressing the roots of crime (poverty). A tough-on-crime approach is outdated and wholly ineffective.</p>
<p>I think the police do an excellent job in this city. There needs to be support with the drug and gang issues and I am prepared to support more effort in this area.</p>
<p>I think the police service needs to be evaluated top to bottom. We have a lot of crime in this city, I feel unsafe downtown and near almost any local convenience store (even though the police chief says I imagine feeling unsafe). Throwing more money at the police is not the answer. They need to rethink how they are approaching our community and the specific challenges we face.</p>
<p>I think there doing fine just where they are></p>

<p>I want the police to protect people. When people are assaulted as I was all through high school the police should not say they can do nothing. When I see a native person being killed by police officers, create an entity I can report this too. Why did they get away with this crime? Why will the police not come when you see someone stealing your tool box from your garage, or when Canadian Tire makes change for a \$20 bill when you gave them a \$50 and then say you are the criminal? We do not need more police officers. Change the law to allow people to protect themselves - gun laws. Do not give them fancy office buildings to do nothing with. Start investigating these crimes.</p>
<p>I would invest more in upstream initiatives to prevent crime, rather than just increasing police officers.</p>
<p>I would leave the budget the same but ask for a re-orientation in how the police do their work. No more carding of brown people on the east side (perhaps more photos of white men, from their cars, trying to pick up First Nations' women on the west side). More people walking. What is the cost benefit analysis of that airplane that seems to buzz through my neighbourhood a lot, but I have only heard of it once helping capture some people in my neighbourhood - after five years in the air?</p>
<p>I would like to see more police visible on foot or bike in winter too. Seems a lot of money for policing. Maybe we need to spend more on education of people and rehabilitation and housing and less would be needed for police.</p>
<p>I would like to suggest reconsideration of the early retirement age for police officers. Public pensions coupled with early retirement ages for both police and fire services in the new realm of today seems something that needs to reconsider. I would also suggest with the ongoing issues with First Nations populations and trust a greater priority to hire First Nations police officers as older officer retire. This is with the hope First Nations officers can break down some of the barriers we currently experience. IT is not to say a genuine effort is not being undertaken by current officers...it just seems we are not making much progress.</p>
<p>I'd rather see our tax dollars to better use improving facilities, transit, infrastructure and everything else that's falling apart. For a short while the police serve can manage with an \$80 decrease per household</p>
<p>I'm not sure what to suggest here as I have not really looked into how resources are spent here. If it helps to keep the crime level down I would be willing to spend a bit more each year.</p>
<p>I'm OK with our police enforcement.</p>
<p>I'm quite unhappy with the level of graffiti in Nutana. I wonder if it reflects increased gang presence here, and would love to find a way to have kids feel they don't need to join gangs.</p>
<p>I'm willing to accept a decrease here. Putting more Access Transit buses on the road is a priority for me, and the money to pay for that would (at least in part) come from here.</p>
<p>If I felt that the Saskatoon police Service was of better value, I would support paying more however: 1) the plane is an unnecessary luxury which doesn't justify its cost; 2) the SPS spends too much time enforcing speed limits in areas which are not safety hazards such as circle drive, 108th and other areas where the speed limit is at a disconnect with the actual conditions. These natural speed trap areas become popularized by the SPS traffic division. Red light cameras, which generally give tickets for people who don't come to a full and complete stop when completing a right hand turn - a very low risk traffic offence when done at off peak hours - is an example of revenue generation gone out of control. I've not been caught myself in these traps but have watched others being targeted for what is truly a revenue raising scheme. When Police/Municipalities use ticket monies as a source of revenue, they bring the administration of justice into disrepute. The City of Saskatoon, while not as bad as some other municipalities, is heading down the same path. When I see my tax dollars being used to bring the administration of justice into disrepute (and people generally do dislike it when police target the populous without sufficient reason - see the minor furor over carding), I cease to want to give the police money, even if I am generally in favour of a strong police presence in the community.</p>

If the police would actually enforce traffic laws they would have more than enough funds. Continually see hundreds of moving violations, but our police are too busy doing non enforcement activities.
Improve the safety of the community. At least make sure it doesn't decrease.
Improved "community" policing, localized patrols such that area residents and patrol officers can build positive relationships with residents of their patrol area as well as a greater familiarity with the normal rhythm of the neighborhood so they are better equipped to recognize out of the ordinary things to prevent crime and work with residents to address concerns. Encourage officers to diffuse situations rather than be confrontational and accusatory to build better relationships with community members even when they're on the wrong side of the law.
Increase officers. the east side of Saskatoon has grown but the same number of cops police this huge area for the last 25 yrs.
Increase recruitment and the number of patrolling officers
Increase services like housing first, harm reduction, social services and decrease police.
Increased focus on job creation and community relations.
Increased foot patrols and bicycle patrols. Increased carding.
Increased police presence, gang crackdowns
Increased police presence. Strategies for cutting down on gang related crimes.
Increased presence in neighbourhoods
Increased presence.
Increased satellite stations throughout the city
Increased surveillance in City Parks at night.
Invest in technology and preventative measures - crime mapping and predictive analysis. Need to work smarter not harder.
It is not that I do not want the protection of SPS in our city. Their budgets have increased for many years in a row, with their new building, comes many new expenses. At the same time the city is growing. There are many citizen concerns - response times, too much focus on "trains", lack of communication that is forthcoming to the public, many services going to central and west area of the city, SPS not wanting to be involved in detox, etc. In depth reviews of their services and actual needs are required.
It's extremely discouraging when a crime is committed and all we hear from the Police Service is that they don't have the time to investigate, just come in and make a statement. The attitude they exhibit does not do anything to foster sympathy from someone like myself.
Keep communities safe; less focus on crime that doesn't impact safety of community (e.g.: dispensaries); more public education; less engine idling
Keep the status quo.
Leave it the same for now. I notice more police, I appreciate the professional and respectful interactions I have had with police over the years. I am a middle-aged Caucasian woman so I expect that has something to do with it. I would like to see more visible minorities on the force.
Leave the same. Concentrate on high risk areas in the City. From traffic perspective more time needs to be spent on reducing texting and driving. Instead of worrying about 3km/hr over on 8th street improve traffic flow and safety by taking the texters off the road.
Legalize drugs, requires less police
Less community programs and deal with crime
Less effort on radar and minor traffic offenses and more attention to crimes happening in all neighborhoods.

Less emphasis on enforcement in school zones particularly at those times when students are all in the classroom and there is literally no pedestrian traffic - nothing says money grab more than traffic enforcement at those times and places when the reason for such enforcement does not exist - more resources on higher speed roadways where serious injury and death are actually occurring - more emphasis on high visibility patrols in neighborhoods.
Less emphasis on traffic operations, more emphasis on sting type operations rather than simply form filling when an event occurs
Less money spent on management, more on police officers. The top cop's salary is much too high given that he never puts his life on the line or assists people.
Less patrolling for speeding in high school zones.
Less programming and way more police walking the beat. The streets downtown or Broadway are not safe to walk. I have lived in many cities and never seen more drunks and punks hanging out on the street bothering people. My children cannot even take the bus because that downtown terminal is so dangerous. Constant drunks and fighting and I never see police. I have never seen a force less visible in any city I have lived.
Less speed traps, more behind the scenes crime solving (i.e. gang violence, drugs etc.)
Less speed traps. Better use of staff elsewhere.
Less top brass more presence on the street and not to see 3 or 4 cars sitting at Tim Hortons at the same time lot of man power at one spot taking break at once
LESS TRAFFIC, MORE PATROLS, "CARDING OF SUSPICIOUS INDIVIDUALS" IS A MUST. If I am paying over \$800 for policing, and there is a large amount of crime in certain areas, then those people out and about at 2:00 AM in those areas need to be looked at. Tax payers should have a LARGE say on where \$ goes in policing so if the crime in those areas is there, CARDING is a must to reduce or at least control crime. Perhaps those that pay larger tax \$ for policing should have greater coverage...
Less traffic officers, and more active presence in neighbourhoods and schools
Lesser traffic policing and fine harvesting
let SGI start paying more for those camera radar and using our police for so much out of city work, and really do they need those 12 hour shifts
Look into overtime costs. Management doesn't seem to want to address issue. There is a massive disparity between proposed salary and actual salary.
Lose the plane better ground response
Lose the plane, focus on crime to the public (not the traffic kind) and do not allow SGI to hire officers for basic traffic violations when we are considered #1 or #2 for highest crime rates in the country. By having more officers not doing traffic stops, they can focus on emergency calls and have an increased presence at large. It may be too late to comment, but the new police precinct was wrong. We have an east side and west side to our city, a smaller satellite station could have been built on the east side. We need to make things convenient for all.
Maintain foot and bike patrols, community outreach efforts are very useful
Maintain vigilance on drug related crime. Take steps to reduce vehicle noise and speed.
Making the city safer
More budgeting to combat gang activity
More check stops for impaired drivers. People are still taking chances that they won't be caught.
More community police service to focus on prevention
more community-based policing
More efficient use of technology would reduce the need for administration.
More focus on community involvement and visibility.
More focus on crime. Less focus on fundraising radar traps in arenas where speed is not an issue.

More focus on investigative policing to eliminate gangs and less focus on tying up multiple officers on traffic speed traps in areas that create hazards having those officers lurking behind poles. More focus on community policing where officers are more visible in neighbourhoods. Eliminate plane.
More foot patrols in core neighbourhoods. Reduce wages for out of scope management and police chief.
More frontline officers
More monitoring of residential areas for traffic violations. Speeding is serious in residential areas.
More officers downtown
more officers on foot
More officers visible on the streets
More officers walking on the streets and in schools
More on foot/bike cops. Less in cars.
More Police on the street
More police on the Street , walking
More police on the street, more of a presence in residential neighbourhoods to control break ins.
more police presence and less drug enforcement
More police presence in the downtown
More police walking the streets and neighbourhoods
More presence in the residential areas. Make a presence with more officers driving through suburbs, park areas, etc. Both for policing and community relations.
More presence on the streets and more interaction with citizens
More priority on crime. Violent. Break and enter
More resources for the police to combat organized crime.
More resources to address illegal drugs and gangs.
More stop checks, more radar - safer roads and more mindful drivers.
More street presence
more theft protection...
More time for officers on the street and/or in the cars patrolling.
More traffic police.
More visibility
More visibility more often in east/south east side residential neighbourhoods.
Most crimes in Saskatoon come from poverty. Therefore, more money should be put into homelessness and poverty reduction strategies. Police cannot be used to give the feeling of safety, because it's not addressing the true problem and is not using money wisely. Again, arresting more people costs money. Having police out carding costs money. I like police for their community development strategies and that's what they should be given money for.
most if not all city workers can be found in coffee shops all over the city & they are not doing PR you see them @ the airport - to Tim Horton's for an hour (I have timed them) this is strictly abuse of time & my taxes
My priorities are that Police service all areas of the City instead of just 20th & 22nd Streets.
My priority would be to reduce the presence of crime by enhancing social and economic equality all over the country. It is absurd that we still allow the conditions of poverty, and then wonder why people steal.
My view is that we have an excessive police services budget.
Need to get a handle on drugs and gangs - partnership with others in housing, food etc. - mental illness - need police doing police work not social service work. Reduce some staff wages.

<p>Now that we have the red light cameras we should be able to reduce some of the traffic officers. Get rid of the plane on the weekends in the morning or use a drone or better yet officers on the ground that can do community policing.</p>
<p>Obviously increased resources did nothing in the past year to decrease crime. My neighborhood is constantly targeting and nothing is being done. Time for them to do more with what they have as increased resources are not solving the issue.</p>
<p>Our emergency services should be well-equipped, and SPS should receive everything they request in their budget, if not more.</p>
<p>Our experience with police services, response time, and effectiveness has been excellent. Continue or increase street-level community involvement.</p>
<p>Our police do an excellent job.</p>
<p>Over budget police station, more staff, same crime and now they want another level because they have to deal with mental health and social issues. The very same people that often have been involved in crime. The money would be better spent on social services and decent wages before things get out of hand.</p>
<p>Over the past several years Saskatoon has turned into "Little Chicago". The Police are greatly understaffed! Their hands are also tied in so many instances, for example street checks. I believe if you have nothing to hide then if the Police ask you "Politely" to stop so they can ask you a few questions you should have no problem with that. It is not a racist issue but the trouble makers are making it into one...A top priority would be to put more Guns and Gangs Officers on the street. Of course it goes without saying that more Patrol Officers are always needed.</p>
<p>Photo radar to be increased. Save on man power to use them somewhere else.</p>
<p>Please serve to protect, nit hide just to write tickets</p>
<p>Police always "need" more resources: a bigger, state of the art building has led to the need for more \$ on upkeep. At some point, enough is enough. Get rid of the plane and the armoured vehicle(s).</p>
<p>Police budget is too bloated.</p>
<p>Police Chief asks for lots more money every single year. Stop increases and be creative and more efficient</p>
<p>Police chief has done a good job but needs more resources,</p>
<p>Police continue to hire and hire more officers and crime continues to rise. Maybe a better allocation of resources is needed. Whatever they want they get in terms of budget. Now the police don't even have to attend calls with drunk people. Or detain them. Even with a full time on staff paramedic. We pay the most for policing and we definitely do not get our money's worth.</p>
<p>Police have recently seen a large investment and new facility built which is very impressive. I hope our fire service can expect equal support in upcoming years.</p>
<p>Police seems to be running smoothly other then they appear to be top end heavy as in twice the amount of office staff as to personnel on the streets</p>
<p>Policing is an expensive and relatively ineffective after-the-fact response to bad behaviour resulting from various social pressures. Prevention is more important and best done through increased economic and educational equality and the provision of well-managed and affordable social housing.</p>
<p>Policing is important although is something that should be continually monitored to see where pennies could be saved.</p>
<p>Policing is very important as our city grows. Stopping gang violence and staying on top of organized crime should be a priority. Youth programs and keeping youth busy is part of this. As less money goes to education more money in police is needed. Police make a great wage and they do not need a giant increase. They work in a system where overtime is wasting too much money. More attention needs to be placed on not using overtime and managing wages.</p>

<p>Policing should be more about protecting people and property, and less about issuing traffic tickets. I understand that would cost more (at least initially) but it has more value.</p>
<p>Presence throughout the city to deter crime, also traffic adherence</p>
<p>Preventing the need for reactive/emergency services should be the number one goal. Priority should go to crime and violence prevention, especially in core areas of the city. Collaborative efforts with proven non-profits, health and education systems to ensure appropriate human resources and programs are always within reach will give people the best possible chance of escaping the cycles of addictions, poverty, violence and crime. Development & maintenance of interconnected, life-long supports is key to helping people achieve self-reliance and remain independent. A person's transition from prison, poverty, abuse and/or addiction is most successful when appropriate supports are readily available and they have formed a strong relationship with a positive role model.</p>
<p>Prevention needs to be a priority, this may require a change to the justice system as well. Instead of setting young people up to be returning customers, we need prevention programs including community involvement such as bear patrols.</p>
<p>prevention services and innovative prevention programs</p>
<p>Primarily, in the short term, the police need to have their funding increased to combat drugs, gangs, and violent crime. Community detachment policing, even though we have a nice, big, new Police HQ, should be brought back. Bring a positive police presence into troubled neighbourhoods, meaning: police seen as members of the community, not just enforcers, by having small local detachments of some kind. People need to be able to feel they can trust the police. Also, just a few small detachments distributed to the various corners of the city could allow for swifter response times.</p>
<p>Proactive work with youth at risk is top priority.</p>
<p>Put the funds currently used to fund the downtown bi law enforcers into funding for actual police officers.</p>
<p>Quit asking for more tax paying dollars all the time, use the money given to you wisely. It is not the people's fault that the "New" Police station cost far too much to build and maintain! Also why do we need 2-10 patrol cars at certain situations? Seems a little redundant? I could go on for hrs.</p>
<p>Quit spending time grabbing money with speed traps, let the cameras do their job. Be more visible and stop crimes that count.</p>
<p>Rapid response and more visible presence</p>
<p>Reduce hours spent issuing fines & tickets if you want to improve response times for crime & emergencies. Council recently created more "make work" for police by banning vaping. Remove that ban (and other similar nonsense) & more police hours will be available for real policing.</p>
<p>Reduce property crimes in residential areas. I</p>
<p>Reduced police officers and management type people in police services.</p>
<p>Regular patrols of high crime areas allowing rapid response to calls for help. This already seems to be established.</p>
<p>Return the officers on loan to SGI. More Prevention is needed.</p>
<p>Run a tighter ship. Lots of operational savings are possible. Focus on real problems. Move outreach to social workers and effective NGOs that cost way less.</p>
<p>Safety. They do a good job.</p>
<p>Saskatoon is now a big city, with big city issues. You need to invest in the community and the community needs to feel safe.</p>
<p>Saskatoon's Police Service has continually seen budget increases year over year. I think it is essential that we work with the province to adequately fund police especially with respect to gang violence which is uniquely a city problem.</p>
<p>Sell the police airplane, armoured vehicles and put feet on the street.</p>

Should be more visible presence in Avenues A through Y. More funding to keep inner city children in School and prevent crime this way. It cost more to keep an inmate in jail than it does to keep children in school. Work on this aspect of crime prevention. More local groups need to get involved in this.
Should have thought of this before overspending on the fancy new police station & perks!
Simply more and more officers!!! Our police force is severely understaffed and more police presence in this ever growing city is only a good thing!!!
Since the police know many policing problems stem from social issues, the funding emphasis needs to be on targeting the social issues with the advice and participation of police.
Since the underlying causes of perpetually increasing police costs are social issues, urban sprawl and motor vehicle traffic (where the remedies lie elsewhere), I have drastically reduced this budget item in order to make precisely that point. As an aside, however, I do support the proposed allocation in the current budget.
SINCE WE HAVE MORE SPEED/RED LIGHT CAMERAS NOW, SHOULD WE PUT MORE OFFICERS IN ROLES OUTSIDE OF TRAFFIC DIVISION?
Some of this very expensive police time should be reallocated and coordinated with social services and crisis intervention to address issues like mental health and the very expensive repeat problems. I recognize that this will require provincial engagement, but it is absolutely necessary for a healthy, happy city.
Some work needs to be done on the amount of overtime that is built in to our policing system.
Spend more time on actual violent crime.
spend more time working with most vulnerable: poor and homeless(addictions)
SPS is doing a good job.
Stop allocating so many resources to speeding. Setting up speed traps only frustrates residents. Use the resources to target gang activity which is the primary source of all crime in this city.
Stop harassing drivers. Go after real criminals. Cops should have to wear body cameras that are on for 100% of their shift that is live streamed so any citizen can check in on any cop at any time in real time.
Stop hiding & ticketing speeders in certain locations & use those resources for real criminals. Do more drive- through in neighborhoods. Curfews as necessary.
Stop hiring people that need desk jobs and then keep hiring more. And stream line the paper work so cops are actually on the road.
Stop letting everyone have a desk job after 5 years on the job. It will lead to more officers on the streets. I realize we have to try to fill up that ridiculous building us paid 30 million too much for, but the answer isn't to give desk jobs to everybody who wants one. Hub and spoke models have always been the answer to urban sprawl areas like ours. With our low population density, having a single massively oversized building for all policing to occur makes no more sense than having one fire hall in the city.
Stop real criminals we are top of the country in the worst ways but there is still four cop cars for a speed trap! Look after your citizens don't penalize the ones going to and from work. Stop real crime! The police are constantly asking for more money and officers and a nice new office how has this helped? Instead of throwing money at the problem find real solutions.
Stronger presence in residential neighbourhoods
The ability for them to be able to increase response time and provide increased budget for major crimes

the amount of Police presence is okay , but why spend all the money on special paint jobs on the cruisers , when Edmonton has black vehicles with white doors , a lot less expensive , also why do all of the older Police , who are on office duty have vehicles to take home . Could they not drive their own like everyone else? My neighbor has one at home all the time, on duty or off?? There is a lot of money spent on Police service that is unnecessary as in weight rooms and equipment at work and getting paid to stay in shape, who else does this.

The benefits gained from the drastic increase in this service are very little to justify the increase. The new police station doesn't really serve a purpose. Though the upgrade in fleet cars was Definitely needed as their patrol vehicles were extremely aged. Crime has not changed with the increase enough to justify this boost. We still have the same number of drug dealers, prostitutes and domestic disputes as before. We also have the same or more disturbances to the actual working populace at night caused by low income social programs feeding a society that doesn't work or respect the working class man that drives this community drinking and partying all night keeping workers up because they have no concept of a work week. The crime has only been diverted and moved around to other areas that still hurts the working class man (that drives this city). This program needs a more efficient strategy and stricter laws enforced. Throwing numbers and money at the problem is a bandage solution and doesn't fix the real problem. 5 years ago Saskatoon made its global rating in "New York Times" Magazine for being the city with the highest crime rate in the world, higher than that of New York! These numbers have not changed or increased with the 40% growth as one would expect. We are still the worst and will continue to be the worst if the REAL problems are not fixed. (Decreasing social programs, and strengthening the economy, as well as forcing social programs to be more strict with handouts by forcing them to job search and having checkups where the non-working community is simply cut off if they are caught doing drugs or drinking all their handouts away or not actively seeking work) The increase in this service is a "Quick win bandage solution" but in essence it is damaging our community in the long run and feeding the problem. In another 5 years with this growth rate we won't be able to sustain it as the problem will be out of hand and somewhat even martial (do we want martial law in this city?) NO. Not if it isn't going to make a major impact. This service needs to be scaled back and The police need to come up with a more streamlined strategy. We are still one of the highest crime rate city in the world. Increase unjustified.

The city has grown ... so we need more policing! More presence will help reduce crime! We want a safe community!

The most difficult task the city faces. We need a program of public awareness asking citizens to cooperate with police to make their job easier. In addition, fines must be increased substantially to pay for the protection that citizens want and need. This requires the cooperation of the Highway Traffic Board of the Province.

The number of officers on our police force are greatly outnumbered by the criminal population. I fell that the Anti- Gang force is especially short-handed.

The numerous increases in manpower and its resulting budget in the past few years has not resulted in any noticeable improvements. The largest cost is the police association's contract that we cannot afford. There are better models around the world that have lower paid employees take care of non-emergency operations as motor vehicle collisions and traffic control for example and leave the higher paid armed officers for more serious operations.

The police are doing a wonderful job & deserve all the support we, as citizens, can provide.

The police are overpaid and crime rates are constantly falling. No new officers should be hired, only maintained.

The police are wasting their own time, the public's money, and needlessly worsening and disenfranchising the lives of harmless Saskatonians by doggedly and relentlessly pursuing marijuana charges at the highest rate in the country. This money could be better spent toward policing other crimes (e.g. high levels of property crime) or diverted from policing toward social

<p>programs that would address the root causes of criminality in the first place (e.g. housing like The Lighthouse, addictions treatment etc.).</p>
<p>The police could train medical and emergency services personnel in the handling of persons in psychosis. I have a son who's experienced some mental health issues and no one in the hospitals or detox centre dealt with him as capably as the police who came to our house when he was in a psychotic state and out of touch with reality. The police shouldn't have to be involved, but they're the only people who know how to do the job.</p>
<p>The police department has become top heavy again, with less officers dedicated to the streets, which is exactly what the current police Chief fought against when he took the position. Stop focusing on police check stops in low accident areas and dedicate more of these to the streets. Every time a traffic officer has to go to court, it is overtime, costing the city in money or time off for that officer, resulting in less officers on the street and a longer response time. do not spend time or money lobbying for laws like gun bills, focus on pushing the federal government for laws that will get true criminals off the street, this includes young offenders which are very well known to the police, who continually break the law, and cost countless manpower issues to deal with the problem. Open an outskirts of town detox center/community living (in conjunction with Saskatoon district health) to house, feed and deal with repeat chronic drug and alcohol offenders that live on the streets. Many of these unfortunate individuals tie up both EMS and police services. These sites would require an ems/nursing/ and security presence. They would differ from the light house in that people could do their drinking or drugs and not be kicked out, as long as they attended so many meetings on how they can overcome addiction.</p>
<p>The police do a good job but radar traps ARE NOT what they should be doing. Photo radar could do the same this and the police could be doing crime prevention.</p>
<p>The police need to be re-focused. Seeing the raid on the medical marijuana dispensary shows that the police chief does not have the right priorities. If we can afford to do that, we can afford to get rid of a few police officers. Less traffic focused although I'm guessing that's where a lot of funding comes from. We need to break that link of fines and funding the police.</p>
<p>The police service wastes an extraordinary amount of money each year. They seem to operate with impunity and no responsibility for watching their costs. One example: the police plane. Such a waste of money. Watch them circle around the city (especially the north end) and ask yourself what exactly they accomplish that a man on the ground couldn't? ...</p>
<p>The response time is already a joke. I have called the police when my husband was in danger where he worked. They had shown up almost an hour later. Yet they can build a whole new facility.</p>
<p>The service needs to be looking at modifying the model on how services are provided. This is an important service but like any other private business you just can't be raising prices every year.</p>
<p>There have been several years now with significant increases for Policing. It's time to hold costs or even reduce them.</p>
<p>There needs to be more officers, as council/mayor continue to let it grow, this needs to grow also!!!!</p>
<p>There should be no carding whatsoever in this city.</p>
<p>They are doing a great job and need the resources.</p>
<p>They do not show at the best of times! No more money is required.</p>
<p>They should rent out some of the giant police station, also have too class of police traffic paid at a lower rate, and crime paid at the rate they are paid now. The time and money spent on police wages around high school catching ordinary people making a mistake in the speed, the cost of the fine is not justified to the crime, and causes resentment by ordinary people to the police.</p>
<p>They'll survive with a tighter budget.</p>

<p>This seems to be an ineffective service and I feel it needs an overhaul. We need police services that are effective, throwing money at new police buildings does nothing to enhance our policing. There is money spent in the wrong areas at the police force.</p>
<p>This should always be a top priority and we should maintain and improve service</p>
<p>Time spent on more time fighting and managing crime, graffiti and general vandalism. Expose police vehicles in residential areas on a frequent basis</p>
<p>Timely response. increased patrols</p>
<p>Timely response. More attention to ticketing hazardous drivers (those who drive slow in the passing lane) rather than just speeding tickets.</p>
<p>Too many police, not good enough service or protection</p>
<p>Too many resources and money is spent on non-critical policing. Manned radar needs to be reduced and replaced with more automated radar systems. More active electronic speed signage should be installed near schools, parks and other high pedestrian zones. Policing needs to focus more on real crime.</p>
<p>Too much manpower spent on speed enforcement. Hold the federal government more responsible for the population group that accounts so much for the crime/social taking up the resources. To top heavy organization...old boys mentality building up pensions for retirement.</p>
<p>Top priority is eliminating gang activity in Saskatoon.</p>
<p>Traffic enforcement</p>
<p>Traffic enforcement is sadly lacking. Less time on radar and more on driving around and stopping drivers making illegal/unsafe lane changes, monster trucks with illegal bumper heights, etc.</p>
<p>Traffic enforcement seems to be the priority for the police. Hardly a week goes by without 2 to 6 officers nabbing speeders on Attridge. It seems revenue generation is their priority rather than the items listed in the paragraph above. Use more cameras to enforce traffic and use the manpower to actually make Police the streets. It would be nice to see regular patrols in our neighbourhood. That doesn't happen now and that is one of the reasons our lane is covered with graffiti. It doesn't seem to make good fiscal sense to use officers to write speeding tickets when we have the technology to do that. Use officers to police the streets, not write tickets. Alternatively, create a traffic enforcement division and use special constables or commissionaires (at a lower salary) to do this rather than fully-trained officer.</p>
<p>Traffic fines such as speeding, seat belts and distracted driving are great means of generating revenue, but unless they are being reckless or dangerous it is a waste of time for an officer to deal with it. Time is better spent tackling gangs, drug dealers, violence, etc. Keep the focus on keeping people safe, finding help for the ones who need it, stopping adolescents and youths from drugs and crime before they are too deep.</p>
<p>Transition to more neighbourhood patrols. This is one of the least efficient services in our city and requires far too much resource. A new operating model is needed that emphasizes community involvement and root causes.</p>
<p>Until the social problems underlying the crime (especially, break and enter, drug use and domestic violence), there will never be enough money for staffing levels to cope with the criminal delinquency. Although Social Services is a provincially-funded and -operated department, there must be a way found to increase efficiency amongst the law enforcement staff and social workers so that progress is achieved. Perhaps the city can put on the pressure for more social services staff? Additionally, police need some sensitivity training about harassment complaints. There should be zero tolerance.</p>
<p>Use Commissionaires for traffic enforcement and put the cops back on real police work.</p>
<p>Use more cameras for speeding control. Free up more officers for serious crime and drug investigation.</p>

Use more creative approaches to policing and examining root causes of crime. Consider using cheaper staff for basic patrol response calls and hire staff for specialized purposes rather than rotating officers through the ranks even when under-qualified.
Use the present police force in the city for traffic violations, street gangs, break and enters and drug enforcement. Protect the citizens of the city.
visibility - too much attention and money is paid to promote downtown when the average citizen does not feel all that safe being down there - having said that visibility in all areas
Visible patrols
Way too much money spent here for the service we get the only service I see it money grabs where radar is set up to entrap speeder not in areas where safety of lives is important and yes the city can say all the rhetoric about this but how many pedestrians are walking across at triage where the police always sit the speed limit should be 70 the police need to focus on crime more and let traffic flow.
We don't seem to see many on the road. Where are they?
We don't need a plane
We have enough police officers and a fantastic new police station. Crime is the Avenue A to Q neighborhoods needs to be brought under control. Why are we still having such high crime levels with such great police infrastructure and support? Do we need a police plane flying over the east side all the time at night? I am pretty sure it would be better used over higher crime parts of the city.
We have one of if not the highest crime rate in all of Canada. Let's spend some money so people can live here in safety.
We need more foot traffic and officers in residential areas and especially high risk neighborhoods.
We need more men on the street and less in the offices.
We need more officers and more visible police on the streets. Less officers on shift on Sunday's (where it seems they are all located in affluent neighbourhoods setting up speed traps to increase their revenue).
We need more police members! Carding anyone & everyone should not be an issue if citizens have nothing to conceal. In the meantime, why not add more volunteers and auxiliary officers. Also, members need to focus on quicker 'response' time on calls related to crime. Our 911 operators are trained, but how often are they tested? Answer: Additional regular police members, as well as auxiliary members & volunteers.
We need to be proactive focus on the socioeconomic factors such as poverty which cause crime, as opposed to being reactive with more officer enforcement.
We need to look at other strategies to reduce crime that doesn't rely on more officers.
We need to rethink policing. This is a very important service to Saskatoon. Crime across the country is down however police budgets continue to rise greatly. They should be looking at ways to reduce costs without reducing services.
West side.
When the chief of police cannot empirically justify the addition of police service members, we have a problem. Again this is contributing to unsustainable year over year tax increases.
While I support our police service and encourage the hiring of more constables, I think that there could be some cuts to the administrative staff.
Why are annual increases greater than inflation needed by the police year after year?
Why does the 5th largest city in Western Canada require the largest police station in Western Canada? And what was the total cost of this extravaganza? Don't forget to include the costs of street creation and infrastructure involved in the facility. Those numbers have conveniently NOT been included in releases to date. Too late to change this one.

With gangs, drugs, etc. continually growing we need more of a police presence in all areas of the city. I find it odd that if crime goes down people want to cut the budget for police when it is their service that curbs the crime.
Without knowing a lot about our City policing, I feel that we have sufficient service.
Working with youth, First Nations in a positive way.
Would like to see a greater focus on preventing and managing crimes against people and property, and less time spent setting up speed traps at 'optimal' locations simply for generating revenue (i.e. College and McKercher). Ideally would like to ensure all possible funds are being spent on officers 'in the field' and not on head office and administration costs.
Yes the city is growing - but so does the tax revenue with each new home, condo, apartment, and business. So where is the disconnect? Police should do "police work" not be tied up with bureaucracy and administration.
You just can't add more and more people to help fix our crime. Think. How can we better reorganize this cash cow to suit our needs

- No Changes/No Suggestions were mentioned 6 times.

RECREATION AND CULTURE

What are your top priorities for Recreation & Culture? What change(s) would you suggest?

<p>It is time for Saskatoon to get a few new ice rinks or to start planning a facility like the Cooperators in Regina. This can be done with the U of S or as a city project. The next multi facility should have rinks included. Tennis courts across the city have fallen and this again leads to less activities for youths. The more programs youth have the better the city will be. With less money in education, more of youth responsibility falls upon the city. Keeping youth busy, active and interested is the best way to save long term money in our city.</p>
<p>The city needs to look at the recreational spaces they have and maintain them for example new 10 baseball diamond for example having some kind of a track and field space for track and field club the number of hockey rinks is abysmal of the number of people that we have and the number of children that we have if we don't invest and her children and recreation we are going to have to invest in them and healthcare because they will be obese and diabetic and have bad joints we also know that the more The more children stay active the last like they are to get into gangs and drugs and crime</p>
<p>Would maybe look at using some of the funds from the professional sports to fund amateur bodies. - Maybe a stretch!</p>
<p>- keep monthly membership fees low (as they have been since January, 2016) to encourage more individuals and families to participate in fitness activities</p>
<p>A new outdoor track and field facility</p>
<p>A new centralized, multi-sheet rink facility. We are the only city our size without a modern rink facility.</p>
<p>A new outdoor running track since the one at Griffiths is being ripped out and in such a poor state that the city could easily be sued if an injury were to occur. This needs immediate attention.</p>
<p>A new outdoor track and field facility.</p>
<p>Absolutely critical that new ice rinks are built. The city should be ashamed that kids of 12 years of age have to be finishing games at 10:30 at night.</p>
<p>Access for all with suitable programs.</p>
<p>Activity facilities, outdoor skating rink maintenance and park improvements.</p>
<p>Additional hockey arenas</p>
<p>Additional hockey rinks</p>
<p>Additional ice facilities are needed</p>
<p>Additional rink complex in the city for more realistic ice times for youth hockey.</p>
<p>Additional skating rinks on the east side of the city.</p>
<p>Additional sports facilities- i.e. rinks on east side of town. Regular upkeep of existing facilities</p>
<p>Affordability for pool admission. Or lifting the ban on swimming in the river.</p>
<p>Affordable programs which are accessible for middle income families as well. I like the new system for the leisure pass.</p>
<p>Affordable to all based on their income and or there income to basic living costs. They would have to keeps all house hold receipts for at least three months.</p>
<p>All recreation centres should be for profit and not managed by the city. This is wasted money. Should be spent on developing a trail network for the city. 1.5 million Visits is roughly 5 visits per year per person which is only once every 2-3 months.</p>
<p>Although I would like to see more services in newer areas of the city, I cannot justify an increase in this area of the budget. The current leisure card fees have been reduced but still do not address several citizens, such as seniors. They do not have a reduced fee, when most are on a very limited budget, no swim times dedicated to their use, unless in a dedicated class, or a masters swimming</p>

group. Although the push has been to get seniors more active, the current program does not "fit all" and leaves a significant number of seniors that cannot participate.
An arena we don't have to be embarrassed about. Better maintained ball diamonds and soccer fields.
An outdoor rink for Willowgrove
Another hockey arena to support our kids and help to maintain outdoor rinks.
Another hockey rink and recreation complex is needed for the minor hockey/sports leagues in Saskatoon. We don't need a new arena in the downtown area where you would have problems getting in and out because all accesses are controlled by traffic lights. Put up some overpasses at the main intersections near the present arena so you can get in and out faster.
Answer: We are doing a fine job in these areas at this time, do not increase budget.
As a regular user of indoor leisure facilities my one complaint would be the staff - majority of staff I've encountered at the Saskatoon Field House have been rude, unhelpful and I've seen how poorly they treat other patrons (I've noticed this a lot when I see groups that have rented space arrive such as High School groups or University groups). It's embarrassing to see this. Furthermore, if groups like this have to constantly book time, why isn't there better facilities for these types of teams or groups to use?
As a single person, I can afford the fees. Reduce fees for families - but do have separate times for adult swims (for example) from family swims. Increase the number of indoor facilities and perhaps one more outdoor pool. Event hosting is not that important to me but can be inspirational to others so ...
As Griffith's stadium track is rumoured to be removed sometime in the upcoming year I would support my tax dollars going toward a new outdoor track facility to replace the facility we will be losing. This could be coupled with the construction of a new arena to replace the aging Rutherford arena. University has ample land but I am not sure any can be developed for such endeavours.
As is.
As long as demographic needs are being met, keep the same. Remember our aging population..... not just our first nation's component!
Ball diamond maintenance and upgrade as above. New shale and drainage for Nutana, Jeff Hughes, cairns field. We lose a whole week of ball with one rain. Other cities we go to such as swift current and muenster you can play a whole weekend tournament even with some rain. Home run fences at Nutana are dangerous and not shaped well-being temporary. Families have to pay to use the fields so an upgrade would be nice. Hockey rinks for kids are lacking and always an issue. There are more than enough pools the city should focus on factors that benefit the youth in the city and help improve facilities that kids use to stay out of trouble and enjoy life. Sports are not a free service we pay fees that pay the city to use the facilities so proper face lifts would be appreciated.
Barriers associated with access to disadvantaged youth need to be reduced or eliminated. Children who have the time to participate but not the financial resources need to be able to access community programs to keep them occupied and productive.
Baseball facilities are in very poor shape. Hockey needs more sheets of ice. SMF field needs some city funding.
Better rinks and less fees
Bring a range of appropriate adult drop in fitness programming, with the high quality City Leisure Services safety and disability instruction standards and low income access subsidies, to Pleasant Hill, Meadowgreen and King George during afternoons through the whole year, rather than limit to inaccessible school facilities after dark during the winter months.
Budget for a new outdoor track
Build a decent city-owned multi-ice facility. We have travelled all over Alberta and smaller cities have nicer ice facilities than Saskatoon. It's frankly embarrassing. Regina was no better until the Co-operators Centre was built. It's time to focus tax dollars to projects that benefit more citizens.
Build a hockey complex of 4 rinks with adjoining other recreational facilities on the second story.

Build a multiplex of skating rinks
Build a rink. Saskatoon is an absolute disgrace when compared to Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, even Aberdeen, Dalmeny, Lloydminster and Warman. I am a hockey coach and we have next to zero tournaments in this City. How we can invest in unused bike lanes and not build an indoor skating rink since the Cosmo Centre in the early 1980's? Take a look at what other "major" cities have done and compare. Saskatoon is a complete joke and I am ashamed of how we don't support ice sports and take advantage of the opportunities that come with it. I guess we are proud of Gordie Howe but don't actually care about the sport that he (we) are known for. Ask Edmonton or Winnipeg how they like Saskatoon families spending \$1000 plus every time they drive there for a tournament (they like it btw). Also have a look at the following municipal rinks: Iceplex (Winnipeg), Garden City ((Winnipeg), Meadows (Edmonton), Terwilliger Centre (Edmonton), Callingwood (Edmonton), Centennial Civic Centre (Lloydminster), Legends Centre (Warman), Aberdeen Recreation Complex), Aberdeen.
Build additional ice surfaces (arenas), could also consider outdoor ice surfaces adjacent to existing arenas that would be maintain by the Zamboni.
Build an outdoor track and field facility ready for use when Griffith's stadium at the University becomes a football-only facility.
BUILD MORE ICE RINKS!! We need a facility with at least 4 ices surfaces including at least one that has spectator seating for a few hundred. As the city grows, so too does the demand for these facilities so kids can be active, healthy and productive instead of the opposite. The city is losing out on the economic spin off for not having such a facility. I know for a fact there is a ringette tournament that draws in hundreds of people per year. The tournament is looking to bedroom communities for extra ice as the tournament is very popular and can't grow without the proper facility. There are other ringette championship opportunities such as the Western Canada Championships that the Province hosts every 4 years. This could be held in Saskatoon every 8 years. (The four western provinces take turns and Regina and Saskatoon alternate, so every 8 years). This would also draw in hundreds of people. Not to mention any other hockey and ringette tournaments/competitions.
Build new hockey rinks. Nothing fancy. Need more ice. Open outdoor pools earlier, keep them open longer. Definitely hockey rinks. Need a multi-use facility that could house football and soccer
Build some indoor rinks.
Build some rinks or a larger communiplex like Regina something needs to be done the city is all about the art gallery bike lanes and sports and culture has suffered this is where good kids develop we can subsidize these a bit in the long run our community will benefit.
Cease funding to Remai Gallery.
City is growing and yet services are being reduced. Consider being open when the public needs the facilities open (and what kind of facilities), not just when someone decides hours based on other needs. Citizens work different hours, the city should accommodate the needs of its tax-payers.
City needs a new complex that holds 4+ hockey rinks that can also provide other services.
City needs a proper outdoor track and field facility.
Compared to other cities our recreation facilities are not adequate and the existing ones need updating badly. For the short season we have and the cost to maintain it is time to consider abandoning a few outdoor pools and building new all year round indoor pools.
COMPARED TO OTHER CITIES OUR SIZE WE ARE IN LACK OF MULTI USE FACILITIES SUCH AS THE COOPERATOR CENTER IN REGINA OR THE LEGENDS CENTER IN WARMAN. IT AMAZES ME THAT A CITY OUR SIZE HAS NO NICE MULTI SURFACE HOCKEY RINKS THAT ARE COMBINED WITH OTHER LEISURE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS POOL, SOCCER, GYM ETC.
Construction of a new outdoor track and field facility.

<p>Creating a more inclusive environment for everyone. Accessibility is a huge barrier, especially for seniors and those with mobility challenges. Focus on making everything more accessible; sampling adding 'special' or 'accessible' areas excludes people.</p>
<p>Curling Clubs in Saskatoon provide recreation services for over 4700 participants. While the clubs do get a MAP Grant for providing Jr curling, there is no other assistance from the City to provide for these clubs. Curl Saskatoon also provides busing and instruction for just over 1700 elementary students during daytime hours with no assistance from the City--because the program involves education (which is also short on cash). Both the Saskatoon Men's & Ladies' Bonspiel bring participants from around the province to our city; many our clubs host Bonspiels i.e. Canadian Mixed Doubles, Point Optical Charity Curling, Colonial Ladies Classic, Tim Horton's Youth Spiel, Curl Saskatoon Jr Curling Classic, Western Canadian Dental Bonspiel, National Aboriginal Curling Championships, Q-Spiels. Curling is supported by all ages from 8-over 80. Curlers are doing their best to sustain aging buildings with aging equipment. Curling fees are increasing to meet the costs but the City should assist this recreational space as well as developing new sport spaces. Example: Pickle Ball can come to the city and receive "facility" assistance, ok great but don't forget the sports that bring the \$\$ to the city--Briers and Bonspiels bring people and their dollars to the City. Curling is my recreation, I don't use swimming pools or the field house or the pickle ball courts. Let's provide for all sports, not just a selected few.</p>
<p>Cut funding to art galleries. S/b user pay/. Stop plans for new downtown library. This is digital age; basic services yes but nothing over the top. Whitecap casino should have been built in the city/ too late now. City needs more hockey rinks- needs to work with private business so is not a taxpayer funded. No new downtown arena needed/Sask Place-type</p>
<p>Decrease facility rental rates for sport user groups to support competitive athletes achieve elite performance goals.</p>
<p>Decrease hours of operation.</p>
<p>Decrease overhead and administration and focus dollars on delivering the service. A forward looking long term strategy and plan needs to be developed with stakeholders and user groups so that all the key players have a shared strategy and work toward the common goal. Partnerships within the long term strategy that shares the commitment and financial burdens (capital and operating) between public and user groups.</p>
<p>Decrease the admission prices for leisure centres, by a lot! We plan any other activity ahead of swimming because it is impossible to justify the cost in our tight family budget.</p>
<p>Demand better performance from current staff. Leisure centre front desk staff are inefficient and lazy and have a sense of entitlement</p>
<p>Develop an east side swimming center, this could be added to either a soccer, football, ice area.</p>
<p>Does this include the public library? We would like to see more support from City council for the public library and its own increasing needs as it works to serve the community. We sure need a new downtown library - stellar examples are available in Canada and US, e.g. Halifax, Brooklyn, and Nashville.</p>
<p>Don't spend my money on cultural and sports facilities, they should be self-sustaining.</p>
<p>Don't use</p>
<p>Don't use the leisure centres, thought about it since the rate changes.</p>
<p>don't use these facilities</p>
<p>Encourage community association programs.</p>
<p>Ensure better accountability and management of projects (i.e. Remai Arts Gallery).</p>
<p>Ensure that Saskatoon has an outdoor track available for track and field competitions. I understand the track at Griffith Stadium will be closing. This is well used for meets and training of our athletes. What will the city provide as alternatives?</p>
<p>Expanded public facilities. Later hours.</p>

Experiment with pricing to find at what point it is most economically efficient. Consider cost recovery fees for residents of neighboring communities who use our facilities at a subsidized rate and charge extra for Saskatoonians to use theirs.
Extend the season of the outdoor pools, and close when the weather determines so instead of the money.
Extended season at the outdoor pools, spray parks, and paddling pools. Reduced leisure centre rates. The number of programs seems sufficient to me.
Facility cleanliness, more ice rinks please, Saskatoon is lacking for ice availability during the winter months, we do not have a decent rink to host a tournament other than the overbooked Jemini, therefore Saskatoon teams head out of town or to Regina, Lloydminster or Edmonton to their beautiful facilities.
Fewer outdoor pools. The City of Saskatoon does not need to operate gyms.
Find a way to reduce the cost for families to use the facilities.
Focus on recreation. Harsh climate long winters have more facilities in combination with schools/other infrastructure like the Shaw Centre and the Soccer centre. Makes a real anchor for the community and results in better value for funds spent. This should be in combination with PARKS.
Get rid of sculptures and other works of Art around city as it is a needless expense!
Get your people to listen to the people from all the ball leagues about grooming the ball diamonds. Use proper equipment for grooming shale infields.
Golf courses must fall under recreational. I could not find them in any areas. This physical fitness activity is positive for all age groups. Simplify parks, place more emphasis on golf course management.
Good
Good
Great job of providing facilities, the city is going in the right direction for access to all.
Great job with reducing Leisure Pass costs. Let's keep it going until all citizens of Saskatoon are able to attend for free. If not all citizens then let's get rolling with all kids under 18 having free admission. We want to create a healthy community where everyone is active, this would be a great place to make it happen!
Great job.
Greatly reduce cost through taxation and initiate user fee increases.
Hockey arenas
HOCKEY FACILITIES? City of Saskatoon years ago had to bailout the soccer facilities because they went bankrupt. You gave the soccer facilities back to the soccer association what happened there? With all the ice sports combined dwindles down ice time available. Please the booking of ice facilities in the city sucks. If you want the ice facilities to be more used putting them in community centres that have high schools connected to them. All sports facilities in the city for hockey, figure skating, soccer ... should be owned by the city. This is what Calgary and Edmonton have done?
Hockey rinks
Hockey rinks and another indoor soccer centre or field house
I am frustrated that I have large difficulty in registering my children for swimming. If I do not call immediately when registration opens (working, etc.) lessons are full!
I am very happy with all of the improvements to the library system! No other suggestions though.
I cannot afford the high cost of facilities. Way too high, chase away people, and they only use them less, make it cheaper to use, and more people using them will make up for it.
I don't think they are being used effectively. May need to evaluate in all the building really need to be left open or can the number of building actually be shut down
I don't use the facilities but I do recognize their value.
I don't use the leisure facilities but believe they are important for the community.

I don't use the rec centres and very rarely participate in any programs, so I'd be happy to give some money to road maintenance & snow/ice maintenance.
I enjoy the lower admission fees for the civic centres. I always believe that when u lower the rate, more people will attend.
I feel leisure services is a big area for improvement. I think fees should be re-evaluated and structured differently. If you look at lowering monthly and yearly rates and advertising this I think you will get more people purchasing. There is obviously a large call for workout space as the number of gyms in our city continues to grow, what do these gyms offer that the city cannot? It comes down to a matter of equipment in a lot of situations. I think looking at upgrading the equipment would be one of the most vital upgrades that could be made.
I feel the outdoor pools and paddling pools should be opened earlier in the year and keep opened longer.
I have allocated a significant increase in this budget to cultural activities, which always seem to fall under the shadow of sports. I would place increased emphasis on healthy outdoor activities for people of all ages, with a particular emphasis on outdoor winter activities. I would place no emphasis on spectator sports of any kind and I would keep the support for organized sports about as it is.
I have no changes to suggest
I know in my family, we used to visit the pools a lot. We just seem to be busier and busier, and now rarely make time to do so (even though the kids love it). Maybe some workshops on balancing busy schedules to make time to exercise? Of course, I doubt I'd make time to come (LOL). OK, maybe a 5 point list you can e-mail out? A priority would be to increase user ship (which I believe you are already working on) I like that folks with financial difficulties are able to swim free. I like that you reduced the costs to use the facilities, as the fees need to be in line with (or less than) private facilities.
I like the idea of an inner city leisure centre. I think it would need to be totally city funded very low admission rates. This is almost like free babysitting but keeps children off the streets and out of trouble.
I rarely if ever use a City Leisure Ctr.
I rarely use Recreation Facilities, since my children have grown up, but it is important to offer affordable recreation for residents.
I really have little use of this area of service
I support additional funding in this area. I think this will have more of an impact on crime than adding more cops. The city should definitely subsidize the cost of recreation and culture for the benefit of all.
I think that ensuring we have access to tennis courts, and other leisure centers ultimately makes us a healthier city, thus improving our ability to work and create business for the city.
I think we should spend more on the Recreation and less on the culture.
I think we're doing great - there's lots to do and at a reasonable cost.
I visited the Lawson Height Centre at Christmas time with a one-year old to go to the playground that was advertised. There was only one other family there, they had older children. It was interesting that in order to get to the playground, you had to go through the showers in the women's locker room. We of course did not have bathing suits on or in our birthday suits and I had not thought to bring towels to go to the playground.
I was happy to see somewhat of a reduction in the leisure fees. They still remain too high for the average family to use the facilities especially if they have more children. They are still a centre for the rich. A program to have a family access a lower rate based on income might be an answer.
I was really pleased to see the Leisure Centre fees be reduced. It definitely made going to the Leisure Centres affordable for my family, which it wasn't before. Good job!

I worry about fair access to these sites -- there are no centers in the city center, and costs for poor families are high. These activities (recreation and culture activities, community-based programs) are great! Keep them going.
I would like to see a bigger focus on making our city winter-sports friendly. We have lots of recreational cross-country skiers that are making as good use as they can of existing trails, but there are no good facilities for them. This is a real gap!
I would like to see a proper softball complex built for adult slo-pitch. The ones that we have now are not updated and are too small to host a proper event. Adult slo-pitch probably has more participants than any other organized sport in the city and the facilities are not keeping up with the demand.
I would like to see additional public facilities i.e. Leisure centres, including pools and rinks, especially in the newer communities. Go sit through a swimming lesson during peak hours and you will see the need. Saskatoon has a strong hockey community, but the supply of ice times is NOT keeping up with demand. Saskatoon prides itself on being a growth city, but the growth in this area is stagnant.
I would like to see our sports facilities be upgraded so we can better suit our communities' needs such as lighting, better washroom facilities and concession spaces at our ball diamonds. This would allow for a better ability to host larger higher quality tournaments which increases tourism to our city. Also our hockey facilities are just not up to par with the rest of the province. Regina has the Co-operators center which is amazing for many sports including hockey, soccer and lacrosse. Again, having these types of facilities not only promotes activity in our youth and adults, it puts our city on the map for better tournaments which brings people to our city where they stay at our hotels, shop at our stores and eat in our restaurants.
I would love to see a Recreation Centre with SWIMMING POOL in the Northeast area of Saskatoon.
I would prefer to see more business involvement in providing recreation and culture programs.
I'd like to see a salt-water pool available as chlorine is a problem for us, but I don't know how practical that is. Also, as the north-east area (ours) is one that has expanded and continues to do so, I consider a pool facility here warranted. The provision of community walking/biking trails is very good.
If additional funding is required then user fees should increase accordingly.
If you have no appetite to invest in new facilities in new areas we have no appetite to pay for them in other areas of the city.
Improved facility cleanliness and improved staff training and supervision. The service provided by facility staff is poor and comes with an unacceptable attitude
Improved playgrounds not more programming
In my opinion Sports and recreation are a great way to encourage our youth to be active and develop future life skills. Our current facilities (especially the rinks) are run down and in need of repair. Also with the amount of growth in the city we should be looking at adding a new complex to provide more access and opportunities for us to host larger events.
Increase revenue by charging more to non-tax payers such as Dalmeny, Martensville etc. They moved out of the city and enjoy the benefit of lower taxes so we should not be subsidizing their leisure activities. Sounds harsh but I don't think any of them are suffering too bad.
Increase some facility rental rates, especially for business renting city facilities has been much cheaper than market price for similar non-municipal facilities (e.g. multi-purpose/studio spaces). Keep drop-in prices at rec facilities low to encourage use, provide services that are not adequately provided by the private sector at an affordable price, if it's available in the private sector at an affordable price, the city shouldn't be offering it.
Increased # of rinks for organized hockey/ice sports. One indoor rink with adequate ice size to support short track speed skating.

Improved maintenance of baseball diamonds. Current status of shale in baseball diamonds does not allow play with mild rain.
Increased access for Saskatoon residents to programs. When one has to register your kids for swim lessons within 1 hour of registration opening to get a spot, there is clearly a shortage.
Increased facility maintenance and upgrades is key. This funding should be spent in this area and not to increase programming or reduce rates at the leisure centres.
Increased indoor sports facilities including ice rinks and soccer fields. Having kids playing until 11:30 at night is unacceptable. As well as that adult leagues are having to start at 10:30 at night. Increased accessibility to facilities increases users and decreases kids finding their own destructive activities.
Install field lighting for ball diamonds at Umea/Reed parks and an upgraded concession stand/bathroom facilities to attract higher profile Slow-pitch tournaments to the city
Investment in outdoor track.
It has been over two years since Stonebridge was promised a splash pad. Where is it? We don't have any outdoor programming because of the lack of a splash pad.
It is unacceptable that the 400m outdoor track at Griffiths is going to be destroyed. It is shameful that there is any consideration of removing it as it is the only outdoor track we have. It is utilized by the U of S and by many track and field clubs as well as for training for soccer, football. Saskatoon is a major city and it is embarrassing that we don't have a state of the art track and field facility. The city, the provincial government and the university should join forces to build such a facility. We have a society of increasing obesity and we are getting rid of a facility that promotes health and wellness. Having a great track and field facility will also bring in tourism dollars to the city. Small towns in Saskatchewan have better track and field facilities than Saskatoon, e.g. PA, Lloydminster, Yorkton, Moose Jaw just to name a few. Griffiths hosts elementary, high school and club track events with very high numbers of spectators at these events.
It was smart that the city dropped their prices for use of the facilities, such as the Field House. Charging too much keeps people away.
It would be great to try and develop more corporate sponsorship of our rec facilities to help reduce costs.
Just be smart here and continue to build and construct buildings and grounds accordingly as needed.
Keep fees low and encourage widespread participation. Make better use of parks and less emphasis on in-door facilities and swimming pools. Programming needs to be year-round, not just summer-based.
Keep it up
Keep prices competitive.
Keep the current facilities and maintain them. We need to build new facilities yet.
Keeping leisure centres affordable and located within a reasonable distance of where people live. This latter point would be more easily accomplished if urban sprawl is reduced.
Keeping prices down. Providing seniors with an additional discount, if even just for activities/access during work day.
Keeping prices low and affordable for leisure centres is important. Even with the recent decrease in prices, Saskatoon still has higher admission fees than similar size cities in Canada
Large multi-use centres (swimming, skating, fitness equipment, conference space) with smaller community outdoor and indoor spaces in existing school gyms. Sharing costs with educational facilities would reduce maintenance and heating costs. It seems schools are now very territorial of their gyms or charge rents that are prohibitive.
Less on sport, more on culture.
Let those use the facilities pay for them, instead of having them subsidized by people who never use them.

Libraries and Rec centres are important
Library. Winter city.
Leisure center in northeast neighbourhood
Long term planning is required to add or support the addition of indoor and outdoor ice surfaces. A cost effective option would be to add outdoor surfaces adjacent to existing rinks where the ice surfacing equipment and change facilities exist. This ice could be offered at a reasonable rate to our zones for practices and add additional public skating/stick and puck options.
Love the leisure centres but some are dated and don't offer as many programs. But I think the cost is still high and that makes it challenging for many families to enjoy them. (I realize the family rate has been reduced but no changes were made to single ticket or individual monthly rates)
lower
Lower admission fees, friendlier facilities to encourage use.
Lower admission prices so that it is affordable for more people and extended service
Lower fees for using leisure centres.
Lower the admission price and monthly and yearly passes...
lower the price & people will attend
Lowering of monthly pass cost for city rec facilities was a fantastic move. increase city recreational facilities offerings
Maintain efforts to encourage lower income families to use facilities by keeping entry fees as low as possible
Maintain program costing review that get people using the facilities. Better to have the infrastructure used than trying to cover costs and driving away users.
Make access to recreation income based. Those who make more pay a higher amount than those who don't. You do this already for people on social services, but what about those who make \$30,000 compared to those who make \$80,000 per year?
Make facilities more affordable for low income families
Make it accessible to all income levels and areas of the city. Improved transit so that people could actually bus to sports and cultural facilities from all areas of the city.
Make sure that all people are dressed appropriately in swimwear before entering a city pool.
Make sure that those in poverty can access. Busy kids, are happy kids are good kids and adults too and adults need the programs that are offered, but city needs to somehow get the information to them of these programs. Newspapers are not the medium for this nor libraries for the most part, maybe school blitz? Social media?
Make these available for all and subsidized for those who prove they cannot afford
More adult Slo-Pitch diamonds. A complete complex with 6 -8 diamonds, a fully fenced in children's play area, fully usable concession. This would include an opened air roofed building. Dugouts Water Sewer Amble parking Could provide many examples in other cities if needed
More affordable kid and youth programs and an increase in activities for families such as a science center
More and better facilities. For a city the size of Saskatoon we have easily the worst sports facilities I have ever seen. Compared to a much smaller place like collingwood, Fort mcmurray, red deer, Kelowna, etc.... Saskatoon is a very poor cousin. We need a new out track for track and field and the fieldhouse needs to be totally renovated. We need more in terms of indoor and outdoor acting idea for your people. Like a kayaking course on the river, skating on the river, proper man biking in the valley.... The is a cold flat city for 8 months of the year so we need to make it attractive so people will come and stay. Right now any city in Canada has way more to offer. When you combine the high crime rates why would people stay?
More areas
More bike lanes More affordable programs to get inner city youth involved in positive recreational activities (learn to... Programs)

More city-owned rinks
More focus on getting out and running outdoors.
More funding for sports facilities and for sports and recreation.
more funding for the arts
more general support for this area
More Hockey arenas especially for the growing population of Atom to Bantam. To develop elite athletes who are willing to stay in Saskatoon to train there is a need for adequate facilities for Track and Field. Including both Indoor and Outdoor facilities available for use for ages 9-17 as well as University athletes.
More hockey rinks
More hockey rinks please, it is ridiculous the amount of money spent on bike lanes for a city that is frozen most of the year. Invest in hockey rinks, it brings the community together.
More HOCKEY RINKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
More ice rinks
More ice rinks needed as well as indoor pools for swimming lessons. An outdoor pool and water park like Martinsville has in all four corners of the city would be fantastic.
More ice rinks!!! maybe a nice big multiplex like Regina has
More ice surfaces - hockey rinks
More ice surfaces are needed in this city.
More ice surfaces! Put in an effort to care for our baseball diamonds!! Put some porta pottys around some of our sports parks the lacrosse park by Archibald arena
More indoor ice surfaces, indoor fields/courts for ball hockey, lacrosse, general training for summer sports during the winter. An aquatic centre in the North East. Encourages people to be active for life. It will address current shortages - older teens and adults are often doing their recreational activities late at night and sometimes past midnight - this is counteractive for a healthy and productive lifestyle.
More indoor rinks that can be converted to other sports in off season. Find ways to use spaces in all seasons. Don't compete with private sector programming - stick to your knitting.
More investment in sports facilities. Better upkeep of basketball courts, additional squash, tennis and other facilities where possible. Also funding for an indoor skate park project would be amazing.
More leisure centers especially downtown is a must
More places for our children and families to be more active
More recreation facilities. Updated facilities
More rinks - especially which seat more people. Look at what Regina, Edmonton, Calgary all have with multiplex rinks, soccer fields, gyms, workout spaces, pools , etc. all in one. Also could be separate. More (or redo) ball diamonds, build outdoor rinks in areas there is none. This area is critical for the current as well as future planning of our city. We currently can't support demand for ice, pool and outdoor field space as well as practice space indoors and general activities including kids drop in, rental or birthday spaces. If there is an area to focus improvements for the city on - this is it!! Also g with other ways to serve those who come to Saskatoon for sport art and culture events - including a new larger rink to replace SaskTel centre!!!
More rinks and ball diamonds on the East side of Saskatoon
More rinks please. There are not enough.
More sports related facilities, our kids are fat! Multi-sport facility
Multi visit packages (10 packs) cheaper winter walking tracks.
My children are both playing hockey and we definitely have a shortage of decent rinks. I constantly go to other cities and my kids play in beautiful multi rink facilities. Why can't we have the same thing?
My son plays hockey and we live on the east side of the City, but it seems we are mostly going to the west side of the City due to a lack of rinks on the east side, where a large percentage of the

people in the City live. I believe the City should evaluate the construction of a multi-use facility on the east side of the City with potential funding partnerships with private firms. This could potentially mean adding on to the soccer centre in University Heights in the space that was potentially allocated for a pool in the past.
Need a communiplex style facility like Alberta has? Hockey Rinks combined with gym, gymnasium, and small business like Booster Juice/Subway. Similar to Warman Legends but larger. Realistically need at least 2. Our hockey rinks are old and ice time is hard to get unless your child is an "elite" player.
Need a new rink complex built, much like Regina's Cooperators. This is on top of the proposed University ice surfaces. Maybe allocate some of the land beside the new road that will connect Willowgrove to North end (in a field there)
Need more facilities in city and this needs to be in partnership with sport and recreation groups in city along with private business to help in the capital needed to make happen.
need new rinks
Need new rinks, current levels are unacceptable.
New arena in or near the downtown.
New arenas!!!! Saskatoon is so far behind compared to other cities with large multi-plex/multiple arenas buildings. The arenas are packed all winter long, with very poor parking. Although there is a lot of arenas, they are all very outdated.
New hockey arenas
New indoor facilities in the Stonebridge and Adelaide areas for swimming and cardio. Better transit operation to the Leisure Centres (currently very poor, especially in evening hours). More school-community centre combinations in all areas. More experimentation with lowering fees to increase usage.
New multi rink facilities, similar to other cities. Our facilities are embarrassing once you have had the chance to play hockey in another city. These cities are able to host huge tournaments with teams coming from all over western Canada and every hotel in their cities are full for these tournaments. No one wants to come and play in Saskatoon because our facilities are horrible.
New multi surface ice rink
New Rinks!! My kids are almost done hockey and are still playing in the old rinks I played in... Use Regina as an example millions a year come through that city from their 6 plex alone never mind the economy boost of hotels restaurants and other spending every weekend right till June!!! We are way behind. As for the art gallery I see a need but not like the need for modern ice facilities that keep our youth active and off the streets. Let's see an art gallery do that!
New rinks. Our city's hockey facilities are embarrassingly poor compared to similarly sized cities
New skating rink/rec center...like Warman.
New skating/hockey surfaces needed!!!
New track! Saskatoon is near the middle of the country. If we had a true track facility we could host all kinds of national and possibly international events.
New/revitalized hockey rinks.
No change in funding. Should increase user fees.
No further waste on buildings like art gallery which is only for select few. I would say that 75 % or more of people I know say they will not be going to it due to cost and poor parking.
NO more money on culture art gallery does me absolutely no good, just costs me tax money
Non-residents utilizing COS rec facilities should be required to purchase an annual pass equivalent in value to that paid by an average Saskatoon homeowner through taxes.
None. I am not familiar with the needs.
Northeast leisure centre - the Soccer Centre does not count. We need a facility that includes a pool and is accessible to all in our community. We are the only quadrant without a city pool. I can

<p>appreciate the need for inner city facilities, but I don't understand why residents in the Northeast are being ignored.</p>
<p>Not a daily user by any means but my sense is that facilities in particular have been on the back burner too long.</p>
<p>Not the role of government.</p>
<p>Not wasting any more of my tax paying dollars on the Remai Center. What a gross waste of dollars have gone into that.</p>
<p>Once again, when paying over \$6100 in tax, prioritizing with limited dollars is important and those that do not use these service and facilities should not be the ones paying the majority of the costs. User pays should be the policy</p>
<p>Open the wading pools (like the one in Buena Vista park) earlier in the season and leave the pool open longer. I would suggest June 15-September 15. Kids love these pools and they are very well used. It is sad to see them close so early in the season.</p>
<p>Our baseball diamonds are some of the most poorly maintained fields in our entire province/country!</p>
<p>Our city needs more ice rinks!!!! We need at least 1 facility comparable to Cooperators Place in Regina. We have no rink to host a top level event such as Telus Cup, Esso Cup, and RBC Cup. Regina hosts a premier female tournament every year. This helps grow the sport for young girls. Saskatoon cannot host an event like this because of the shortage of available ice or capable facility. My suggestion is to do as Edmonton does. Require private developers to build a community rec complex in each new development. Millennium Place in Edmonton is one such example. It has 2 ice pads, a pool, daycare center and gym facility</p>
<p>Our facilities are wonderful and the social services leisure card option keeps them accessible to everyone.</p>
<p>Our hockey arena situation in this city is embarrassing to say the least. This city can't even host minor hockey tournaments because our arena situation is so pathetic. Recreation is what drives a city. Even Upgrade and maintain outdoor arenas and they will be used more often. A covered outdoor arena that is maintain with a Zamboni could be rented out throughout the winter months. 1981 was the last city owned arena built. 1981!!!! That's unbelievable</p>
<p>Our recreation facilities are embarrassing compared to other cities. We need to upgrade and/or replace the rinks and ball diamonds.</p>
<p>Outdoor Pools open later in the fall I know it is hard with U of S students but maybe at least one open for a while</p>
<p>Outdoor activity spaces need to not be user pay. A group of kids practicing baseball should not get a ticket because they didn't "book the park". Take responsibility for maintenance with someone who knows what they are doing so it's gone right or contract out to someone who does. Nutana baseball fields could be beautiful but the city has not done any real maintenance/ prep. Anything you can do to get kids active and decrease the child obesity is important.</p>
<p>Outdoor facilities should be maintained or upgraded where possible. The cost of outdoor facilities such as skating oval, sports fields, or running tracks is very minimal by comparison to indoor facilities.</p>
<p>Outdoor pools are greatly underutilized. Recreation centre needed in Southwest Saskatoon.</p>
<p>Outdoor track facility as Griffiths is no longer going to be available. Track is a cheap sport that all can participate in.</p>
<p>overall good but need some more activities even distributed throughout the city</p>
<p>Participation rates should be the criteria for success with minimal fees. Being active should not cost money it should be funded with public funds. This is an investment in quality of life and a source of savings when you consider cost of health services. These programs should be run in a fiscally responsible manner but highly subsidized and not a break even mentality</p>
<p>Pay-per-use. If I do not frequent the leisure center, I shouldn't have to pay for it. Let its Users pay the costs.</p>

Perhaps more benefits for fitness instructors could be considered.
Perhaps there could be enhanced recreation services in the core neighborhoods.
Physical fitness must become a top priority for supporting healthy living. The city should start supporting endeavours that teach people to eat properly. Been to a city owned concession lately? No wonder we are fat
Plan for expansion in the new residential areas
Please charge extra for people in outlying cities like Martinsville.
Presently I am not sure we are realizing the value of the costs of these services. They are underutilized and are a vastly item
Priorities are keeping prices affordable for the average resident. On the right track when reduced monthly passes were brought in. Keep it up as usage will increase. Citizens don't like paying taxes to give out free passes to low income when they can't afford to enjoy those recreational facilities themselves.
Priorities need to be for more facilities that are promoting sport. Hockey rinks, softball diamonds, track and field, soccer as well.
Privatize some of the facilities or turn over some facilities (field house) to University.
Privatize this
Provide more up to date fitness equipment at your leisure centres
Public fundraising, work bees, and Corporate Sponsors would serve to alleviate much of the costs associated with Recreation & Culture
Put extra money into affordable homes
Put in lights at Umea vast or Reid softball diamonds.
Quit spending money on 'arts' and cultural programs. Again, the people that want these services, can pay for them. Why should I pay for an art gallery that I will NEVER IN MY LIFE USE!
Re: facilities: Generally, we need less recreation and more cultural facilities. Specifically, please do not allow the RAGS to charge us admission.
Recreation and culture should be self-supporting
Recreation shouldn't be grouped in with culture.
Reduce fees again
Reduce for expensive in door skating rinks and swimming pools. Sell or lease to private operators.
Reduce taxes and only build and maintain what can be self-sustaining.
Reducing rates at the city facilities allows more people to participate. Services provided are appreciated.
Regarding outdoor pools - longer hours into the evening. Riversdale pool closing at six - would be nice if there was an hour for adults/seniors a couple of times a week.
Repair/build outdoor track facility/Griffith's Stadium track.
Rinks
RINKS!!!
Sad to see so many wading pools go unused. These are great for community building and wonderful, free entertainment for the kids. Like community programming, I see more activity and organized facilities as nothing but a benefit to the whole community.
Saskatoon does a great job in this area.
Saskatoon is a vibrant city that has hosted numerous national events Competitive Slo-Pitch. Our facilities continue to impress outsiders with more and more people travelling to Saskatoon to compete. For those of us that life for slo-pitch and that have a tremendous amount of passion for the sport know that our facilities are in need of a major upgrade and additional funding allocated. There would be a definite return of investment in more funds were allocated to SASPA (SPN); more tournaments could be organized; attracting more teams and people to the city. This means an increase in hotel accommodations, restaurant, SLGA would benefit not to mention local shops,

malls, and sports stores. If the city took some time to discuss funds with SASPA they would quickly see the benefits that the city would see if more funds were allocated to our diamonds at Umea Vast Park and Reid Park. Thank you for your time
Saskatoon needs a new track and field venue as well as more hockey rinks
Saskatoon needs new hockey rinks - your spend per user in the arts vs recreation is hugely unbalanced - our kids are having to travel out of Saskatoon or practice before school to get on a rink - council needs to look at their spend per user and the demand for ice time and build some new rinks
Saskatoon offers a good variety of recreational and cultural opportunities. I am glad to see the monthly leisure pass fees decreased. Making these opportunities more affordable should result in higher usage rates and may not result in much higher costs.
Satisfied
Sell the art gallery and build some ice rinks.
Sell the new Art museum which very few people will use and is a tax drain on normal citizens. Definitely do not fund professional sports.
slow down on that new art gallery way too much waste there, that 1% money one capital projects for the arts cut that in half
So by lowering fees you have found that more use the facilities. That is great! Think they are still too high for some. As for a future arena downtown, most wanted Sask Place downtown. Now hear whining about it being OLD maybe more a case of keeping up with the Jones (Edmonton, etc.).
Sports Arena - ice rinks
status qoe
Stop closing the outdoors pools for the children before they return to school in the fall.
Stop culture initiatives. A city should be inclusive of the cultures that make up its residents, but its coffers shouldn't be on the hook for sponsoring any of them. It leads to either cultures being missed/left out or it leads to a gigantic bill.
Stop throwing our money away on things like the Remai Center....
Subsidize more, increase user base.
Support the changes made this year to the cost of Leisure Cards for residents. Continue to promote to more residents to make this a cost effective service.
Swimming should be free so that everyone can enjoy the water.
The art gallery budget should be slashed dramatically maybe it should be more user pay.
The city could use another rink or improve the rinks that we have. Our 5 year old son had to have practice at 7:30 am on Saturdays which is ridiculous for a 5 year old. We have a family leisure pass and would be happy with a price reduction.
The City currently makes a profit off the Shaw Centre via the user groups. The cost of rental for hosting team functions and meets should be reduced. Currently the facilities are avoided as they are expensive to rent compared to other cities.
The city desperately needs new arena facilities.
The City has to provide more fun outlets for youth if you don't want them to leave the province. Put some porta potties at the river beach near Lawson Heights. The city solicitor's ponderous speech about liability to the city is bullshit. Thousands of cities around the world actually front on oceans which are a way greater risk than this river. I have swum in this river for 40 years. There is a current that can kill you, yes. Just like in the ocean. I am tired of City Hall trying to create a risk free world at the expense of being alive....Hire a life guard for the river beach. You've got them at the swimming pools. Question: have more people drowned in city run swimming pools or the river in the last 10 years?
The city needs another outdoor track, as well as more sport complex in east side of city.
The city needs to build a new running track. Also, a new outdoor pool in a new neighborhood would be welcome.

The city should give us a rebate for the reckless use of funds for the Remai Art Gallery. How many cantilevers does a building require to house pictures?
The Eastside of Saskatoon needs a new leisure centre over plans to build another one on the Westside – downtown
The need for a new outdoor track facility is of utmost importance.
The new art gallery was and will be a drain on taxpayers for ever.
The rec centres don't really address the youth and social problems we have. I perceive these facilities as frequented by middle class and better off people. If all the pocket parks had summer programs for kids that they could just come and enjoy without having fees that might be more effective than fancy gym facilities subsidized by the city. I think the whole recreation philosophy needs re-evaluating for outcomes and mandate. Does the public purse really need to subsidize the Fieldhouse, for example??
There are nowhere near enough resources to manage the current demand. A significant amount of coaches, trainers, facilitators, etc. would be required.
There is nothing wrong with the services offered currently
There needs to be more hockey arenas with attached leisure facilities similar to the Legends Center in Warman or the Cooperators facility in Regina. This would also be similar to facilities in other major cities in Western Canada
These activities are paid for on a by visit basis so why do we need to subsidize this service?
These facilities need to be run like a business so that they are profit makers for the city. Taxpayers shouldn't be subsidizing these services.
These make our city a more healthy and fun place to live
This city should be ashamed of their hockey arenas. I heard the mayor say that we won't build anymore rinks because they lose money - is he aware of how many kids play hockey? Last time I checked, libraries don't make money and now we have something called the internet. This mayor and council needs to start investing in recreation. Not sure how much we spent on an art gallery that will server far fewer people.....grrrrrr
This is a no brainer anything to do with recreation and fitness zero dollar user fees. If the city says it cost too much to run these facility's with city employees then move on and sub this out as well.
This is imperative. Every Neighborhood should have access to a facility especially in our cold climate where it is not possible for kids to be outdoors for extended period of time.
Time to belt tighten here too.
To be a world class winter city, Saskatoon needs more winter recreational options especially for children. The new Children's Museum is a good development. More similar places to take children in the winter, including leisure centres, would make Saskatoon a better place to live.
to keep them affordable for the average person, (that includes the forestry farm)
Trail creation in parks
Uncertain
Unless facilities can demonstrate adequate use during their current hours of operation hours should be adjusted accordingly. Can organization's rent leisure spaces including staffing at cost? If this is not in effect....it should then be considered and advertised.
Upgrade to facilities, extended outdoor pool schedule, potential new facilities. The focus being get kids and adult active. Make it affordable to all
User fees still too expensive most citizens, travel considered.
user pay
User pay systems are fine. New affordable activities will emerge for those who cannot afford expensive ones.
Users pay.
Was at Griffith's stadium for school track meet. Upgrade the track since it is in terrible shape. Keep the new monthly more reasonable fees. Add more outdoor and indoor basketball courts.

We are already culturally the richest city in Canada. The money would benefit elsewhere though I do feel the need to sustain this service I feel that less emphasis should be put into it again with bigger problems at hand.
We are desperately short of ice rinks in Saskatoon and our baseball and softball diamonds need an increased level of routine maintenance.
We are going to need an outdoor track once Griffiths closes
We are leisure pass holders, and we were not impressed when monthly users received a major discount but us yearly pass holders basically had no benefits - attracting new pass holders is great, but perhaps retaining those already loyal leisure service users should be focused on.
We are way behind on hockey rinks. Kids are having to share ice for practices long after their size makes this have an adverse impact on skill development. In addition, 13 year olds are getting home from games at 11:30 p.m. or later because of pressures on existing facilities.
We cannot compete with other cities of this size with our existing ice arenas. Funds from the past and the present are inadequate. If they must be built, then there has to be an assessment of user pay. There are private ice arenas operating as a business in the city, but they are of poor quality compared to other major cities in Western Canada.
We definitely could use another indoor pool. Swimming lessons should be registered first or at a cheaper rate for city of Saskatoon residents who pay city taxes that subsidize the facilities. People who do not live in the city should either be charged more or should be registering in our existing (hard to get into) programs.
We definitely need another leisure center in the northeast. The current leisure centers are at their capacity and is very difficult to register children in programming. Also, another indoor rink is needed, as our city is growing and we don't have the facilities to grow with it. Being involved in sports is a great way to teach kids at a young age about working hard, respect, team work, and give them an avenue to explore their talents and build their self-esteem all while doing something that promotes health. Active kids turn into active adults and help maintain healthy communities. Also it keeps kids busy and out of trouble, as well as giving adults some rec activity too!
WE DESPERATELY NEED MORE RINKS, ICE SURFACES.
We desperately need new city rinks built now. Saskatoon should be ashamed of the facilities we have. We need another civic center where the majority of the growth is happening in the North East
We do not have a track & field facility in Saskatoon! The U of S does not have a summer track program and doesn't intend to spend money to upkeep what is there. Further, there are plans to work on the football facility there which would remove 4lanes. You cannot have a track meet with only four lanes. Estevan, Meadowlake, Swift Current, Moosejaw and Regina all have all-weather surface tracks. Why doesn't the biggest city in the province not have a track? We need a track NOW.
We don't use the facilities much as it isn't in our budget, especially a yearly family pass. Perhaps some sort of financial assistance would be a nice program to offer for those of us who can't afford it otherwise?
We drastically need more indoor rinks. The current allocation is bursting at the seams. Granted, much of this should be provincially funded instead of what will be an essentially useless half billion spent on the Regina stadium.
We have empty community rooms all over the city. We do not need any more. The pools, gyms, libraries are good, but the empty rooms attached to these buildings are enough
We have enough, as the demand isn't there.....they existing ones aren't fully utilized right now...as for culture, we had a beautiful art gallery, what we have now, I will never step into, and a total waste of the cities resources, and money....
We have fantastic leisure centres in our City that are appropriately spaced through various neighborhoods. I would suggest more indoor playground facilities to provide for winter activities.

<p>We have seriously over spent on the art gallery project. Citizens were "sold a bill of goods" on this project and city hall committed tax dollars without assurances on limiting overages. This kind of trap has to be avoided in the future. This expenditure was severely disproportional to the size of the interest group. And to almost quadruple our contribution to staff and maintenance over the cost at the Mendel along with seriously reduced hours of operation raises serious questions. Reduce art gallery contributions, NOT outdoor water play features.</p>
<p>We need a new outdoor running track because the one at Griffith stadium will be closed within a year.</p>
<p>We need a new outdoor track and field facility as Griffith stadium is supposed to be shutting down. Need to keep city facilities price low</p>
<p>We need a new outdoor track in Saskatoon. Really like the upgrades to Gordie Howe Bowl and happy to see more upgrades will take place in that area.</p>
<p>We need a new outdoor track, since the university is tearing the only outdoor one down we need one where we can host different games for Track & Field. How can we run up an coming city when we don't even have the opportunity to host track meets (E.g. HS Provincials, Sask Summer Games, Western Canada Summer Games, Canada Summer Games, etc.)</p>
<p>We need a new track and field facility. The track is in poor shape and I understand the Huskies football team plan to tear up the track as it impacts football. This will leave Saskatoon without a track at all. This would be an embarrassment for the largest city in Saskatchewan. It also means youth will not have a place to practice track and track is a sport that is accessible to those with lower incomes.</p>
<p>We need additional rinks, growth of new neighbourhoods Rosewood, evergreen, stone bridge, Brighton means this city's young kids are driving all over the place at all times of day for ice time. Take a look to Regina and their Cooperators Center, 6 sheets,</p>
<p>We NEED an outdoor track as the current Griffiths Stadium will not be available more than another year. To be in a city the size of Saskatoon without an outdoor track is unthinkable. With a new track, we could attract National and international events, bringing tourists and their \$ into our city.</p>
<p>We need another outdoor track for both the university and club athletes</p>
<p>We need another rink</p>
<p>We need more hockey Rinks!!!</p>
<p>We need more Hockey Rinks. It's an embarrassment the facilities we have here in Saskatoon. If you go to other city and even smaller surrounding towns they have better facilities. There is high demand to get ice for teams and they don't come cheap. There for more hockey families need to fork out more money for team fees and travel to small towns to get ice. We need at least 6 more ice surfaces just to keep up with the demand. With numbers rising in this sport with the city population rising it should be considered.</p>
<p>We need more ice surfaces. New neighbourhoods, one of them should have an ice facility. Or work with the university. Win win.</p>
<p>WE NEED MORE INDOOR ICE RINKS IN THIS CITY! As I have been at a vast number of ice rinks throughout Saskatchewan and Alberta it is an embarrassment a city of our size has such terrible facilities.</p>
<p>We need more indoor ice rinks. The growth in the number of hockey players is staggering, partly due to the increase in girls teams, but no new facilities are being constructed to keep up with the growth. This has resulted in less ice time for each team but fees are increasing each year. The parents are getting less for their money and the players are not getting enough skill development. We have had three boys play minor hockey, one is still in midget, and the decrease in ice time has been noticeable. We also need a pool or recreation facility on the east side of town. We have to go south to Lakeview or north to Lawson heights. Both of which are crowded.</p>

We need more rinks!!! This is the one area where I feel the city has really dropped the ball. We need to develop facilities which are integrated, family focused and more than just a pool. Having been in such facilities in Alberta (Sherwood Park has an amazing facility) I would like to see this at home. Currently it is embarrassing to host tournaments in Saskatoon. We simply can't compete or attract teams.
We need real slow pitch facilities, ours are an embarrassment in this country.
We need some new arena's/multi facility buildings like those in other major cities (i.e.: Regina - Brandt Centre, Edmonton - Millennium Place, etc.). Saskatoon is severely lacking when it comes to multiplex facilities that include arenas. The design of our most current arenas (and I mean the ones built in the late 70's early 80's) are not user friendly for the participants, coaches or spectators and in some cases they are even dangerous. We do not even have a city arena that has a "pro shop" for small repairs, skate sharpening or new equipment. Even Regina has a complex that houses 6 public ice surfaces in one facility, and includes a pro shop and restaurants (Subway, Tim Horton's)....not to mention the other facilities in the building. Even with the poor design that lacks suitable viewing areas within the ice surface area, the amenities still makes watching the games much more enjoyable for parents and other supporters. We also have children under the age of 13 playing in games and practices as late at 10:15 on week nights because there is not enough ice times available. How are they supposed to develop good sleep/work habits and become productive members of society?
We need some new hockey rinks - at least 2 and preferably 4 ice surfaces. Why the city has not built any in the last two decades is both a mystery and embarrassing.
We need to encourage more lifestyle fitness (trails, fitness parks, outdoor activity spaces) and less mega project recreation. People that can afford it will go to private gyms. They are nicer, more efficient and cost about the same. People that can't afford it, need some subsidy to address health issues. A fund that helps lower income folk's access fitness would be good, but it needs to be earned... i.e. if you come to the gym twice a week, it is cheap. If you come only once a week it is more. If you don't come for a month, you lose it for a month. I think the YMCA has some options for support of low income residents and new Canadians.
We need to make sure the city's residents who pay for and maintain these facilities get first priority in using them rather than surrounding city communities. Ex swimming lessons.
We used sport facilities and leisure centres extensively when our children were youth, they are important. It would be good to start using them again.
What's with the threats of reduced hours, equipment replacement? Why can't we find ways, (charge out of owners more) to keep our facilities cost effective
Why are we paying for a massive art gallery that we don't need and can't afford? It's ridiculous.
Would like to see a summer swim only pass.
yes, I have visited a rec centre lately - I use them with my grandchildren - i.e. swimming lessons I would hope that they are included in the plan for every new neighbourhood
You lower prices and more people are using the service, this is an excellent example that should followed by every dept. at city hall!
Have services available for those who want to use them, But at a cost to those who use it not as a general tax for all.

- No Changes/No Suggestions were mentioned 3 times.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

What are your top priorities for Road Maintenance? What change(s) would you suggest?

Potholes. Lane markers***, especially multiple turning lanes
Roads are still have far too many potholes for a city of this size.
- make residents in suburbia pay their true fair share rather than core neighbourhoods subsidizing the road construction and infrastructure for suburbanites - make pedestrian and bike pathways and bridge sidewalks a top priority, as these people are tax paying citizens on their way to and from work
-Repair pot holes and resurface roads commonly used.
1) Make better roads in the first place. e.g.) the depressions where the road has sunk over trenches are now bigger than the speed bumps. 2) Continue emphasis on pothole repair. Cheaper in the long run to stay ahead of this, rather than let damage grow.
1800 block of Main Street
Actually fixing the roads, areas that don't need paved are, areas that badly need it are being ignored; or just done poorly. Companies actually need their work checked and quality done. Patch jobs in the 90's were actually done well unlike now
Actually get to the cause of the pot holes, not just a quick patch and do it all over again the following year.
Actually start spending money to implement some of your active transportation plans
Adjust development charges, area rating, assessment values based on service costs; lower-density/higher-cost areas (generally new subdivisions) should receive proportionally lower service levels, or pay the appropriate relative costs. Maintenance should be scaled based on usage, and usage per acre of revenue-generating property. Most cost-effective way to reduce road maintenance costs is to have fewer roads! Allocate more funding to dedicated bikeways to support commuting even from suburban areas. I have employees to commute from as far as Hampton Village and Evergreen, so it is possible. And would be much easier with some dedicated routes. And the costs of bike lanes are of course far offset by the decreased damage to roads from vehicle traffic. I would decrease this category by the maximum amount if it was to be allocated as it is currently, but am happy to pay _more_ to have road infrastructure built to support cycling, and have more cycle-oriented maintenance of roads. I would increase by the maximum amount of all of this increase was allocated towards the high-ROI development of active transit infrastructure (dedicated off-street bike lanes, protected on-street bike lanes, painted bike lanes (very cheap and cost effective, and if enough are painted it has some of the same effect as protected lanes in encouraging cycling, as it normalizes the activity, and helps educate more drivers).
An Audit of the quality of work being done. You see roads get resurfaced and then 3yrs later they need to be done again see college dr eastbound in between central ave and mckercher overpass.as an example.
Annual resurfacing and potholes.
Areas that need sewer / water lines replaced first. So sad to see roads ripped up after being paved to do sub-surface work later. Streets with broken surfaces that have been filled with asphalt that are now bumps. These should be level when packed. Streets that have pooling of water in spring or after a rain need serious slope added for proper drainage.
Arlington between 7th and Taylor; Preston between Taylor and Circle Drive; Back Alley rejuvenation behind house.
As you will see further down in the survey, I feel there is extensive waste in the corporate area. This is the area in which most of those reclaimed funds should be spent.
Asphalt patching of streets that are dug up for infrastructure repairs asap

Back alley maintenance or paving, especially where perpetual alley floods occur that are not effectively addressed by gravel application. Also, better road maintenance and repairs so the same roads don't require the same patching each year.
Basic maintenance, safety
Basic safety measures (i.e. improved crosswalks, crosswalk lighting, speed control, and protected bike lanes) needed to allow core residents who prefer to walk/bike to safely navigate the increased traffic being funneled into the center of the city by all of the new developments on the periphery.
Be proactive with sanding in winter
Better inspection on street projects contracted to outside (non-city workers). Contractors will always do the minimum required to complete the job. If inspectors are not present, expect less than standard work!
Better maintenance for older neighborhoods. Nutana's potholes are shameful.
Better management of dips in roads/pothole filling on non-priority streets. Also, being quicker to pave over road work that leaves gravel spots on the roads for weeks at a time.
Better materials, longer lasting materials used for pot hole repair for this climate.
Better project management. Too often a road is closed for pothole repair, and the crews leave three or four large ones within the area that they were repairing. Its inefficient use of crews (they will have to remobilize to the area,) and extremely frustrating for road users. Too often the patches degrade within a year or two as well. More focus needed on life cycle cost and not of upfront cost.
Better quality fixes not cheap temp fixes
Better repairs work so doesn't have to happen as often. (i.e.) use concrete whenever possible, for bridges, etc.
Better use of technology. For example, there is work being done by PSI industries (Saskatoon company) all over North America that could make our roads better for less money.
Bicycle lane improvements. Current conditions on 23rd St in some sections make for a very uncomfortable ride.
boychuck interchange
Build new roads better with more sub base material and higher grade asphalt to last longer and reduce amt of future maintenance
Build wider roads at the beginning, not later when the population grows.
Building sidewalks for pedestrians in busy paets of the city like along 51St Street.
Change asphalt mix design properties. Crest a better mix that doesn't ravel at the seams and strips.
Charging a fee for heavy, multi axle non-work vehicles that are contributing to the demise of the roads.
Clean up gravel/dirt from entire roadways (including beside curb), ensuring that signage and painted lines are clearly marked, regular snow removal especially at pedestrian crosswalks, paving over areas that were torn up due to water main breaks, long term pothole fixes (none of this cold patch nonsense)
Clean, line-painted, pot-hole free roads. Focus on roads in actual need of repairs, not based on a pre-determined schedule (8th street gets resurfaced when still in good shape, other roads need attention too.)
College Drive resurfacing eastbound lane east of Circle Drive
Complete resurfacing of roadways. The tar and gravel mixture being sprayed into trouble spots just doesn't cut it. You can only "patch" the same roadway so many times. Prime example being Fairlight Drive, west of Pandygrasse Road.
Completely overhauling the back lanes in City Park, including mine as I have identified it as an issue for many years now. Repairing streets in City Park as many are atrocious. Timely street sweeping in the fall and the spring.
Continue/increase pothole work and general repaving where necessary.
Contract out all road maintenance; would result in increased service and saved tax-payer dollars.

Correct preparation of the road bed prior to paving; roads with 40% or more in pot-holes are perhaps candidates for completely repaving rather than repairing. Curbs, sidewalks and gutters should all be constructed with concrete, not asphalt!
Credit needs to be given to the Road Maintenance program. Things are better and the trend is right.
Cut top job salary in half, to balance budget! We are not getting our money at this difficult time with our poor economy!
Decentralize. Hire private road maintenance crews.
Decrease overhead and administration and focus dollars on delivering the service.
Do it at night!
Doing the work right the first time instead of instant fixes that need to be done and redone. Example is the sidewalk on the 3rd Ave Sid of of the City Hall block. A few years ago you tried fixing the sidewalk with pavement only for the asphalt to fall away back onto the street into the parking zone. If memory serves me right this was attempted 3 times before cement was used to fix it. Waste of time and money. Do it right the first time.
Don't even get me started on Road maintenance - this is worst city I've ever lived in (Winnipeg, Toronto, and Wellington New Zealand & Georgetown Ontario) for road maintenance (repairing potholes & back alley upkeep). I phoned the city the other day & was told that back alley maintenance wouldn't start until end of June? There are craters larger than small animals in most back alleys that are doing damage to cars. Give me a break Saskatoon - come in to the real world and do what Winnipeg does. They've got it down pat.
Don't pave new streets until they've had a chance to settle. Many streets are a series of dips that make driving awkward.
Downtown is embarrassing. As rough as a country road. Downtown should be the benchmark for the city. Also, the bike lanes are stupid. You are crippling traffic with your attempt at green. Really, million \$ bike lanes in a city that is snow/ice locked 6 months a year?
Efficient workforce. Adequate repairs that will last, not just band aids. Preventative maintenance to minimize larger scopes of work that need to be contracted out. Get rid of the union. Unions are redundant now that there are sufficient employment acts, labor laws, OH&S regulations and acts. Huge productivity loss with unions.
Encourage alternate means of transportation to that of the private automobile, i.e., walking, cycling, public transit and build roads of walkways to accommodate that.
Ensure that the roads are installed correctly in the first place, with proper packing, drainage and water flows. That way the roads will last longer and not fail the way they have in the past.
Examine better road surfaces that can survive the winters without continued maintenance.
Faster completion times on existing road projects.
fewer bridges and more bike routes and more public transit
Fewer roads, fewer roads with asphalt and fewer parking areas would discourage car use in favour of public transit and active transportation. It would also provide savings in maintenance and repair. The city need not be designed as it is to emphasize roads.
Fill all the potholes and make the roads smoother to ride. Also resurface where it is necessary.
fill holes
Fill potholes
Fill the potholes.
Filling of potholes
Filling pot holes in a timely manner. Often there seems to be more than one attempt made to properly fill the same hole or the hole is decreased in size but is still bumpy.
Filling potholes
Filling potholes.

Finish projects in a timely fashion (not years) and if a construction company is not working - make them take down the signs or fine them. By keeping the signs up they causes people to become complacent. You want people to respect the signs and they should, so fine drivers when necessary but fine the construction companies if they leave them up without being active on the site.
Fix attridge Drive potholes
Fix city roads and sidewalks in the Core neighbourhoods. do not spend more money on new roads until ALL the old ones are in good shape
Fix cracks before they turn to pot holes .greater thought put into asphalt mix design and greater attention paid to base and sub base construction.
Fix pot holes and build better roads that actually last.
Fix potholes as soon as possible in the spring. Perhaps fixing them a bit better so no moisture can creep in an already fixed pothole next spring. Fixing completely and thoroughly instead of just a major part of the pothole. It is frustrating driving and having no choice but to hit a pothole and possibly damage your vehicle.
Fix potholes in bike lanes and potholes that are detrimental to cyclists but not necessarily motorists throughout the city.
Fix potholes in old Nutana
Fix potholes in summer, and resurface bad roads. build another bridge downtown
Fix potholes sooner
Fix potholes! Road resurfacing must be done as well before my vehicle shakes apart!
Fix potholes. Paint lanes and intersections. More street cleaning in winter.
Fix potholes. Fix idylwyld and circle bottleneck. Spend money better than it is now.
Fix roads that are full of broken pavement or potholes
Fix the darn potholes, maintain the roads. This is a core service for cities, charities and giveaways aren't.
Fix the potholes. Preventative maintenance.
Fix the potholes. Central Ave is a perfect example, the entire southbound lane of the business district has a groove down the one side, and several recurring potholes.
Fix the roads more efficiently, I put in a pothole repair and the crew had to go over a bunch to get there but only fixed the one reported instead of fixing others near and around it as well despite having the equipment there. They are only doing the absolute minimum and not using our tax dollars efficiently. Show us you can spend money efficiently and get good value for our dollar.
Fix the surface so potholes would not keep re-appearing every spring Remove those stupid concrete corners that were put up all over the core area to force people away from the curbs. They are just a pain and serve no purpose and they are dangerous in winter with snow and ice etc. makes cleaning the streets a nightmare
Fix the worst roads, not just the main roads first
Fix them correctly, so they don't keep getting the same pot holes over and over again every year...
Fixing bad roads. NOT BUILDING NEW ROADS but investing in fixing what we have and increasing density and transit. We can't maintain what we have yet we keep building outwards which is so short sighted!
Fixing deteriorated roads that already exist.
Fixing of potholes
Fixing pot holes
Fixing pot holes and drainage especially in bike lanes.
Fixing potholes

Fixing potholes paving roads as it is costing us lots on vehicle upkeep due to poor roads. Also as in the case of the corner of Laloche and Lenore when they were repaving Lenore I stopped and mentioned that there were no drains close by and water doesn't run up hill, we now have a very large pool of water at the corner of LaLoche and Lenore every time it rains, someday this will cause the road to collapse at this spot. If things were done correct in the first place it would save a lot of time and money.
Fixing Potholes, resurfacing main roads vs. residential crescents
Fixing with a road surface that will stay in place given our winters.
Focus on older neighbourhoods.
Focus on the basics and strive to implement good asset management. In the rush to repave everything in sight, don't forget to seal cracks and repair potholes. We allowed our city roads to deteriorate to the point of no return. This is not prudent infrastructure management. Many streets in the older core neighbourhoods are in very poor condition.
For the high traffic roads repair with concrete. Choose one road each year. These roadsters never made for this kind of volume.
For years the city has patched and patched and patched. The roads have been so severely neglected that patches are no longer effective on most of them. The focus needs to shift to filling potholes and resurfacing entire stretches of roads like Idylwyld Drive, 20th Street, 22nd Street, 29th Street, 33rd Street, Avenue H North, and various sections of Circle Drive to name a few of top priority.
General maintenance and skinning, resurfacing of higher percentage of roads each year.
Generally speaking most of the local roads are in terrible condition. Instead of increasing taxes every single year and the residents not seeing results, why don't you use land bank profit to make repairs rather than using it to buy more land? The private sector is taking care of land development.
Get a plan for road maintenance i.e. don't paint lines on gravel then sweep clean the streets. Road maintenance in this city is incompetent.
Get on top of things right away. Don't leave it until it is at the worst possible condition. It is horribly painful just trying to drive to certain areas of the city.
Get rid of the potholes in the residential roads. And I don't mean cold fill repeatedly, I mean FIX.
get someone else to do it .then you don't have 6 people standing around all day
Get the potholes done
Get those big trucks off the streets
Have a systematic approach to fixing roads. While yes all roads need to be fixed in a timely manner, having workers move from one area to clear across the river to another area is not proper use of time management. Focusing on one area and bringing the workers to fix the area appropriately and then move on would be the best use of resources. Find a better mix of asphalt as the current one you use doesn't cut the mustard. Make the appropriate time decision on when everything gets fixed. Gravel and tar might be a quick fix but if it was done properly to begin with perhaps we would save money in the long run.
Have all repairs and maintenance done at down times. Such as road patching done after 7 pm and later...most of heavy traffic is over by then and limits back-ups and jams
Have crews working around the clock so that the road is closed for less days.
High quality repairs that last - potholes etc.
Hold the private companies accountable, if it's not done properly, make them re-done their work
Holes in the roads
How about STOP PATCHING and START REPAVING! Patches don't make the road any smoother and often will just re-hole. Get a grip on this, try to be innovated yo.... there should be enough money through taxes to maintain roads, end of story

<p>I am always appalled at how long it takes to repair potholes on high speed roadways in Saskatoon. The Sidney Buckwold Bridge is a prime example. There is a hole in the right hand north bound lane just before the fork to Idylwyld and 1st Avenue that has been causing so much grief for traffic going 70 to 90 K. High speed roadway repair would be my top priority. Also, I personally have seen repair people fill 3 holes and leave one unattended - that seems to be counterproductive. I would insist that some follow-behind person should ensure that when a road crew goes through that they fill all holes in their path.</p>
<p>I believe that each Maintenance department employee sent out to do a task is involved in a continuous action to complete it rather than individuals driving city equipment around the city to kill off time until their superior comes up with something constructive for them to do or too many out there than the job requires. With the U of S students of the City staff coming out to "work" for the City on summer break we will be seeing this type of infraction more often as an incident at Butler Byers. I have solid suspicions about the amount of time allotted taken for coffee and lunch breaks and the distance City employees drive to part take in these breaks which are far beyond those for the public sector & sometimes close to the same length of time travelling as the time off for the break..</p>
<p>I believe that the city should get more professional advice on the preparation of paving material and the need to apply it better so that the paving lasts longer.</p>
<p>I believe the recent increases to road spending is sufficient. The city has done a great job at responding to the citizens' requests.</p>
<p>I don't know why but having to refill the same pot hole over and over again just doesn't seem cost effective. An example I have seen on Centennial Dr. the same hole refilled 6 times in the same summer. Why not spend a little more up front and do the job once.</p>
<p>I drove through an interchange last year and saw the same part repaired 4 times. We need to figure out how to fix things right the first time. My street is a case in point -- same post-main-break sinkholes...3 times. And -- can we not build winter-ready roads? I could support maintenance of continued funding rates, but not until I'm convinced the work is being done properly...</p>
<p>I feel the City is making progress on fixing major roads in our City, but many residential roads still need a lot of work. I live on Cumberland Ave, south of Ruth and our roads is in poor shape.</p>
<p>I like the new On Line reporting system. Every time I see a City crew out fixing pot holes there are five or six men to a crew. Is that really necessary? Could you not split those crews in two and have more crews out fixing more pot holes?</p>
<p>I note many roads where patching occurred last season have as many small to medium potholes where the streets were supposed to be remedied. If our street serves an example not all blemishes were repaired last year hence the likelihood they are this year's potholes. I continue use to be frustrated city services such as these are short term and need to be revisited over and over. This overtime costs I think more than doing the job to a high standard in the first place. I also note the bulk of street refurbishment seemed to be on main feeder streets with no signs of disrepair. In my view the city needs to balance and emphasize repair of older remedial streets until the primary streets really demonstrate a need. I am also indicating the need for higher noise attenuation along Sutherland and Circle Drive. From 108-115 Street with the new feeder bridge. A third lane needs to also be completed to avoid increased accident potential with feeders from 108 and departure onto Attridge. Failure to consider this is highly likely to become very hazardous. I would also like to suggest Truck traffic (Truck route) be routed from Circle Drive at College travelling along McOrmand linking up with the North Commuter Bridge and Marquis Drive.</p>
<p>I realize the major arteries take priority, but it seems the same neighbourhood streets are neglected year after year, requiring some fancy driving to avoid on-going pot-holes.</p>
<p>I suggest building better roads from the beginning (making them thicker) Patching roads is not a permanent fix either.</p>
<p>I think I would look at new paving vs skin patches. Which I think is being done now.</p>

I think Saskatoon does a fairly good job of correcting poor main roads. However, proper & quick pot-hole filling is important to prevent car damages, keep roads safe for motorcycles and all traffic in general.
I would be happiest to continue to see improvements in bike lanes and transit that would mean less vehicle traffic on the roads.
I would have work coordinated so that streets don't have to be dug up more than once. I'd also use the materials which have been researched and recommended to do the work rather than the materials recommended by City Councillors.
I would hope that after several years of this aggressive plan this could be reduced. I would also focus on transit routes.
I would like the city to make long-term repairs to our roadways, rather than to continuously "patch" potholes. I want surgery, not a Band-Aid.
I would like to see increased funding for road maintenance, as there are a lot of areas within the city that need their roads resurfaced.
I would suggest that the cracks in the roads be filled annually in the fall to assist in the prevention of potholes in the spring. Road separations long cracks are a hazard to motorcycles especially on on-ramps and off ramps the one off of 42nd heading to McDonald's is scary.
I'm glad you are repairing the Broadway water mains, and your pothole response time was pretty good.
I'm all for expansion & growth but before that happens maintain the roadways in Saskatoon first.
Implement an earlier and more rapid program of repairing potholes as they cause damage to vehicles, they cause accidents and are an extreme danger to cyclists.
Improve efficiencies
Improve management & accountability to fill pot holes efficiently and effectively, including the clearing of roads for snow removal only after a snow fall, and do a good job once when street sweeping. How can Saskatoon shine if we are not giving that 110%? Ensure the right people are in place.
Improve road surfaces by upgrading methods and quality of materials used and thus lessening the number and frequency of needed repairs. The current repairing of roads is done poorly and too frequently the same potholes and surfaces need to be repaired again in a very short space of time. Some potholes recur in weeks.
improvement of maintenance and rehabilitation work on arterial roads
In older areas especially after an I fill has had construction vehicles there for four months and the street dug up for sewer and water connection, the street surface is completely damaged and needs to, be resurfaced not a 100 potholes filled. This results in a lumpy uneven surface that rapidly deteriorates.
Increase road repair and street sweeping Also add lanes where traffic patterns are congested.
Increased resurfacing
Infrastructure - high traffic artery streets such as Taylor Street need to be maintained and possibly even without street parking to give it 2 lanes of traffic. There is quite the traffic buildup by the main high schools each day, most high school student's drive today, which is amazing to me.
It is long past time to rebuild the crumbling and inefficient road infrastructure that Saskatoon's population outgrew a decade ago. The days of "just patch it" and "don't fix it until it breaks" should be over. That is very old-school thinking. Well built, properly maintained roads, and clean streets help build, maintain, and even clean up a city's image.
It is too early in the new system to evaluate its effectiveness
It seems like there are still lots of potholes and some main streets are very bumpy and uneven (Taylor Street between Broadway and Lorne Avenue especially). How are the priority areas chosen?
It's fine as is.

It's very important to catch up on improving the road infrastructure and get it to a more manageable state which in the long run will be less costly and more sustainable.
I've lived here for 30 years and I've never seen the roads in such poor condition. Sure we have made progress in major infrastructure, i.e.: south bridge, but we've payed a price by not maintaining the residential streets. There must be a plan going forward dedicated to residential streets.
JUST FIX THE...ROADS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Just fix the roads in general, they should have never been left go as long as they were and that's why were in such a pickle now!!
Keep on top of potholes!
Keep this valuation the same but stop outsourcing to tendered bids that end up charging too much for what could be done in house with an initial spend on in house equipment and seasonal labour
Keep up with the deteriorating streets in the core neighbourhoods please.
Keep working to repair and improvement traffic flow. NO more money per year than \$137/year
Keeping the streets clear of snow in the winter and pothole repair in the spring. You have been doing a much better job and I appreciate it.
Lane marking and pot hole repair.
Lane resurfacing and pothole patching Some potholes seem to reappear regularly, there must be a better long term fix than just refilling the hole time after time
Lane widening
Lasting repairs rather than constant resurfacing. Coordinating with other infrastructure upgrades so we don't continue to tear up freshly paved roads.
Less cars on the road = less road maintenance. It's simple. The city needs to step up and stop making cars an easier choice than walking, biking or bussing. Saskatoon is a fairly small city and flat, which makes it super easy to bike around. People don't even know how great it is to get out of their cars and do other forms of transportation. They'll complain at first, but people will get used to it, and you'll have a stronger city. Roads are a super expensive piece of infrastructure and the only way to decrease its cost is to stop repairing it all the time. You won't need to repair it as much if there is less wear and tear. There is less wear and tear if there are less cars. Also, maybe it's just me, but your Building Better Roads link doesn't work.
Less dips and bumps. Pave over night - less congestion.
Less pothole filling on streets that have been filled and filled and filled over and over again but really need to be repaved. Repave it when necessary instead of using band aids to put off the repaving
Lighting along the highway between mccormond drive and McKercher drive.
Long term road maintenance where the road is patched before larger maintenance is required.
Longer lasting asphalt repairs. More frequent cleaning of 42nd St. bridge. Longer lasting street marking paint. Cleaner boulevards e.g. on Warman Road, 42nd St Bridge, Circle Drive and on 51st St.
main arterial roads
Maintain and add
Maintain current roads and bridges.
Maintain pothole issues one of the issues not being discusses is the city has money for old repair they didn't use before now that the roads are really bad they ask for more... do not waste money on expensive art galleries we do not need
Maintaining existing roads
Maintaining existing roads and better demarcation of lanes especially in winter.
Maintaining our current infrastructure and decreasing the number of suburbs and our Urban sprawl
Maintaining existing roads
Make bike friendly. Add a bike lane down the entire length of Preston.

Make housing developers build roads and infrastructure prior to building their houses. Make developers pay for road repairs around new developments due to increased traffic from large construction vehicles.
Make pothole repair more efficient. We have seen repeated instances where one pothole is reported and fixed, but another pothole right next to it is left open. This is a waste of effort coming back repeatedly to the same site.
Make the bike lines better, cleaner, and more far-reaching.
Make them not be such joke to the rest of the country, seriously why can't we have roads like Alberta?
mature area potholes, major arteries like college drive
Might as well kill this budget too, the fact that Evergreen does not even get scheduled for street sweeping (2nd year in row) speaks volumes about the value the city places on this neighborhood. Perhaps we should pursue appending this neighborhood to Warman or Aberdeen.
Monitor more closely when sanding & grading is being done. The sander has went down our street 3 & 4 times a day usually on a weekend for no reason.
Monitor the road repairs done by contractors that are hired to repair our roads and city staff and make them accountable for required call backs!! Far less salt applied during winter months because this increases the freeze/thaw cycle. Also cut back on the gravel applied "Unbelievable". All these changes will save money so that we can get increased refurbished roads with proper thickness membranes.
More attention to maintaining visible lane markings
More attention to potholes & prevention of potholes occurring.
More bike friendly roads
More focus and prioritization of transit and bike lane improvements so that fewer people drive and there is less wear and tear on the roads and less need for development of new roads and bridges.
More money on resurfacing
More money put into the analysis portion of road maintenance. Which roads are in great need and how repair in a way that will last. See too often roads that are not that bad get fixed before ones that tear the wheels off the car.
More Night Work to make peak traffic time delays less of a problem.
More preventative maintenance
More proactive projects.
More rehab. Less maintenance. Pothole patching is temporary at best. I get that there is a liability with potholes but fix the problem so you don't have to keep sending out the outbox. 9th ave is embarrassing unless you MO is to keep traffic moving slowly through the use of potholes.
More repaving and less patching. Projects need to be done in a timelier manner even if it means working around the clock especially where major streets are affected. We have witnessed this in other major centers.
More research into building better, longer lasting roads.
More resurfacing
More resurfacing. Some potholes reappear each spring, and the patching seems like a futile exercise. I find this most in the older parts of the city (Riversdale, Buena Vista, and Nutana). The streets are narrow, the potholes large and it can be almost impossible to navigate through before the patching.
More surface replacement, repairs.
Timelier resurfacing of older residential roads.
My top priorities are maintaining existing infrastructure. The continuation of building new neighbourhoods without densifying the existing built form is very costly.
Need to get at least major streets in better condition. There are some embarrassingly awful ones still out there
Need to repair potholes more efficiently and in timely manner

new infrastructure in older neighbourhoods
No changes
no suggestion
Noise increases on several major arteries that cannot be blocked by sound walls - Attridge Drive (Would tree buffer help). Patching system of roadways does not seem to be lasting any length of time. Recent patches within a month are now potholes again? Same holes in road reported over and over, filled with gravel, and again reported....110th st and Egbert - but never fixed? This seems to be a theme in many areas of the city. The products used seem to be temporary but are used over a long term - 1- 2 years. It seems, the cost of repaving would initially be higher, but over this length of time, we are paying out more \$\$ for temporary fixes such as filling with gravel. Sidewalks filled with this "caulking" type material are terrible. Uneven, weedy, hard to shovel, tripping hazards. Should be fixed properly. I have difficulty justifying increases in this area, when we are being provided such poor services. So much attention has been on the bridges, the downtown core, the main arteries, the newer development areas, the basic residential areas in areas over 10 years old are suffering.
North connector bridge. Pothole maintenance.
Our roads are in really rough shape this year it feels like. Regular and quality maintenance is really important to traversing the city safely.
Our street has only been snow plotted 2 in the 6 yrs. we been here
Paint lines on major roads, including on attridge drive/circle drive overpass
Paint lines that stay on for more than one season.
Paving
Permanently fixing the potholes in all areas of the city and fixing them faster. Much damage is done to vehicles especially at night.
pot hole patching and resurfacing of roads where needed, e.g. 1st Avenue south of Circle Drive, sweeping of streets
Pot hole repair.
Pot holes
Pot holes Lower street sweeping priority of non-residential roads, Cartwright street in particular.
Pot Holes Better signage for turns etc.
Pot holes - removing gravel in spring - residential areas LAST for road maintenance - the north end is a disgrace
pot holes and repaving older streets that are breaking up
Pot holes and severely weathered roads
Pot holes can be a safety issue. The pot hole situation in Saskatoon is improving, but more needs to be done.
Pot holes repair and timely snow and ice removal.
Pot holes should be filled ASAP They cause car problems that may lead to accidents.
pot holes, cracks, cleaning
Pot holes, the damage to vehicles is unnecessary. Road maintenance and fixing potholes as soon as the snow melts should be the minimum
Pot holes: No more quick fixes, we need to do long-term repairs and prioritize accordingly. Snow removal: Not enough attention is focused on icy deep hazardous ruts. Question: Do we have adequate equipment to do these concerns?
Pot holes.

Pot holes.
Pot holes. Reviews of roads that have become main byways due to other road changes. An example, central ave is falling apart between 115th and Atridge because it was never meant for the level, of traffic it gets. I would also, like to see more signage on our roads for speeds and expected behaviours.
Pothole and street repaving and snow removal in winter (not snow moved to the side of the street as is the case now). There should be NO ADDITIONAL CHARGES.
Pothole maintenance
Pothole maintenance.
Pothole maintenance. Do not support the building of 2 traffic bridges.
Pothole patching
Pothole patching
Pothole patching and resurfacing
pothole repair
pothole repair -- more pro-active identification and repair of potholes by the city itself along with direct solicitation of pothole reports from cyclists and motorists (e.g. road cycling/motoring clubs, larger workplaces, student associations)
Pothole repair and lane painting
Pothole repair as early as weather permits
Potholes
Potholes
Potholes and bumpy streets.
potholes and repair of them soon as possible
Potholes and smooth pavement
Potholes are a continuing problem.
Potholes downtown.
Potholes keeping ahead of roads that need major repair
Potholes, and lines on the roads.
Potholes, lane line paint
Potholes, painting lines, resurfacing
Potholes, resurfacing.
Potholes. Snow removal.
Potholes. Summer street cleaning instead of spring and fall.
priority is over passes and pot holes and get rid of the waste of money bike lanes, complete waste of money given the riding season and low numbers
Priority is to ensure we are getting value for the money.
Proper packing of the under surface to ensure a less "wavy" road like that of westbound 8th St. Proper under packing to and around manhole, sewer and steel covers on the road surface to prevent caving or pushing the ground around them up.
Proper surface drainage. Better base structure. Unclogged catch basins. Far too many sidewalk crossings aren't sufficiently marked or safe.
Properly fix pot holes not just fill the one spot
Provide sand for free to taxpayers who can spread it on sidewalks or streets. Other communities in Ontario do this Thank our workers who do road maintenance for the work they do as too many people complain that enough is not done.
Public Transportation , More fire and police on the streets
Quality resurfacing of main roads is essential. We have some of the worst quality roads in Canada at the moment.
rapid repair od potholes to prevent deterioration
Real repairs to main roads, not just filling in potholes.

Recommend that overall road surface be reduced. Saskatoon has a very high pavement area per capita. Roads can be narrowed, invest in infill, density, and alternate transportation. Invest capital in quality not quantity and prioritize maintenance based on life cycle costs, not based on "urgency".
Reducing urban sprawl, prioritizing active transportation and improving public transit in order to limit the need for road maintenance.
Regular maintenance rather than filling potholes
Rehab the road surfaces
repair
repair of older roads
Repair of potholes and sunken spots.
Repair older roads
Repair some of the older neighborhood streets.
Repairs, especially during the night in summer
Repave busier streets that have had numerous pot hole fixes that have only resulted in very bumpy rough riding roads.
Repave our street! (And many in Nutana). It has been only patched since we moved here 4 years ago, and the entire surface of our street consists of potholes and old patched potholes :(A few years ago they did street sweeping in the fall. This seemed like a big waste of tax dollars to me, as well as when they paid to have cars towed around the block, that should have been moved for sweeping. I'd prefer to see those tax dollars saved by leaving the few cars where they are and save on paying a towing company.
Repave rough streets
repavement in the north industrial. No work in downtown, too much focus on areas that should have no cars like down town. Buses and bikes are all that should be allowed in the down town core
Repaving versus patch jobs that deteriorate quickly.
Replace inadequate base structure of roads that have repeated annual maintenance problems. Do some long term maintenance.
Residential streets get more attention
Residential streets, especially crescents, are the last to be taken care of despite the constant digging to repair pipes. Once repairs are complete, please repair the road as well without resorting to sloppy patchwork that often does not last and creates potholes the size of craters if not fixed in a timely manner (Grosvenor Cres is a case in point)
Resurface all roads in need.
Resurface all roads with potholes, not just patch them year over year.
Resurface more roads and invest more in maintaining roads before they crumble and have to be rebuilt.
Resurface roads, too many roads are being patched over and over. Street sweeping should be done earlier in the year and be done around the clock. Too much sand, gravel and just plain filth on the street year round. Keep the sweepers rolling!!
Resurface rough streets
Resurfacing
Resurfacing
Resurfacing
Resurfacing 23rd st west especially from Ave H west to Witney pothole management
Resurfacing and pothole patching
Resurfacing and sanding during the winter (faster response when a storm hits) pot holes
Resurfacing major streets and an on-going plan to fix pot holes year round.
Resurfacing the streets that were neglected during previous years - in the 1990's. Potholes and ensuring that when going over the overpasses that they are smooth

Resurfacing with materials that take the sustained weight of more and larger vehicles such as semis. Planned maintenance for pothole prone areas such as areas built on drained swamps Do not have multiple roads closed days before starting projects. Plan for dawn to dusk work in the summer so the work is done sooner.
Return to doing the road repairs in house or getting more quality work done. Some of the contractors who are not done in time and don't have good reasons should pay their contract breaches instead of getting the wave of approval.
Road construction to take place in the evening.
Road rehabilitation. Rush work on major roadways. Like overnight crews. Don't forget to open lanes up, and adjust detour signage.
Road repair and resurfacing in the entire city
Road resurfacing and pothole repair
Roads are rough and filled with potholes. Snow removal was better in 2015/16. Would like to see roadways better maintained.
Roads need to be properly maintained to avoid the additional costs to vehicle owners for repairs due to road conditions.
Roads, currently, at this time, I find very bad, in very rough shape. Seeing that parking costs are Ridiculous now, spend half on better roads, pending on the worst one's fixed first.
Roadway and potholes
Same
Sidewalks are also a part of our commuter infrastructure but do not exist in some overlooked areas that were somehow only designed for car traffic. Millar Ave is a good example, a shared pathway would provide a safe option for pedestrians and cyclists who do not feel comfortable competing in the aggressive north end traffic.
Sidewalks are in appalling shape. In my neighbourhood (Buena Vista), the curbs are not graded in many places and are sometimes a foot above the street. The sidewalk in front of my house has a huge slope in it that is impossible to maintain in the winter (the ice collects in at the lowest point and makes the sidewalk dangerous). Parts of the sidewalk down the street (this is 7th st) are crumbling apart.
Since this budget item primarily concerns itself with infrastructure for motor vehicle traffic (private cars/trucks) to the detriment of other forms of traffic (transit & active transportation) and because we thus have ended up with far too much asphalt surface, I have drastically reduced this budget item in order to make precisely that point. I also do want to make the point, however, that all existing road infrastructure MUST be fully maintained. As an aside, therefore, the opportunity to save on this budget item (and other operating expenses as well) arises ONLY before the decision to go ahead – or more importantly NOT go ahead – with a proposed investment is made; after the infrastructure has been built a variety of annual operating costs will accrue essentially in perpetuity.
slow on interchanges
Snow and ice
Snow and ice management
Snow clearing and skip the street sweeping. By the time they are done sweeping the snow is back
Snow removal
Snow removal and pot hole repairs
Snow removal from public sidewalks
Snow Removal, and filling pot-holes
snow removal, any monies left over from a light year remain in the snow budget as a hedge against a heavy year not put into general revenue
So much money is wasted on quick fixes that don't last and inefficiencies in the process. The release of road repairs is much too short. The city reports on pothole repairs but each year so many reappear and spawn new ones. Some get repaired two or three time each year. Insane!

Some stretches of road need potholes filled every year. We should look for a more permanent solution for those areas, whether the underlying material needs to be re-done or the surface needs to be replaced with a different or higher quality material.
Sound retention walls should be secondary to making sure that we repair the holes in our roads.
Spend more on preventative maintenance and nip problems in the bud before they get larger. Fix potholes properly. Every other city I've lived in, potholes are repaired by cutting out a square around them, digging them up around an area larger than and to a depth deeper than the size of the hole, and then filling in the hole and sealing with asphalt. Here road crews just fill the holes and top with asphalt which often seems to cause bigger ones next year as the ground underneath continues to cave then more water gets in and perpetuates the cycle.
Start cleaning sooner and get done quicker
Start with priority 1 streets then 2 and so on. Always fix the busy and feeder roads first.
stay the course
Stop building bridges. Fix all the roads. Take a trip to Phoenix Arizona. They also get frost but their roads are perfect. We are a third world country when it comes to road quality.
Stop building so many new areas and start putting more into fixing the streets that are in terrible disrepair!
Stop doing jobs halfway and spending more year over year in patches, etc. spend the proper amount, hire people who know what they are doing and build the roads so they last a lot longer. Patches and asphalt may be cheaper in the short run, but let's start thinking long term budgets and how to spend more now to spend less later.
Stop making narrow, two lane roads with no shoulders as the main access in and out of neighbourhoods. We live in Arbor Creek where Mcormond or Attridge are the two main roads. Neither have shoulders, so when a car stalls or breaks down, it blocks the road. Neighbourhoods need more than two entrances.
Stop wasting time patching, either patch it properly or resurface the road. We have the worst roads!
street repair
Street repair potholes and degenerated streets
Studies have shown that that the traffic noise sound walls don't really do much so I would like to eliminate that from the budget. Pot holes are a major issue throughout the City, even the freeway is in pretty rough condition. I bike and drive and the potholes affect me more on my bike then in my vehicle. As a biker, I am very grateful when the arterial roadways are swept in the spring. That makes my biking experience far safer than a separated bike line.
Surface maintenance.
Surface repairs to all streets
Sweeping and clearing ice on the shoulders of city streets
The city actually do the work!! A crew did a patch on my street 3 times and the sinkhole was never filled and compacted properly! Just dump more dirt and throw a quick tar and tamp.... Waste of tax payer dimes!
The city must do all that it can to encourage alternative forms of transportation other than the single user vehicle model which has been the top priority for too long. Single user vehicles should be at the bottom of the priority list and the city should be encouraging the use of transit, cycling even carpooling as better alternatives.
The city needs to ensure roads are maintained and up to a higher standard than they are now. Every city in the country complains about roads, but ours are way below the standards they should be in.
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<p>The McOrmond and College Drive overpass should now be under construction. This corner is dangerous during rush hour, and will only get busier as the Evergreen and Brighton neighbourhoods are further developed. I would pay extra tax to have this particular infrastructure in place more quickly.</p>
<p>The only changes suggested is to focus on quality of work and not the lowest cost contract. The city seems to always select lowest cost only to get a substandard result that has a limited life. South bridge project is a lesson in low cost trumping good design/ execution. With the low standard set for roads why on earth would anyone want to pay more in taxes only to have a road that has to have re-work within 5 years?</p>
<p>The pot hole patching is not working as they patch the same holes every year. They should repair the roads well the first time and they will last longer.</p>
<p>The pot hole repairs are a waste of money. Bring in people that know how to do the job right. When a roadway is to be done use the right equipment that lays down a layer at once.</p>
<p>The pot holes that have been repaired over and over again, are increasingly dangerous, as well as hard on our vehicles. I would like to see a permanent solution that lasts more than 1 yr., there are a variety of products that fit this bill and requires investment. I'm disappointed that for all the yrs. we lived in a recession we could not address this properly and with the boom it became an even lower priority with temporary fixes, this is unacceptable</p>
<p>The roads in our oldest neighbourhoods need much more attention than they are currently getting. Spend less on roads in new suburbs and more on repairing potholes in the core. Also, consider all factors when planning for sweeping and other maintenance: for example, sweeping the streets around Broadway Ave was a complete waste of time and money this year, since the loose gravel from the water main project has just been moved around. The streets are every bit as filthy as they were before they were swept.</p>
<p>The roads in this city are a disgrace. It's time to put your words into action, not just empty words.</p>
<p>There are many main streets in this city that are a complete patchwork mess and are a disgrace. These need to be properly fixed.</p>
<p>There needs to be a bigger focus on locating the problem areas, and ensuring patches and quick fixes get done quickly until a long term repair can be done.</p>
<p>Top priorities is resurfacing the streets because patching the streets only makes them worse. Shorten the time to repair and fill potholes. For example, College Drive between Central and McKercher east bound has needed repair for a long time and so has College Drive west bound between McCormand and McKercher. Use an asphalt that is appropriate for our climate instead of California mix.</p>
<p>Top priorities would be potholes and road incisions not getting completed causing damage to waterlines and homes/ foundations as a result of vibration damages erupting mains and damaging foundations over time. Allotting city workers to priority issues rather than fixing things like curbs etc. and painting and redesigning new road lines when other areas are falling apart. The city needs a prioritized disaster recovery program to tend to the more important issues costing homeowners big money in damages to vehicles and homes.</p>
<p>Traffic flow is a top priority. The problems which hurts this is police hidden after a road construction and then pulling a car over in the only lane open. Police traffic tickets are important for safety but so is common sense and timing of traffic radar. When road construction is not happening the pylons should be done so traffic can flow.</p>
<p>Try fixing more than just the bus routes. A lot of the avenues are more pothole than pavement at this point.</p>
<p>Use good materials so that you have to do less repairs</p>
<p>use summer mix stop those spring patches</p>
<p>Using quality materials to prevent the repetitive necessity of future road maintenance. Fixing bike routes!!</p>

Very well, this is albeit a very expensive undertaking, given the costs of asphalt and aggregate and so far has been met wisely
We have too many roads in major disrepair especially in older neighbourhoods.
We live on the 500 block of 10th St E, adjacent to Broadway. This block is heavily used for parking. As a result, it's a nuisance for City to sweep and clean it; and to remove snow. This block deserves more attention from City. And drivers who ignore City's 'no parking' signage need to be taught those signs mean it -- please tow and ticket those cars. We pay our taxes and are frustrated when other drivers don't let City crews do their job. Likely this high-density area is not the only one.
We need to shift our priorities away from more roads and toward alternative forms of transportation, including drastically enhancing what is an absolutely pitiful public transportation system.
We spend all this money on roads and they are still not any better, where is the money going. The city continues to band aid and pretend to fix the roads, and the same stretches of road need fixing again the following year.
When repairs or patching is done, do the whole street! or go down a whole length of the street doing all the pot holes on both sides and middle and not keep coming back every few weeks (sometimes within a week) to repair whole on the other side or nearby holes that were recently fixed. Such waste of time and fuel in returns is costly to tax payers, and annoying to drivers. Efficiency over the whole city would decrease the total cost and if we were not paying for the guys who stand and watch, or text it would help too, The Victoria Bridge fiasco was a great waste! Fix a bridge, decorate a bridge, and knock it partly down?! Maybe do better planning? More credible assessment of needs and repairs?!
Wherever there's the greatest need, and there's lots of need out there.
While I believe we need to invest in new, and maintain our current infrastructure I would suggest years of 5%+ property tax increases has to stop.
While the annual filling of potholes must continue, I want to see cost comparisons between repaving and spot paving. How much has been spent on say 10 Street between Broadway and Eastlake in the last 10 years?
Why does street sweeping not start earlier?? What are we waiting for? Take a look at North Battlefords street sweeping policy.
Would like to see potholes filled or resurfacing of the worst areas.
You HAVE to do these repairs correctly. This city is spending \$50 Million a year, but a lot is wasted on poor construction that fails. The city needs to recognize that roads have more than asphalt; the base, subbase, and subgrade need to be fixed too! Do you even have a roadway engineer on staff?

SNOW AND ICE MANAGEMENT

What are your top priorities for Snow & Ice Management? What change(s) would you suggest?

I would suggest years of 5%+ property tax increases has to stop.
- make pedestrian and bike pathways and bridge sidewalks a top priority, as these people are tax paying citizens on their way to and from work - keep the bus mall sidewalks downtown clear of snow so public transit is an attractive and viable option
-Clean ice and snow at least once per every residential street per year and haul away snow vs creating walls of snow that reduce parking and make driving dangerous.
-disbanding of snow routes. No snow route "declarations" have been made in a number of years. - Work with Provincial Government and SGI to make snow tires required during the winter months and/or requiring SGI to provide incentives (like Ontario and Quebec)
A plan for de-icing and de rutting of residential streets once or twice a winter.
Actual snow removal. I don't think we need to pay any further increases because of the approximate 7% that the city has been charging already for roadwork!
Actually bill people who don't shovel their walks and make some money this way...except for seniors/disabled of course. Remove snow immediately don't wait three days until it has frozen down
Actually plowing the residential streets. This would result in you having to pay less for road upkeep.
Again incompetence at deciding what streets to be cleared first. People not moving cars tow them so streets can be cleared.
Again more night work AND plowing residential Once a year in March does not justify the cost to tax payers
As previously mentioned, the icy deep ruts require serious attention. If we have the manpower and the equipment, get them to focus on this issue. Snow removal appears to be adequate at this time.
Because we have far too much asphalt surface for traffic purposes and because the current Priority System favours snow clearing and ice management for motor vehicles to the detriment of transit and active transportation, I have drastically reduced this budget item in order to make precisely that point. The City's Priority System should place i) highest priority on emergency routes and all transit routes plus pedestrian access to all bus stops, ii) second priority on critical roadways and the active transportation network, and iii) lowest priority on the rest of the road network. As an aside, however, I also do want to make the point that since Saskatoon is a winter city, a well-functioning snow-clearing and ice management scheme for ALL forms of traffic is absolutely essential.
Better follow up after a snow event.
better management of ruts in residential areas
Better response times to bad road conditions.
Bus and some more residential clearing
Buy some snow dragon machines and stop hauling frozen water back and forth already! How do airports do it? They don't dump material on the runways, they gather and then melt the snow away.
Carry surpluses over to future years to build a reserve. We know some years have heavier snowfall than others.
Circle Drive is treacherous with even minimal snow/ice. Must increase ice management at all intersections in residential areas.
City buying more equipment
City needs to be more proactive on snow clearing. If there is a big snow coming BE READY!

Clean main traffic arteries quickly
Clean the main roads more often, It seems that you wait too long and the roads get really icy and blown over before you sand or clear. College drive to Mcormond is really bad for that. I do not agree that you need to clean every residential street. Some may be worse than others and need attention, but all do not need snow removal. If people can't deal with a little snow, then they should take the bus. Our street is better off without it because it leaves ruts and piles of snow where you need to park. We have no sidewalks on our side of the street and the one time our bay was cleared, it tore up our grass and one of our underground sprinklers.
Clean the streets when it snows, doesn't seem like a hard thing to promise to do, seems like we are paying the right amount as last year was a good snow clearing year in my opinion.
cleaning all sidewalks as well
Clear bus routes; make sure sidewalks are walkable for all ages.
Clear housing streets
Clear main arteries. No need to clear residential streets! We never have in the 30 years I have lived here and with most vehicles being a.w.d there is less reason than ever to do it now.
Clear more of the side streets
Clear more residential areas.
Clear neighborhood snow
Clear residential areas more frequently. Other jurisdictions do this without increased costs, sign of poor management that our costs go up and the service level decreases.
clear residential streets, BUT no furrows to be left
Clear snow into trucks rather than leaving snow built up at curbs which takes away parking spaces and results in too narrow driving lanes.
Clear the smaller streets.
Clear the snow right away, just wasting money having an army of guys for snow clearing like in done on the freeway. What a waste of money there.
Clear, not just grade and salt side streets, clear all street drains during freeze thaw. Clear the streets in the middle of the night when they are not in use and when it is snowing, not only during rush hour
clearing and snow removal in all areas if possible
Clearing for bikers
Clearing icy ruts from crescents and side streets
Clearing of main roadways and reduce leveling of residential streets
Clearing of piles along sides of road in resident on street parking
Clearing of snow and ice in residential neighborhoods. There is a safety concern with the ice build-up on the roads and the ruts that are created.
Clearing roads every time it snows
Clearing roads promptly
Concentrate on main corridors
Continue emphasis on clearing priority routes first
Continued clearing of main arterials. I'm not as concerned about side streets.
Contract out all road construction and maintenance; this would result in increased level of service and saved tax dollars.
Coordinating snow removal and street cleaning with garbage and recycle pick-ups, no point in cleaning a street with garbage cans out.
De-ice street quicker. Especially the intersections
Decrease overhead and administration and focus dollars on delivering the service.

Decrease sanding and salting! Focus sand/salt only on critical intersections. It is much more cost-effective for people to drive to conditions and install winter tires than to over salt, which damages roads and cars and requires cleanup in the spring. Over-sanding/over-salting also makes bike commuting more difficult. The late snow we had in early spring 2016 was a joy in which to ride as there was no (or minimal) sanding. Also I would pay higher taxes to have sidewalks cleared by the city, as is done in Winnipeg.
Depends on the winter, no comment.
Do not sent out graders if streets do not require it. Residential especially
Doing great on this and no change needed.
Each community should have a real snow and ice plan, not just Priority Ones areas. Until last year, plows came to Silverwood once a year, in the spring, to move snow so that when it melted it would not flood low areas. That did not even happen this winter.
Educate residents where to shovel their driveway snow to. I've seen many people shovelling their sidewalk and driveway snow onto the roads rather than on grassy or other non-traffic areas.
Efficiencies
Either don't bother on residential streets or do the job completely and clear the wind rows. The rows around schools, for several blocks in all directions should be mandatory for the amount of parking required. Other option - along with sidewalks, snow left from plow needs to be cleared or fines will happen.
Either leave the snow on the road or clear it away but do not inventory it on the sides. When you do that you make our already narrow residential streets even narrower.
Eliminate snow berms on existing roadways that are left after clearing on main roadways. Decrease sanding!!! Use salt products with zero sand!!!
eliminate street parking to make room for snow
Enforcement of the requirement to have property owners clear their sidewalks, specifically in the residential areas.
Ensuring that equipment is out during the early stages of a storm
Entirely use the budget every single year, and leave the surplus in a side account to be used with years that have heavier snow.
Equipment to melt snow instead of hauling it away
every time you change staff you have to reinvent the wheel if it works don't fix it
Fast service for cleared priority winter roads. I don't feel we need to clear less used residential streets.
Find alternatives to using so much sand. Reduce the use of sand in residential crescents exempt for the entrance into the crescent. For example, I live on Budz Green and sanding around Budz Green is a total waste of money.
Fine business that aren't clearing their sidewalks that are beside residential streets.
Fire and bus routes
Follow Calgary's example and priority roads and no parking alerts.
Forget about residential streets except maybe in extreme or case by case basis.
frequent enough clearing to reduce the potential for ice/snow build up no parking zones on one side of all 4-lane residential arteries actually tow away vehicles parked on snow routes to side streets before clearing the road rather than clearing around them
Get on it quickly. Don't put it off to a ridiculous amount of time so it thaws and refreezes.
Get rid of snow on sidewalks, especially nearer to crossing light polls and things. I have heard from people in wheelchairs/motorized chairs that it's difficult for people to reach the buttons and travel. People who don't use the chairs don't often think about it, but it greatly impacts others.
Get sanding trucks out as quickly as possible after storms, sometimes there seems to be a delay despite bad weather having been forecast Shave the ruts more frequently on narrow residential

streets, it can be very difficult to get out the single set of ruts down the middle of the street when there is oncoming traffic
Good job but a lot of residential streets do get pretty bad as they are not cleared. I understand that this cannot be a priority though. One thing that is frustrating is the lack of movement of the piled up snow on streets that have street parking.
good job last year
Good progress on this and keep the level the same
grade all streets, even those with low traffic counts
Grading of side streets.
Grading the side streets once a year may be a cost saving which is ok but then when they do come down the side streets and crescents why do they have to peel it right down to the pavement and make big pile on the sidewalks. Why not come down the streets more than just once and just shave off the tops of the high spots and smooth out the roar again.
Grading the tire ridges more often or cleaning the snow off 3rd Avenue between 25th Street and Queen. This street is a disaster winter and I have rented and now own a condo on 3rd for about 15 years now. I drive a van which still drags on the ruts. It has never gotten any better and it is a bus route. I thought they were supposed to be given priority. This is one reason why I picked 3rd Ave to live on.
Has been good the past few years.
Have someone assess beyond the major roadways. My vehicle has been stuck driving on a residential streets because the dips were too deep and my wheels could not reach the pavement. If the roads are deep that a small car or a bus could slip then it is not safe and should be evened out.
Have the crews out sooner. Too often you don't see a sanding truck until traffic has already polished the roads to ice.
Having main roads salted and gravelled. Slippery intersections need prompt gravel. It's actually pretty good.
I agree with status quo if we have snow, but if there is limited snow don't be grading streets for the sake of keeping employees busy. I live in East College Park and last winter there was very little snow on the street yet the workers (3 graders and 4 trucks) spent 2 hours scraping the street all after 10:00 PM. They could not have carried away more than one truck of snow. I want to see better management of this kind of work.
I don't believe the snow removal in the spring of 2016 was necessary. We didn't actually have very much snow to begin with, and the melt was already well underway by the time equipment went out. In 2016/2017, if there is a heavy snowfall at some point, send crews out promptly. Otherwise, if we have snowfall totals near the amount we had in 2015/2016, snow removal really isn't necessary.
I feel like the city does a good job in this area. If you could predict how much snow would fall, that sure would make it easier. Does the city carry over un-used portions of this budget? I think the city does a good job moving snow and sanding, and street cleaning, and I appreciate the signage that goes up in the neighbourhood a few days before.
I feel that streets are clearly appropriately.
I feel the last 2 winter's snow removal hasn't been a major issue in my mind. I think it was handled well.
I felt that sending street sweepers to clean streets where most leaves had not fallen yet wasn't ideal...maybe start a week later next year?
I suggest that the city of Saskatoon models itself on Winnipeg's Snow Removal model - both with the snow removal and spring cleanup. The snow removal here is atrocious - leaving snow on the streets all winter long? What's the reasoning behind that? Every city I have ever lived in (Winnipeg, Toronto, and Georgetown Ontario to name a few) has ALWAYS removed snow from

every city street. What makes Saskatoon such a "special snowflake" that we can't do the same? Good grief.
I think residential areas should be focused on a little more. It is frustrating to see snow cleared when there is only a few snowflakes on the ground such as the first snow clearing this fall. It is frustrating to see snow that has been cleared being removed when it seems to be just fine on the side of the road such as along Ruth Street and we are struggling on residential streets that have not been cleared and have only rarely been cleared. I think money could be saved by having back lane garbage and recycling moved to the front in the winter if not permanently. That way the back lanes would not have to be cleared and money saved. I don't care about people who use the back lanes to exit their garages as my front street is difficult to navigate after a decent snowfall and this is the only way I have off my property. Budget less of the money that our taxes are going up to provide snow removal and start by getting all residential streets cleared a couple of times during the winter then perhaps if excess budget do some snow removal. There was too much snow removal that I saw along Ruth that really did not appear to be necessary at all. Especially this last winter that saw much less snow than other years.
I think the city did a good job of snow removal in 2015/2016.
I used to live in NS where snowploughs were out immediately as soon as there was a snowfall. In Saskatoon I have never seen a plough until a day or two after the fall where cars have already flattened out the snow. In comparison the snow removal services here are not good at all.
I would like to see a cost/benefit study done on the decrease in pothole repair spending with an increase in snow removal
I would prioritize main thoroughfares, ambulance and bus routes. I think the city currently does a good job in this area.
Ice management should be the priority.
Ice management.
If one believes the Global Warming alarmists, we won't need any snow removal budget item very soon, so let's starting winding it down now. Don't over-commit to clearing residential streets, main thoroughfares are the key.
If residential streets are not significantly rutted then they should not be graded. On several occasions I have seen the city grading residential streets for no reason. If it's not an arterial or bus route, leave it.
If you have on a routine given day that is scheduled for snow clearing and there isn't much of a priority towards doing where you are going from job to job, even with the sidewalk clearers, then as someone watching them as they travel from point A to point B, put the blade down if you are going by an area that is uncleared.
I'm ok with it
Immediate action during and after snow storms including weekends. Snow ploughing and clearing from narrow residential roads. Better ice management on circle drive and high traffic thoroughways.
Immediate response to heavy snowfall
Immediate salting/sanding for ice. Could dump snow in empty lots for sledding
Implement more evening cleaning when traffic is less. Will require cooperation of the union agreement to make it feasible economically.
Increase service by no parking on street from 11pm to 7 am
Increase snow removal from main arteries and well used secondary roads quicker
Increase spending on snow removal in residential areas
Increase the frequency and consider doing the whole road network.
Increased care of icy intersections
Increased ice management

it is difficult to budget for because the winters can be so different - this one was relatively mild - whatever is saved one year should be carried over for the next year just in case it is a bad one - stay on top of icy intersections and conditions
It would be great if the snow budget, if unused, could be rolled into a rainy day fund for future heavy snow years. Once a maximum level was reached in this rainy day fund any further unused money could be reallocated to one-time urban beautification project or things like that.
It's fine as is.
It's fine.
Just better management of the process. When it is not needed it's unconscionable to see the pieces of equipment, manpower and operating costs wasted by just putting in time.
Keep main arteries in excellent condition.
Keep on it, can't complain too much.
keep surplus snow removal money where it is and not into general revenue
Keep the roads clear but the way it is being done seems like a waste. We live on Kenderdine Road and the graders go over and over and over the street so many times it seems that they are just killing time. I need to park a vehicle on the street but they constantly fill in my parking spot.
Keep the ruts out of the streets
Keeping more on top of ice during the winter
Keeping rut depths to a minimum
Leave more discretion to administration or adapt a policy to address snow build up or rut depth instead of automatically sending equipment in to non-priority routes.
Less "Salt" Saves big dollars. The City has all these gravel trucks running around spreading salt and gravel continuously and it really does not change anything other than give the people that don't know how to drive a false sense of security
Let salt and sand being used which will require less clean up, salt especially causes a lot of damage and is not great when cold anyways quit trying to be a city from the east and be Saskatoon n we did pretty good with rear wheeled vehicles we should be fine with a bit less salt and gravel
Let's face it our vehicles are expensive and a priority. Deep ruts, uncleared streets can cause accidents which in turn cost us as citizens huge repair bills whether its body work, tires, undercarriage repairs, etc. I would rather pay a few extra dollars towards more snow and ice managements than huge repair bills to my vehicle.
Let's start doing some actual winter maintenance. Clear the majority of the streets and get it done quickly. I have never understood this "stiff upper lip" attitude we have toward snow clearing. We don't all drive 4x4 trucks. I would be willing to pay far more than the \$10.80 per year that this tool tells me is necessary for better winter maintenance. I would easily pay two or three times that amount.
Liked what was done in 2015-2016
Look at other cities, don't reinvent the wheel. Use land bank profit to increase service.
Look at Winnipeg and their ability to clear the roads well. Saskatoon has HORRIBLE snow and ice management.
Main arteries, bridges, overpasses.
Main roads need to be cleared timely.
Main roads should be cleared within 24 hours.
Maintain current levels.
Maintain major arteries - somehow avoid berms on side streets
Maintain the main roadways and do not expand its present mandate even if funds are available
Major roads only. Maybe if people stopped shovelling and blowing snow onto the residential streets it wouldn't be as bad. I hate when graders come by and leave a big ridge in front of my house. I always clean the street in front of my house.

Major streets first. Ice Management where needed. Lower speed limits on roads that have recurring ice problems.
Make sure residential streets get cleared by Jan 15. Core neighborhoods haven't seen a grader until it starts to melt. Then we end up with big winrows that prevent on street parking. It would be better to just leave it and let it melt at that point.
Making sure major roadways, with transit and cycling, should be prioritized for snow clearing. Neighbourhood clearing should be done to make sure large ruts do not form.
Making sure that sidewalks and walkways are clear. Including business parking lots. Have slipped way to many times.
More attention to side streets & crescents.
More clearing and removal
more clearing of snow in night when less traffic
more efficient and timely removal of snow
more frequent clearing and de-icing of residential areas
More frequent clearing of pedestrian and cycling paths.
More inner city snow ploughing. I live in Caswell Hill and our street was not done at all this past winter despite the fact that we live on a hill. Phone calls do nothing.
more maintenance on side streets
More prompt clearing of public sidewalks in high traffic shopping areas where aging adults live
More sand at stop signs in neighbourhoods sooner before the intersection is icy
More sand on roads for ice especially at stop signs/lights
More sanding equipment, more responsive sanding.
More work on the side streets please. Otherwise WAAAAY better last year than in previous years.
Moving snow in residential areas to the curb and not on the sidewalks; Where signs prohibit parking at specified times, THAT is when you do the curb to curb cleanouts and hauling. It must be frustrating and inefficient for trucks to be sitting in traffic with loads of snow needing to be hauled to specified dumpsites. This is a needless cost and more snow dump sites can be utilized that reduce the amount of fuel and time spent hauling to so called environmentally safe melting pads. This is frozen water with some gravel and road salt that is running into the storm drains in March regardless. Perhaps negotiating with malls or larger parking lot owners to stockpile some snow in severe weather and later hauling away would quicken turnaround time for trucks??
Much more attention needs to be given to sidewalks. Downtown is good except for sidewalks alongside parking lots (even City's!). City's recent initiative to fine people who don't clean their sidewalks is good, but is it enforced? Our neighbour did not remove his snow even once. Enforcement matters. In recent years, the Broadway Bridge has been looked after better than before, but this past winter it remained terrible for quite a while at the west end of the bridge, south side.
My priorities is removing snowbanks and clearing residential roads. Perhaps have a second, scheduled system that's not attached to snowfalls.
My road maybe gets cleared once a year. The ruts are horrible not just on my street but all secondary streets.
My street never gets plowed anyways. Had to buy a 4X4 just to get around the city. Bravo. This year wasn't bad, but you can thank mother nature for that.
My top priorities are that all streets in Saskatoon get plowed because all Saskatoon residents pay taxes. Public Works informs me my neighbourhood doesn't get snow clearing or street sweeping.
No changes. They do a good job in this area.
Not piling the dirty snow and ice on boulevard trees.
Not removing snow less than 2 cm from the ground.
Nothing
On a year with heavy snowfall, snow clearing needs to happen more often.

Once a year clearing of side streets.
Once again to actually do the job properly! Seems like the only crews that do a proper job are the subbed out crews!
Only clear roads that need it, not to meet a 'at least once a season' goal. I saw a lot of waste this past winter and it angered a lot of people.
Only sand when absolutely necessary.
Our street has only been cleaned twice in 6 yrs.
Overall better work
Please find a way to manage snow and ice without using so much sand and gravel. Please! In the spring, the city is a dusty, dirty mess due to all the sand and gravel. The city is full of smart people - we have to be able to think of a better solution to snow and Ice than sand, sand, and more sand.
Please put SALT on the streets, to help dissolve the ice, not gravel, it doesn't do anything except get thrown by the tires, and has cost us numerous dents on our vehicles and a windshield....
Ploughing more residential streets , especially if they are rutted
Plow all streets and remove the plowed snow from all roads, not just downtown.
Plow shoulders of streets which have bike lanes so that people on bikes do not have to ride in the lanes.
Plow snow in residential neighbourhoods
Plow the freaking streets! This city is a freaking embarrassment come winter time.
Plowing most main streets with purpose built plows rather than using graters.
Plowing sooner and while snowing; snow removal. Stop thinking of 'new' ways to explain what you're trying to do. I.e. priority streets. Plow exit/ on ramps at the same time Circle Dr is plowed
Plowing residential streets.
Prioritize the prompt cleaning of main traffic routes. less frequent residential cleanup
Private companies taking care of the side streets
Program is fine. We live in Saskatchewan.it will snow a lot and it doesn't magically disappear. The teams are doing a good job.
Promptly remove the snow from the sidewalks around schools, hospitals bus stops and the post-secondary education campuses. Put a blade under the sanding trucks so when the sander is out, the snow is removed immediately before sanding.
Provide sand locations where residents can pick it up to San their sidewalks and streets as needed. Other communities in Ontario do this.
Quicker response time
Quicker response to snow events and residential snow removal. Remove snow from downtown streets-don't leave piled in the middle of streets for extended periods. Upgrade equipment
Quicker sanding of intersections, faster ice removal, better grading to remove ice ruts
Quicker snow and ice removal after a storm.
Quit filling my driveway
Recommend reducing total road surface, invest in densification, minimize roads per capita, and use narrower road widths. Prioritize pedestrian and cycling pathways for snow removal, particularly in core neighbourhoods.
Regular snow removal - including and especially at pedestrian crosswalks, bridges, and city walkways
Removal of snow from the sidewalks (where it is dumped when they clear the residential roads) as an immediate task, as opposed to one that only gets done if someone complains, and only when there is time.
Removal of snow piles on Roadside.
Remove all ice and snow to make all neighborhoods safe to drive in. St. Charles Ave. has had such big ruts in the past that I hope no accidents have occurred.
Remove deep ruts in side streets.

Remove snow from residential areas too once or twice a month.
Remove snow in the shoulders so bikes can still use the roads in the winter!
Remove snowpack where it causes unsafe traffic conditions. Circle Drive boulevard, Lawson Height areas, bridges and overpasses and wherever the road width is reduced and traffic is heavy.
Remove the snow from the streets, instead of piling it up on curbs and boulevards. This may cost more up front, but the decreased ice and snow melt that refreezes is the main reason the roads get so damaged. The return from having to repair so many failed roads will be worth the cost.
Remove the snow.
Removing snow on side roads often decreases their drivability and reduces on street parking, I would prefer to see less residential clearing.
Residential sidewalk snow/ice removal
Residential snow removal
Residential streets get more attention
Roads cleared based on traffic lanes, not usage (clear area between lines on freeways and roads). I think current priority system is working, just more attention to the secondary roads from time to time.
Rut management on non-priority streets
Rut removal is our biggest concern in old Nutana, where the streets are so narrow that a person parking his or her car on the street is almost guaranteed at least one hit and run per winter from people driving too fast in the icy ruts. This must cost SGI an awful lot of money, as I know from experience it costs those of us who live here.
Same as the city's try and have all major roadways cleared sanded and salted if necessary
Sand quickly.
Sanding frequently used corners and intersections early. Review other cities such as Winnipeg or Toronto to see how they handle snow
Sanding icy intersections
Sanding, plowing but NO SNOW REMOVAL except on main roads and maybe old areas with narrow streets. What waste to move snow...equipment and maintenance and drivers to move those heavy loads on already stressed roads to a site that has to be purchased and maintained.
scrape ice/snow ruts off residential roads in winter,
Seems to be sufficient to me.
Service level too high.
Shovel and graders should be out within 2 hours of the end of a storm. All of them.
Side street clean up
side street clearing
Sidewalk clearing and sweeping the street
Sidewalk maintenance along major streets in core areas.
sidewalks and bike routes first, then roads
Sidewalks are severely neglected resulting in pedestrians being unable to use them or suffering injury from slips and falls on the ice left to accumulate. The city needs to step up its efforts on its sidewalks and bylaw needs to step up enforcement for private sidewalks.
Sidewalks in the winter are terrible. Makes it very difficult to live an active lifestyle for 4-5 months of the year.
Simply improve how management allocates time
Since our city is a winter city, improved road clearance in the winter is a must.
Smart snow removal.
Snow clearing etc. to be designated to City Employees and not private contractors
Snow clearing of all roads in all neighborhoods after a major snowfall. More environmental friendly products used to reduce ice....more friendly to our roads, vehicles and driveways.
Snow removal after a big snowfall, next morning, for the main roads and highways

Snow removal does not happen on my street anyway so I would endorse a significant decrease for Snow and Ice management.
snow removal is a priority
Snow removal is adequate, we don't need residential snow removal unless we have a bad year like 1 in 10 years
snow removal is pretty good, city sidewalks need to be addressed, especially the malls
Snow removal on side streets; better maintained sidewalk snow removal (particularly to be inclusive to those in wheelchairs or reduced mobility.)
Snow removal. Not pushing it onto sidewalks
Snow REMOVAL...not just clearing
Snow removers dispatched better, trucks should not be following one another down the street, same as street sweepers. What a waste
Snow windrows should be pushed to the middle of the street. Allows vehicles to continue parking next to sidewalks and is all around safer for children. Windrows can be picked up with the large snow blowers when needed. When the melt comes, the gutters would have no large snow piles in them allowing for proper drainage. This is done on some really large streets, I think that most residential streets are wide enough as well.
Some winters the residential streets need more attention.
speed - more private company's hired
Start removing snow instead of piling it in furrows on curbs sidewalks and bike lanes. Currently you make it entirely impassible for pedestrians and cyclists for a marginal improvement for cars
Start sanding before storm hits
Start scraping/plowing as soon as it's snowing! Don't wait for cars to compact it so it's impossible to remove.
Status quo. Seems to be a good balance at this time.
Stop narrowing streets with windrows.
Stop plowing all the snow up onto the sidewalks, then demanding the home owner shovel the walk and remove the plow ridge or be fined. The plow drivers routinely destroy any trees planted on the medians, maybe train them better.
Stop sanding and salting during storms. Push snow into ditches vs medians
stop using so much salt gravel mix
Streets need to be wider so that snow plows can actually get down the streets more efficiently. This is needed especially in the newer areas.
The city continues to receive a failing grade here. Sanding the roads after all the snow was gone, and not sanding when there was a freezing rain.
The city does a good job of clearing major roadways after winter storms.
The city needs to enforce bylaws about shovelling sidewalks -- it is ridiculous that I can't walk around in winter without risk of a fall...even in downtown/pedestrian areas.
The City needs to maintain streets, bridges and sidewalks if it expects individual property owners to maintain sidewalks. Windrows need to have sufficient breaks (especially at corners) to allow pedestrians to cross. Declare snow routes or take down the signs.
The city needs to place more energy into snow removal. What we have is a joke. Residential streets need attention as well.
The city should divide the city into quadrants and then assign crews to each quadrant and then the crews just clean that one area. The city is obsessed with cleaning downtown streets but leave many of the residential streets a total nightmare of packed ice that sits till spring as the city only cleans the resident sections once a year. quite putting concrete barriers down the street of streets they just create a mess in winter of snow removal and build-up of ice on the roads
The government should be forcing people to use snow tires. Safer due to reduced amount of accidents and save money on snow removal.

<p>The jump on snow clearing in residential areas was of benefit through the winter and through the spring thaw freeze cycle. The roads were not as hard to navigate and the spring ruts and dips were not as bad. The sanding and salting at times was lagging, but we did have several periods of freezing rain and thaw/freeze cycles from Jan - April. The Sidewalk Snow Removal Bylaw needs improvement. Too many sidewalks covered in snow and ice, without consequences to the home owner or property managers. Hard for pedestrians to get to bus stops, grocery stores, etc. In an area that has a high walkability score these are very important.</p>
<p>The main high volume streets, bus routes and freeways. Don't clear residential. Just spot clear residential on an as needed basis. I have never thought my street should be cleaned unless people are getting stuck. I don't want city to give to matters like this when it is a minor inconvenience and there are other things to spend money on.</p>
<p>The mill rate was raised two years in a row for extra residential clearing and yet we have not had a winter grading for the past three years. Keep the major streets clear of snow and less water will cause the freezing thawing damage, then will result in savings.</p>
<p>The newer areas seem to be much more neglected. We need safe and clear roads to drive on as well!</p>
<p>The pendulum for snow/ice management has swung too far right (as in more funding allocated) and needs to be re-balanced.</p>
<p>The present habits seem effective where I live.</p>
<p>The snow plowing has been done more quickly and has been expanded the last couple of years on main streets. We had a little snow to clear last year, but the plan for residential plowing is a concern mostly because of capacity with all the new areas we are adding to the city. How do we build capacity without raising the taxes an exorbitant amount? The main routes that are plowed first I agree with, but can we look to other cities to see how they set priorities for secondary and residential areas?</p>
<p>The snow removal process has worked well in the past several years.</p>
<p>The staff do good work. Some out of the way residential only get snow removal one a year if at all. Training the operators, too much extra cost to repair things damaged from the snow plow.</p>
<p>The weather is so unpredictable, what is happening to date is good</p>
<p>There is adequate snow removal now.</p>
<p>They probably shouldn't bother plowing while blizzards are still happening. You're just going to do the work twice.</p>
<p>Things have been progressing quite well except last winter when there was that big ice storm resulting in numerous accidents including my mother's when the gravel trucks had not even been out once yet including on Circle Drive. That is inexcusable as it is a safety issue</p>
<p>This has improved a lot in recent years, but there still needs to be better PROACTIVE ice management on roads.</p>
<p>This is a difficult task that is 100% unpredictable. Response time is crucial to prevent cumulative build and costs. Annual review of priority routes, flow and traffic patterns is important.</p>
<p>This is a harsh climate. Having snow plows that don't just plow but also remove snow from the ends of citizens drive ways is costly in terms of time, maintenance and capital. Just go to snow plows and plow the roads, we have to clear our drives for own use anyway. That just takes too much time and \$\$'s The zones help, however only high traffic areas are ever passable.</p>
<p>This past year was not a problem, but in some years the residential streets were almost not drivable due to ridges and ruts. Residential streets need more consideration. However...I'm not sure I would like to see too much of an increase in the budget.</p>
<p>Thought last year was good</p>
<p>Timely clearing of snow on major roads. I feel like the city is doing a great job in this department.</p>
<p>Timely snow removal from major city streets</p>
<p>To be able to get out earlier in storms and have major roadways cleared before people are headed to work.</p>

Too much money spent clearing roads that don't really need it.
Top priority is to ensure main roads are cleared. I have changed from cars to SUV's because of city road clearing practices, as have many others. Why bother now to try and clean the residential side streets and charge more money for it.
Transit routes should be have high priority for snow clearance.
Use better judgement with respect to this budget. Consider the forecast and the time of year before sending out crews to clear snow and ice. If temperatures will be above zero, avoid clearing snow when Mother Nature could do it for free!
Use our money efficiently. Taxes have constantly gone up but things aren't looking any better. Only operate when it will actually be productive.
Use smaller plows rather than a grader. Full removal of snow piles on sides of the streets
Using less salt and more sand instead.
Very good this year, I would hope there is a surplus due to weather??
Very good this year, I would hope there is a surplus in funds due to weather and lack of snow??
Walkways clearing. Clearing and snow removal in bike lanes.
We didn't get too much snow last year plus my road rarely gets plowed anyway
We do a good job of keeping main arteries passable, but residential streets need more snow removal - before ruts get to be a foot deep and cause damage to vehicles' undercarriage and cause accidents.
We had a lucky year weather wise in 2015. I am satisfied to pay more for snow clearing in 2017
We live in a country where snows is. Not every road has to be cleared 24/7 throughout winter
We live in a winter country, hard to predict, however every winter is followed by spring and our streets are an absolute disaster with sand and stone for what seems like a long time following the melt. A higher priority on spring cleanup especially on main streets into Saskatoon would help to give the image that Saskatoon Shines.
We live in McCallum Way and our roads don't really get cleared because it is not a main road considering we also pay tax.
We need more of this. In Alberta and Edmonton you can drive down a street in winter and not have to deal with 1 foot ruts and only seeing a snow plough down side streets twice a year. The roads are clean and maintained. The lack here of; snow grating down side streets causes water main breaks do to vibration cracks in waterlines that are weakened and rupture with little to no frost or thaw. It also destroys our roads when this is left unmaintained costing the city and HOMEOWNERS MORE every year in damages and road repairs which we do not even have enough money to maintain as it is. The problem needs to be fixed at its source. Starting with better road care during winter months.
We should spend less time clearing snow from residential streets unless they are bus routes. Standing should remain should remain at the same levels.
Well, my street has never had the snow removed from it since the tax increase for residential snow removal was put in place. If you want my taxes for snow removal, start removing the snow!
What we are doing right now is not working, I seen crews removing snow from the medians with plus degree temperatures around the corner. This is unacceptable. The manager of that division should have enough common sense to know the snow was melting the next week.
When it is late in the year, (March), there shouldn't be snow removal. The snow piled up will melt soon.

When street clearing crews accidentally put snow on sidewalks, sidewalk clearing equipment seems to be on standby to clean it up. This equipment would be more productive if it worked with street clearing equipment and cleared the sidewalks on main arteries and streets in conjunction with the street clearing crew instead of sitting idly on standby. Same manpower. Same equipment on site. Can't see any extra cost! Sanding and salt or salt-substitute needs to be done sooner after storms. SGI should be approached to contribute to this function as it would significantly reduce claims resulting from "fender benders".

While I agree with the priority system to clear streets after a snowfall, perhaps more education could be put forward to teaching people how to drive in the snow. With the influx of immigrants to Saskatoon that have never driven in snow... perhaps education in that area could be brought forward to SGI. The snow removal notification needs to be a little better as I have seen the removal signs out for a number of days and no removal has happened and then the signs are gone and then removal starts and my vehicle gone with no indication as to where they put it. To which I found it with a \$100 ticket on the windshield. I don't mind paying for a ticket if I am in the wrong but the signs were gone and past the days they were doing the removal. I read in a previous document to actually invest in snow plows... which would be an idea since the graders do/can tear up the streets. But then again that is more money to add to buy new equipment

With climate change, there should be more rain/sleet issues and fewer snowfall issues. De-icing methods need improvement. Major roads, bus lanes and major sidewalks need more attention while side roads merit less attention.

With mild winters more resources can be conserved

- No Changes/No Suggestions were mentioned 5 times.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

What are your top priorities for Traffic Management? What change(s) would you suggest?

GET RID OF THE BIKE LANES. For the number of cyclists vs. automobiles, bikes don't rate any space!!!
I'd like to see more crosswalks with flashing lights. I don't know what they're called, the pedestrian can push the button and the lights flash and slow traffic. I'd like to see more left turn lanes, with arrows and have the existing arrows in operation all the time (except maybe late at night). Is there a more durable paint for cross walks and etc.? Some of the lanes are narrow (going north on the 25th st bridge for example and the lines sure do help.
"REASONABLE" traffic movement around the city. There are roads that Should have a Higher Speed Limit i.e. Circle Drive Should be 100 km. Taylor St should be at least 50km as the 5 school zones and schools include 3 high school and in all cases NONE of these schools has a "Taylor St FRONT ENTRANCE. This past Fall 2015 I attended a neighborhood meeting on traffic and was told that 23 "traffic calming" (nothing could be farther from reality) measures were being introduced on Kingsmere, Taylor, Stillwater. These will create even more driver frustration, traffic backups on Kingsmere back onto Taylor during peak traffic times. ZERO measures to improve traffic flow were suggested. The presenters suggested that the ave speed drivers were going on Kingsmere was 58 BUT that drivers reduced speed to limits in the school zones. SO WHAT'S the PROBLEM? If traffic is moving safely while respecting school zone speeds, what is the reason for forcing speed reduction?? ...Seems the city's reaction to traffic is ALWAYS Reduce Speed rather than Improving traffic flow and look at Moving Traffic at higher speeds on roads that can handle it. The traffic camera tax grab has greatly increased traffic problems with drivers frequently slowing down to 76 on a 90 posted road, jamming up traffic, and creating far more congestion than ever. Penalize the "lunatics" going 130 but not the average person trying to get around going 100 on roads that can handle it. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO SIT ON A TRAFFIC COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES!!! DON'T GET ME START ON "BIKE LANES" PAID FOR BY TAX PAYERS!!!
1 Mile Square Radius thoroughfares. Phoenix AZ provides an excellent transportation model 33rd needs to be 2 lanes, as does 22nd and 11th street. Flow traffic onto Freeways. Fix the plan for the North Commuter bridge as traffic will bottleneck between Preston Crossing and Central/Attridge. Route Semi Trucks onto North Commuter bridge and off the 42nd St Commercial Area. Reduce the funding to Bike Lanes. The ridership is low and many bikers do not use them. We are a city that has several months of Winter as well. We are putting the interest of the few ahead of the many on this matter and it needs to change.
2 roads through he swale are not necessary, too much emphasis on cars and not enough on alternatives
45 street and the entrance from the highway on the north side. Take part of the property from Travelodge and put I. A right hand turn lane
A 4th overpass to Stonebridge is needed for obvious safety reasons.
A lot of the money spent on evaluations could be better managed.
Access in and out of subdivisions
Add traffic lights to busy intersections
Adding third lanes on Circle Dr. in selected locations such as Cir Dr. northbound between 108th St. & Attridge Dr. plus between Taylor St. & 8th St. northbound.
Advance left turn lights at intersections all the time*** Ticket slow drivers who stay in passing lanes. Ticket drivers who don't signal, especially turning left. Stricter traffic knowledge/ experience for new drivers. Better lane markings. Stiffer penalties for texters, etc.

Again hold these people accountable. They get paid well to make these decisions for the future already and continually make the wrong decisions. They should be let go. Whoever made the decision to build the ramp on attride and circle should be held accountable. Why are we re-doing it?
Again poor job. Signage is never done on timely basis. Should use better paint the first time to avoid yearly painting? Bike lanes in city centre is useless. Not used by cyclists nor obeyed by drivers. More hazard than benefit. Cost us money for nothing.
All is good
All parks should have a mandatory 30km 24/7 or introduce speed bumps.
Already has a terrible job done of it so why would I bother putting my money towards it? Nothing is thought through when it comes to practical or time management wise
Although I hate them, the red light cameras seem to make good \$\$ and control traffic 24/7 The speed cameras are also good in school zones.... can't believe I just said that.
Another mode of exit and traffic control in the university heights, evergreen expansion.
Apparently the...Engineer that missed two loops on the Circle Drive and 22nd St overpass was paid a higher wage than Toronto's Engineer. Hmmm, I don't think he should have been paid at all, in fact he should have been fired for that fiasco! I have no faith in our City Council...as far as planning and budget are concerned for this city....Yes we do need to look ahead to the future but we also need to be fiscally responsible.
as above build wider lane roadways at the start
As the city keeps expanding to the west, we, in Massey Place, find it increasingly difficult to exit our neighbourhood as both 33rd St. & Confederation Drive are major arteries and are also our only exits. Repeated requests for traffic lights or some other way of controlling traffic have been denied.
Aside from yearly line painting and sufficient new signage, this area could be trimmed.
Basic safety measures (i.e. improved crosswalks, crosswalk lighting, speed control, and protected bike lanes) needed to allow core residents who prefer to walk/bike to safely navigate the increased traffic being funneled into the center of the city by all of the new developments on the periphery.
Being able to control when lights turn red/green. It is ridiculous to have to wait 3 minutes for a light to change when there is no traffic coming in the opposite direction. New equipment needed there for sure. Also, the light timing (for example - coming from SaskTel Centre to Home Depot on Circle Drive, the light turning left onto Circle allows us to move, but then the light at the exit to Idylwyld changes red, so only one semi and a few cars can get through that intersection, very frustrating).
Better advanced signage, especially taking into consideration visitors to the city who are not familiar with the road layouts. Downtown traffic needs to be reduced with reliable transit.
Better bike lanes & smarter traffic light scheduling.
Better coordination of traffic lights
Better coordination of traffic signalization. Better design of traffic calming initiatives.
Better flow
Better management around school zones
Better painting of lines on the streets. More synchronizing of traffic lights would be a major improvement to traffic flow on major streets. I would pay more to see a plan to move all trucks off of 42nd street. If the south bridge was connected to the road to Dalmany this wold go a long way to solving this problem and make a whole bunch of truckers very happy....
Better planning for access and exit and fix the god awful circle drive north. Why on earth would anyone plan a road with a light every 10 car lengths.
Better planning.

Better planning. Currently there is little or no planning for new areas resulting in bottleneck and poor traffic flow. Twists and turns make it hard for city people to find their way around much less visitors from out of town. We have a chance to build car friendly roads with good flow. Let's do that instead of having people sit in their cars at bottlenecks and burn fuel. Bottlenecks and getting lost means motorists speeding along to try to make up time, it's dangerous. And finally emergency vehicles can't get to where they are going quickly and efficiently. Let's build with vehicles in mind because people use them. Oh and plan bike paths to look like those in Europe. We can do that when we are planning the city but not after. Let's spend some money and hire qualified city planners.
Better road markings - longer lasting paint.
better road planning one poor example is the Circle drive should not dump out on a business laden street 42nd Street The main arteries should bypass businesses and the circle should be free flowing
Better roadway signage and better signage for dual turning lanes. Increased speed limits for circle drive.
Better street signage
Better timing at traffic lights to improve flow of traffic.
Better traffic light synchronization (including pedestrian considerations) is needed. E.g. fewer lights on low-traffic streets that turn red when there's no vehicles or pedestrians waiting at the intersection (e.g. Clarence and Temperance).
Bike lanes!! Protected ones!
bridge over major railroad crossings
Bridges and overpasses - we need to quit thinking like a 'small city'.
Build a bridge from Stonebridge for pedestrians and bikes only at the south end of Clarence Ave over the Circle Drive, and make Clarence a major cycling artery to the university. Alternately, we can add southbound bicycle lanes to both the Preston Ave overpass and Clarence Ave overpass. Improve public transportation
Build that North Bridge. Put in more active crosswalks, and make it a two minute wait, not a wait until there is no traffic coming from either direction (see active crosswalk by Mayfair Library).
Building the north bridge to reduce traffic on attridge dr.
Change to durable lane marking.
City is growing. East side areas are being developed with high population densities, the roads to move people are not planned well enough for what the city charges for land.
Complete the Stonebridge interchange - make it a full 4 leaf clover to allow for southbound exit and northbound entrance
Conducting more traffic studies to reduce heavy traffic in some of our roads.
Control sprawl, increase inner city density and improve transit and bike lanes
Cut in half!
Current programs for traffic light control is not working as well as it could be; need to look a better ways to keep traffic flowing based on time of day and directions needed. * Whoever did South bridge and road planning did an awesome job, hire them to do the new north bridge plan. Need to eliminate new bike lanes downtown and return to how it was. The few cyclist can learn to ride safely without causing undue stress on the person exiting the passenger side of the vehicle.
Cycling pathways that are connected and don't mysteriously end. Oh, and actually maintained year round. Improving safety of cycling will encourage more cyclists year round and will improve the health and wellbeing of our population and decrease urban sprawl

Decrease overhead and administration and focus dollars on delivering the service. Eliminate Left hand turns from and to Clancy and Laurier to allow freeway traffic to flow on Circle Drive. There are major interchanges available very near both of these freeway sets of lights. Do not allow Road Construction signs and barriers to impede traffic flow when there are extended periods of no activity at the site.
Dedicated turning lanes to improve traffic flow. Example, on 22nd St turning right onto circle south.
Direct more traffic to bypass Saskatoon
Do more work at night? Congestion during the "road work season" is terrible. Also covering speed and working signs when nobody is around doing the work.
Do we have traffic management if we do that is a joke. There is no road design. We are never proactive always reactive and then it is too late.
Does this include prioritizing alternative modes of transportation to make them more viable? (I.e. transit, cycling and pedestrians). We do not need new bridges.
Don't try to catch up with traffic by road building, because patterns change as soon as one route is perceived as faster than another. Provide rapid transit from the outer suburbs to attract all those 'single driver' people out of their vehicles. Develop dedicated commuter and/or public transit lanes on thoroughfares like Attridge Drive, College Drive, 22nd St, and other heavily-used roads during morning and evening rush times. Use more of the budget to hire experienced city planners and prevent stupid mistakes like Stonebridge.
Downtown access and egress during peak times needs to be improved,
Efficient usage of streets and infrastructure.
Eliminating as many light controlled intersections on major roadways as possible. Preferably building and cloverleaf at McOrmand and highway 5
Enforce (if necessary create) bylaws restricting slow moving traffic from high speed roads!
Enough with the new and improved parking meters. I can't believe this is more efficient or cost effective.
Enough with the stupid traffic lights!! Yeah that's a great way to help traffic move put in more traffic lights... Sarcasm of course the city is in desperate need of more overpasses! I am sure everyone living in new development areas love the fact they have only 2 ways in and out of their area... And have to wait up to 2 hrs in a commute to and from work! Never mind how difficult it is for emergence vehicles to try to get through those horribly planned/developed areas!!
Ensure lines are painted on the roads quicker.
Ensure local traffic is not increased because of changes such as school relocation or enlargement. For instance will a traffic circle at 7th and Preston increase traffic on Arlington Ave.
Ensure there is more than one way out of areas as they are built. I think this is a major flaw in new area planning. Think ahead to what the population in the area could be at its peak
Ensure traffic moves in the most efficient manner. That involves eliminating things that impede traffic like poor signal timing.
Everyone knows traffic flow is managed be traffic light timing. Well ours are terrible slowing down traffic and wasting fuel. No more money until those in charge can do it right.
Expand circle to three lanes in all areas - plan for future growth of 15 - 20 years in the future and continually adjust plans for that view. Circle drive is not big enough if we are going to meet the City's population growth target.
Find ways to reduce and calm traffic; encourage and build to accommodate active transportation.
Finding a solution to the busy trains that go through the city so not blocking traffic during peak times or as long as they have been.
Finish the new bridge

Fire whomever is responsible for traffic flow in Saskatoon! The south bridge was put in and to access highway 16 via circle drive south you have to go north to a bottle neck at Idylwyld with one left turn lane going north. Very few semi type trucks use the new bridge because of the issues that still exist. There is no possible way to bypass Saskatoon travelling from Regina to Edmonton. Advanced signage for streets in Saskatoon is some of the worst that I have seen.
Fix the debacle on Circle Drive from Airport Drive to Warman Road.
Flow
Focus more on active commuting, adding tolls for vehicles, HOV lanes, focus on public transit improvements.
Focus on left turn signals throughout the city. Our left turn signals trigger far too infrequently (provided they're even at the intersection,) leading to traffic congestion and driver's taking risks. More advanced controls to identify when cars are present to make a left turn and how many cars to govern duration would go a long way. Travel to any other city for a reference on how to properly accomplish left turn signals.
Focus on signage and education.
Future planning/construction. I noticed in Calgary the dirt-work for roads and overpasses have been completed and there won't be an actual road there for years. This makes a lot of sense to me. The future is planned out.
Get rid of bike lanes!!!!!!
get rid of some dead weight in city hall
Get rid of the 30kph speed zones around schools
Get rid of the protected bike lanes... they are a total waste of taxpayer funding for a very small segment of our population; usage is minimal; clearing the lanes of snow at least 4 months of the year so a hand full of riders "might" use the lanes is a larger waste of tax payer funding; and there is no compelling argument or data to support a need for them. Currently at least 99% of Saskatoon roadways do not have any protected bike lanes and I see no evidence that we are inordinately experiencing any unusually high incidents involving bike traffic.
Get rid of the sound walls they push the noise further into the neighborhood to those of us who have paid a premium for our lots and they look horrible. Get rid of the bicycle lanes in downtown cause ridiculous congestion and in the past two days, I have seen three cyclists using the ROADWAY and not the bicycle lane! (I guess the good thing is I finally saw cyclist's downtown).
Get the lights synced better in rush hour traffic and more left hand turn arrows.
Good
Greater thought put into paint for street lanes. Different mix or application processes should be pursued and investigated. Surely we can expect more longevity than one year with lane paint.
Have the city planners not cram people into large areas with only 2-3 exits that cause traffic gams. better planning
Have the police enforcing the traffic bylaws. I believe most traffic issues are caused by people not following the rules of the road.
higher fines in according to seriousness of offence
Hire or retrain existing staff so that they understand the traffic requirements that are needed in this city. The planning does not seem to be working! Also having staff/contractors painting pictures of fish etc., on the pavement/sidewalks accomplishes nothing. Traffic lights really need to be adjusted to keep traffic moving!
Hire people who actually know what they are doing. We are placing stop light where we should have over passes like by the SaskTel center on hwy 16. There should be over passes at train crossing on major roads: 22nd, 51st, 33rd, Idylwyld.
Holding pattern. Business as usual. Focus on current infrastructure.
I am OK with traffic.

I don't see the point of paying a lot for this when it isn't done as it is. There are spots that have had heavy demands for signs and signals. It has been over 5 years and nothing has been done. It is a joke. If there was a guarantee in big changes I would pay more.
I feel that west side citizens are treated as 2nd class citizens to the east side. My example is McClockIn Road and Claypool Drive. Why were they not fully completed to their final stage at the start, why was a temporary road put in place so that the residents of Hampton and Dundonald need to put up with construction when it should have been done right in the first place. Also, why was Claypool drive closed for over 2 weeks last year when there was no work being done? Managers need to keep on top of their projects. A lot could be done to improve efficiency. Why does the west side have 3 red light cameras and the east side only one?
I fully support research to ensure that what is being done is effective and functional.
I have driven a LOT in North America, and I do not see a traffic management problem in Saskatoon. I am more concerned about unnecessary road development than traffic management. I think it is unforgivable that the city is allowing major roads to be built through the northeast swale, for example. We need to slow down and start considering the impact of road-building on the natural environment.
I like the downtown bike lanes. Something similar along Clarence and Taylor would be great.
I luckily don't have to go through downtown to get to work or travel the route on a daily basis. I avoid circle drive rather than go that way during rush hour if I have to go to a different part of the city during peak times. Circle drive north seems to be a real bottleneck; other parts move a bit faster. Closing the bridge during summer causes delays and frustration, but are there other choices to summer construction schedules that can be explored?
I support a slight increase in funding but the focus should be on planning initiatives and implementing strategies to curb car use. We need to move the mode share needle in the direction of more active and public transportation. Strong leadership and significant changes are required.
I think I said most of it in the road maintenance section. We need better access in and out of neighbourhoods and wider roads with shoulders. I would also like to see the interchange at College and McCormond be constructed. It is so dangerous driving on that road. I fear that I will get rear ended waiting to get to the left turn onto McCormond. I believe the speed along there should be 80 km all the way to McCormond.
I think that funds are being wasted on studies that don't result in any significant changes, especially traffic counters at the neighbourhood level.
I wish more people would use public transport, walk or bike or God-forbid even carpool. Most vehicles appear to have driver only.
I would be happiest to continue to see improvements in bike lanes and transit that would mean less vehicle traffic on the roads.
I would leave the rate the same but I would ask the folks involved to re-orient their thinking. Just because people drive does not mean they should drive; use the information on driving patterns to put in bus routes - very fifteen minutes and decrease the time differences as more people use the buses. HOV lanes.
I would like for City Council to not waste money in this area as they did with the 9th Street Closure. How much money was wasted in conducting that study, implementing the pilot closure only to have City Council over rule and open the closure? I am still incredibly miffed and am surprised at myself for taking part in this survey as the City obviously cares not for the citizen's feedback!!!!!!
I would like to stop spending on bike lanes, leaving more lanes for auto traffic to free up congestion downtown.
I would outsource planning for traffic. The in house engineers have done a TERRIBLE job planning traffic in Saskatoon. For example, build roads and arteries BEFORE building the neighborhoods. Calgary does this very well. Use their methods as a guide!

I would prioritize public transit over traffic management. We need to shift our commuter culture to a more collective approach to transit. We are caught in a catch 22 with regard to public transit. The level of service is not adequate to make it a convenient choice but there is not impetus to upgrade the level of service until more people use public transit.
I would suggest sensors in the road at the traffic lights of busy intersections to move traffic when the opposite side is green but empty Works down south.
I'd like to see a focus on reducing traffic, with increased funding to alternative transportation.
I'd prefer to see work towards more sustainable transport, and a more liveable city. Let's get out of our cars.
I'm not sure where or what the solution is but there are things that need assessed. I think a big thing would be looking at times where access onto Circle Drive north in the business area where the access from side streets is limited (7am - 9am) (4pm - 6pm) Have access to Circle only from only Miller and Faithfull. Allowing a more free flowing Circle Drive during daily rush times.
I'm pleased to see some bike lanes being created, but cyclists need to be educated better. Twice on one day I saw cyclists come very close to being hit by cars turning right. Cyclists need to have enough sense to NOT zoom through an intersection next to the sidewalk when vehicles are signaling a right turn. They come up too quickly to be seen by a driver who's checking for traffic coming from the left.
I'm willing to spend more if you're willing to do things right the first time. For example - the interchange of 22nd St and Betts where it was recently redone to add two lanes instead of the one that was originally installed. Was the amount of traffic not allowed for in the original designs? That is ridiculous and should have been two lanes from the start instead of the one. This was a costly error and inexcusable. Another fine example is the whole 22nd St and Circle Dr interchange - the whole area is a disaster and a poorly designed one at that. What genius came up with having high speed traffic leave a freeway then travel through a residential area to go back to a main thoroughfare?
I've experienced traffic in large cities, what we consider a traffic problem is very normal in most cities of 1m ppl or more.
Implement and enforce HOV/Transit lanes on existing roadways to encourage carpooling and discourage single occupancy vehicle travel during times of heavy traffic. Install buttons for pedestrian activated traffic lights in a location close to the curb within reach of a cyclist stopping at the light, this will make it easier for cyclists to use lower traffic side streets that cross major roadways. Permit cyclists traveling at low speed on sidewalks, yielding to pedestrians to make cycling accessible and safer for young or novice cyclists and those comfortable riding in traffic instead of cycling lanes. Reserve cycling lane construction for routes with heavy pedestrian and/or bicycle traffic adjacent to busy, fast moving or multi-lane roadways. Designate streets parallel to major thoroughfares as "bicycle routes" in older residential areas where roadways are a grid (candidate examples Wiggins Ave between 8th & College, Main Street, 19th Street) and bridge bicycle routes with multi-use cycle/pedestrian paths.
Improve procedure to monitor speeding. The speed limit needs to be better enforced with more signage and line painting. Find better paint that will last longer or other mediums.
Improve the infrastructure of known bottlenecks occurring at rush hours.
Improved lighting and signage at pedestrian crossings
Improving traffic flow would lower emissions, fewer stops at red lights would reduce idling
In my view the Traffic Dept. in this city has too much influence. Desires to see less traffic, say on 20th Street West, are negated by car advocates in the Traffic Dept. City Council in Waterloo passed a motion that all new neighbourhoods must have bike lanes, in order to stop the prejudice in their own traffic department.

Increase flow, stop bottlenecks. If there is an intersection with no stop-light do not put one up. All stop lights should have arrows that activate and do activate with each change to green, and you need to make the turn lanes wide to increase visibility and promote traffic flow
Increase services to encourage less individual vehicles. More pedestrian, bike, bus, other.
Increase speed limits on major thoroughfares.
Increase traffic flow on major arteries instead of impeding them
Increased enforcement on the roads would greatly improve conditions out there. People speed/text/don't pay attention to pedestrians because there is so little traffic enforcement in this city.
Increased level of signals and signs; better planning for traffic management as the new neighborhoods open.
Increased planning initiatives, like the bike lanes. Saskatoon is growing, and the planning needs to be proactive.
Increasing planning, taking into account the increased costs of urban sprawl and studying savings that could be obtained by building up or better using existing urban areas. Increased durable bike lanes and improved walking and biking trails.
Interchange at College & McCormand
Invest in biking infrastructure, it's cheaper in so very many ways.
Invest in long term planning and traffic studies to maximize infrastructure use. More roads does not equal better transportation; in fact, urban leaders like Vancouver stopped building roads to improve overall transportation. Focus on moving people, not cars.
Investing more in active transportation to get people out of the habit of driving everywhere. Creating fewer roads and bridges dedicated solely to car traffic. Take space away from vehicle traffic and allocate to other forms of transportation (public transit, cycling, walking, etc.). Invest more in traffic calming measures.
It doesn't take a 'study' to determine what roads/areas are or are not working. The city has been plagued with poor roadway planning for years & until the 'hired help' can improve on their planning, nothing will help!
It is imperative that planning maps are posted publicly for major roadways, to have as many citizens as possible view them. The cement barrier on 22nd street to prevent 4 land changing is a good idea, but is an accident waiting to happen for night drivers arriving from highway driving, the cement end is very hard to see. Maybe a sign can be posted.
It's critical to improved monitoring and moving of traffic in a safe and efficient manner.
Keep things flowing at peak times of the day
L-train to downtown and university.
Leave streets as they are, do not use those rubber things on the road, they impede the proper ability to turn corners, per SGI rules and they also make turning with an RV very difficult....they have also caused us more "large" vehicle traffic on our crescent, as they can't make the corner with this thing in the road...they can't make S turns,,,etc.....We have 6 Large school buses going down our crescent 4 times a day, for no reason, there are 2 smaller ones also, but they pick up, as there are 2 stops on our crescent
Left hand turn signals at all busy street light intersections, not just major ones
LESS BIKE LANES. Lots of money being spent on few people. Also in High school areas put the speed limit back to 50. They should know how to cross the street.

Less emphasis on new road and bridge construction and more emphasis on use of public transit on existing roadways. Expansion and improvement of the bicycle path network to eliminate gaps in connectivity that discourage its use for regular work or personal business access, especially from the suburbs. Establishment of designated bike and walking paths outside of park areas that provide an alternative to and put them on an equal level with car-based road networks. Building of more commuter bridges over Circle Drive for pedestrian and bicycle use, especially on the east side. Greater emphasis on connecting bicycle use with transit to overcome default attitudes towards cars.
Less money on sound walls.
Less police traffic fine harvesting. Is that railroad bridge really necessary? How can you justify 3 traffic bridges within 2 kilometers of each other?
Less stop lights on major arteries during peak times
Less studies
Less traffic lights on Circle drive and north end between Warman road and idly wide
Let the speed camera's pay for this.
Line painting done with higher quality paint would save repeated painting of same lines. Re use of signs. Moor
Look at timing lights properly, especially on circle north. Pay someone to drive around and see if timings are correct to improve traffic flow. Ensure that construction happens quickly and efficiently. If a street is closed it better be worked on 24/7 until it is done. No down time. If the resources aren't available to work on that street it remains open until resources are there
Lose the bike lanes
Lots of room for improvements e.g. adding curbs everywhere
Make the traffic cameras mobile on trucks instead of the boxes
Many congestion problems on 33 rd St. West, and Idyllwild. Maybe get rid of centre boulevards {Sp} add extra lane. Center lane for straight through traffic.
Many traffic issues in the city. Pavement markings seem to be repainted every year and do not survive the winter. Some areas the slow traffic flow is directly related to design that is no longer working with the increase in traffic, and the cities slow response to these changes. Noise levels have increased in arteries in established neighborhoods - University Heights/Forest Grove - that cannot be changed with sound walls. Any other solutions? (Would a tree buffer help traffic, sports field noise?).
Minimize and prioritize.
More and better traffic data made available to public for intelligent roadway decisions
More bike and pedestrian infrastructure and rapid transit from the airport to downtown. This would help reduce the numbers of vehicles on the road.
more buses, feasibility study of light rail on busiest bus route, densification and ways to curb car use, incentives for carpooling
More clear lane paint markings. Sometimes difficult to clearly see lanes.
More focus on active transportation (transit, biking, walking) and much, much less on vehicles
More frequent re-application of pavement markings. More secure bicycle parking. More efficient use of parking space. The new police station could have been built with 5 or 6 stories of parking rather than the present 2! Look at every parking space and ensure either the city or the private owners make maximum use of the space.
More frequent, prevalent and detailed monitoring; publishing as Open Data. More counters for pedestrian and bike traffic. Data is knowledge and power, and enables the ability to make efficient and evidence-based policy.
More intelligent traffic controls.

More left turn signals. In some areas of Circle drive, there are merge lanes from off ramps that end a few hundred meters from exit lanes, makes no sense (108th to attridge (north bound), South and north bound off Taylor onto Circle Drive and it looks like this same practice is being done North bound from the new Stonebridge overpass towards hwy 16. Vehicles traveling through have to allow a merging vehicle in just to watch it exit a few hundred meters. This is not effective for continuous traffic movement.
More monitoring on speed and creating ways to slow traffic down in busy residential areas
more overpasses and build another bridge downtown
More red light cameras and more speed cameras to control problem areas: Circle Drive, main roadways, school zones on main roadways.
More red light cameras please.
More responsive traffic signals
More service roads and less overpasses. Forget snow removal in the bike lanes.
More signs and better placed signs for people travelling that are not from here.
Most of these sound walls must already be built by now, right? That could be adjusted then. Thorough streets could have speed bumps installed to slow things down, i.e., Sutherland 108th. The way that traffic slows on Melicke with its two speed bumps and pedestrian crossings is good.
Move away from Car-centric focus
Moving traffic. Timing lights better-I am told lights at Laurier cannot be timed with lights at airport drive- baloney.
My top priority would be to co-ordinate street lights on major roads so that traffic will flow better. In Germany the lights are times so that if the person drives a specific speed they will hit every green light. Why can't this be don't on the major roads like College or 25th street or Idlwyld?
Need better planning.
New bridge has made a big difference in the city's overall traffic flow. Well done! I live in the Erindale/Willowgrove area; from ~ 7:15am - 9am and 4:30-6pm the traffic on both Attridge Drive and College Drive is a growing concern. Additionally, lights and/or the addition of a centre lane for turning are needed at the intersection of Attridge Drive and Forest Drive. Young drivers from the two high schools (St. Joseph and Centennial), users of the athletic fields, Forestry Farm Zoo, parks, SaskTel Soccer Centre and the cathedral turning left onto Attridge Drive have excessive wait-times to get across, often resulting in frustration, bad driving choices and near accidents. (I have witnessed multiple close calls myself.)
New intersections at highway 5 and McOrmand, and new ones at central ave /Attridge. Getting into and out of the north east part of the city has become dangerous and terribly ineffective. These major arteries need to be improved because the area is only growing further.
NO MORE STUPID BIKE LANES overpasses at McCormand/College, Attridge/Central, and HWY11 North / Wanuskewin (the highway).
no suggestion
No suggestions. Just that the present planning in new residential and the main arteries from these neighbourhoods have not been developed properly to date. If performance dictated budget they deserve a decrease.
No wasted money on bike lanes for sure as I cannot see them 6 months out of the year anyways
North bridge! improvements to intersection at attridge and central ave
North connector. Traffic bridge. Continue maintenance as required, in spite of the inconveniences they cause. For example, the Circle Drive overpass over Hwy 11 caused upsets for a considerable time, but the infrastructure is not properly maintained and will serve us for many years.
Not sound walls.

Not sure why the new portions of circle are not 3 lanes each way. That decision obviously isn't considering expansion at all. New bridges, and bi-passes are a must. Better review residential development plans to minimize traffic impacts.
One word. Overpasses. Like we have in every city on the planet
Our city is growing at a rapid pace and we are not preparing adequately for future congestion issue. There are often simple changes that can be easily accommodated but are never addressed. For example, the barriers separating the lanes on 21st street at the entry to Circle Drive. These are unnecessary and people often ignore them, cutting across lanes in order to turn onto Confederation Drive. Also, the exit off Circle Drive at Confederation Drive should have 2 turning left lanes onto 21st Street W. Sometimes the traffic backs up on to the highway because only one lane turns. MOST IMPORTANTLY, ADD CLOVERLEAFS TO CIRCLE DRIVE AND REMOVE THE LIGHTS. Not sure who does the planning but it lacks innovation.
Our traffic lights throughout most of the City are not coordinated like other major cities, and the advance turning lights are not always activated, why is this??? We tie up so much traffic because of uncoordinated lights and the lack of activated advance turning lights. Answer: Coordinate downtown city lights and let's make use of all advance turning lights ... doesn't make sense not to, especially with the increased traffic in recent years! So many drivers are going through red lights that aren't managed. Drivers also not stopping at 'stop signs' particularly in neighborhoods with schools and/or parks. Answer: Utilize supervised auxiliary members to focus on this and ticket accordingly.
Overpass at Highway 16 and Boychuk Drive and Highway 5 and McCormond Drive
Overpass at major traffic intersections. Boychuk, College South
Paint lines on roads that last more than one season.
Pay attention to the...counters and build the overpasses and bridges where they are needed most! Why does Stonebridge have 4 over passes in and out?? It is a brand new community and has 4 while Erindale, Arbor Creek, Willow Grove, Ever Green, Silver Springs, Forest Grove and Sutherland have ZERO over passes to access this huge area. Start with McCormond and highway 5 then move to Central and Attridge. NO MORE OVERPASSES IN STONEBRIDGE!
Pedestrians need to be better respected in Saskatoon. Traffic flow includes pedestrians! Why do we have to push walk lights in high density areas like Broadway and 8th streets all the way to 12th? This is a shopping and services community. Why do pedestrians have to push a button in any height density area??
plan for smoother transitions - more parking should have been allowed for on the kinsmen park side - so you do not have backups occurring coming off the university bridge with people trying to get across - alternate exit would have been wise as well
Planning to prevent bottle necks with a growing population
Please see earlier comment on Truck Routing using McCormand Road and Sound Attenuation....not just for new areas but those with inadequate noise control such as Sutherland from 108- 155th. Interestingly noise from the freeway north of 115 th street is very adequate. I do not support increased taxes for painting and parking etc. There are higher priorities please!!!!
Proper planning and coordination for the road network will make it easier for all motorists
Proper signage warning of construction before you turn onto the route. Increase awareness on zipper-merge, and reward positive driving behaviors vs. simply punishing negative driving habits.
Put a halt to infrastructure planning for a city of half a million people and concentrate on the needs of those living in Saskatoon now.
Put sensors on the lights so they better control traffic flow.
Quicker line painting in the spring, to improve traffic flow.

<p>Reconfigure the Taylor st and Arlington Ave intersection as it does not function well. Traffic is backed up to Walter Murray and to the Teachers Credit union at peak hours.</p> <p>Haul takin has had yield signs installed as a traffic calming measure and there have been three accidents within one block of my house in six months and not one in the last twenty years before the signs. Please check the accident rate before and after as these signs are not noticed nor obeyed consistently. Clarence needs to be no parking and two lanes to handle the increased flow of, traffic.</p>
<p>Reduce bike traffic or place bikes on same pathways as pedestrians.</p>
<p>Reduce greenfield development in order to reduce building more and more roads. Build roundabouts instead of traffic lights to facilitate traffic flow and reduce needless fuel consumption.</p>
<p>Reduce speed in neighbourhoods</p>
<p>Reduce the number of traffic lights by 20%. Take on projects that increase traffic flow on and off of circle drive. These would include right hand access and minimize traffic lights. STOP putting up needless traffic lights, example the mess in Stonebridge. Confederation drive exit off circle is another prime example. Take DOWN the tax grabbing speed cameras on circle drive. They do NOTHING positive for safety.</p>
<p>Reducing the amount of car traffic is a priority.</p>
<p>Remove speed restrictions at high schools is one less restriction necessary.</p>
<p>Resolve the traffic bottlenecks all over the city. Perhaps synchronize traffic lights like other cities do.</p>
<p>Review all lights within the city, which traffic lights are needed, which are outdated, which areas could use them as they are very long stretches with few stops example Arlington from Taylor around the curve to Preston.</p>
<p>Road and sidewalk resurfacing</p>
<p>Roundabouts</p>
<p>Rush hour traffic signal timing</p>
<p>Rush hour traffic signal timing</p>
<p>Safety. Adequate use of left-turn signals on 8th. Not used enough and too many people take risks.</p>
<p>Same as my comment above. Less cars on the road, the fewer problems you will have. This is an example of how the city is going through hoops and bending backwards to make sure cars get around at ease, which creates the illusion that more cars could be on the road. We need good traffic management, but again, the city is creating its own problems. I appreciate traffic management for the sake of busses.</p>
<p>Saskatoon does not really have traffic problems in terms of volume/ delay etc. Try driving in big cities and you'll understand</p>
<p>Saskatoon traffic management is pitiful. We would do just as well to spend less effort there. Other than the bridges, I have seen no traffic design here in 10+ years that improves traffic flow. Rather than proposing that everyone live downtown and walk everywhere, neighbourhoods should be designed so that there is ready access to a 60 kph or higher roadway for commuting (which means roads set back from houses, and a higher lot cost and tax rate. I believe that home buyers in new, outlying areas would see value in that layout.</p>
<p>Seems adequate</p>
<p>Seems ok I think this department has got things going in the right directions and moneys wise money well spent.</p>
<p>Since the word "Traffic" in Saskatoon refers only to motor vehicle traffic to the detriment of all other forms of traffic, I have drastically reduced this budget item in order to make precisely that point. As an aside, however, I also do want to make the point that monitoring, managing,</p>

predicting and planning for the unique needs of ALL forms of traffic, especially transit and active transportation that have been neglected for decades, are essential tasks.
Sound attenuation walls are an extra as are bike lanes. Pavement markings are required as are traffic studies.
Sound walls along all freeways where residential areas exist
Sounds good, but would like to know more about what initiatives have actually come out of this team and what the success rate of them have been. How is this department's performance rated? How do we know they are making progress?
Speed bumps near pedestrian cross walks near parks and schools.
Spend less in this area -
Start doing more to integrate active transportation in design and planning
Stop developing land. Start developing main streets with high density. add infrastructure for active transportation and more transit so traffic management is less of a concern
Stop replacing the current parking meters with the new system which does not increase the number of parking spaces as was forecasted. People park further apart when there are no lines or meters to show where they should park.
STOP shutting down/restricting every bridge at the same time. USE YOUR HEADS. One project at a time. We are already down a bridge...remember.
Stop the sprawl
Street line painting is something that's needed to be improved on higher volume roadways
Street line painting. For visitors or those new to the city sometimes dangerous not knowing where the lanes are or which way they travel or change.
Stronger traffic controls, replacing yields with stop signs in older neighbourhoods, reducing parking in older neighbourhoods, consider one ways where there is not room for two-way traffic due to parking (e.g., most streets in Nutana and Varsity view). Better/more bike lanes.
Synchronization of traffic lights.
Synchronize lights on major routes such as 8th st. Don't build more bridges than necessary .the Victoria bridge is a good example. The city functioned fine with this bridge dismantled for several years .Did it really need to be replaced
Synchronize more lights and have vehicle detection signals at insignificant intersections
Synchronize street lights!

The addition of bike lanes downtown has not been worth it. And I say that as someone without a dog in the fight because I love cycling places, I live downtown a half block from 4th Ave, and I also drive. Overall, for the amount of disruption it has done to traffic and parking and the confusion about traffic rules it has caused (e.g. sometimes cars can turn right across a bike lane on a red light and sometimes they can't), the number of bicycles using the lanes is paltry. And as a cyclist when I ride them I don't feel significantly safer. I still fear people opening their doors in my path (only now from the right side and not the driver's side of vehicles), and I still have people cutting me off turning right across my path when I'm going straight through an intersection. In addition, when I'm driving and I'm turning right on a green light across a bike lane, I actually have a harder time telling if there is a cyclist I'll be cutting off because now my view of them is obstructed by a lane of parked cars. This I feel makes me less likely to be aware of them, particularly smaller riders like kids, and therefore more likely to cut them off or hit them. As an alternative, I have a suggestion which costs nothing and would improve cyclist safety, cycling efficiency, would ease the car traffic impact of cycling and cost nothing. I suggest legalizing the use of bicycles on sidewalks, with an onus on the cyclists who do so to yield right of way to pedestrians, travel only as fast as is safe to do in the circumstances, and to avoid accidents with pedestrians. Sometimes, the road is not the safest place for a bicycle. When there is a wide-open sidewalk or path with no obstructions, high visibility, and low foot traffic that is often the safer place than a busy road with one or two full lanes that a cyclist would disrupt or clog up by travelling in it at a lower speed. Not to mention, when accidents do happen between cars and cyclists, the cyclist is likely to be seriously hurt or killed because of the sheer weight difference. This is not the case with cyclist-pedestrian collisions, which admittedly would likely occur more frequently but could be mitigated with the bylaw placing responsibility of avoiding them on cyclists. Bicycles on sidewalks is not such a foreign idea. It is already legal for multi-wheeled vehicles, motorized scooters, etc. and it is legal in other cities, particularly for young people (e.g. 14 and under in Calgary). It hasn't led to a slew of cyclist-pedestrian injuries there and it won't here. And in Saskatoon people already ride bikes on the sidewalks near the river, on bridges, on walking paths, etc. and these are not so different from sidewalks in various parts of the city.

The addition of the new bridge and coming bridges have and will solve a lot of the problems

The bike lanes don't get used. Shutting down driving lanes on 4th is crazy.

The city continues to be reactive rather than proactive. Building onto the most densely populated area in the city with the Brighton area. And no way to move traffic. McCormond and Attridge should be easily three lanes both ways. There should be a designated turning lane off Attridge onto central that extends all the way back to the overpass. If the city only wants Saskatoon to grow in one area then they need to figure a better system. Starting with the commuter bridge being put in the wrong spot from the start.

The city does not need more than the bridges that are currently planned.

The city has a plan, we just need to get it in place sooner than later. Circle Dr is crazy during the week days. We need to get the semi-trucks off this road!

The city needs a true exterior ring road, this would significantly decrease traffic on all major arteries throughout the city. This would ease congestion, and improve safety. The city needs to install more true turning lanes around the city, as they have done on Attridge and central. These lanes greatly reduce traffic congestion and would improve safety as well. The 22nd and Circle drive South turn is a prime example, where major traffic delays occur due to a lack of a turning lane. The circle drive south bride should have an exit to a ring road around the city, so congestion at 22nd does not need to occur. The intersection at 22nd and confederation is no longer on the outskirts of the city, please quit treating it like it is. Having a true ring road around the city will also remove many of the semi-truck units with very heavy loads that cause a great deal of wear and tear on our road ways. Have a reinforced lane for semis on the exterior ring road.

<p>The city needs to plan traffic management in such a way as to disincentive rate-payers from commuting alone in private motor vehicles and to greatly incentivize other forms of transportation such as public transportation, commuting and active transportation. We have a lot of catching up to do compared to other cities, including some similarly sized and sparsely populated cities in Canada and the United States. City council needs to show leadership rather than meekly playing to people's fear of change: HOV lanes, real investment in cycling infrastructure with proper intersection controls, minimum passing distances for cars passing cyclists, properly funded public transportation that is prioritized to routes with higher density. There are a number of well-researched and evidence-supported policies that we could follow. Simply building more bridges, highways and roads has been shown to simply induce demand, even if it may make for easy politics. To be leader's city councillors must consult expert opinion and do what is right and what makes sense, not simply what is easy. How much more could you afford for the cost of a bridge and highway north of the city where development has yet to arrive?</p>
<p>The City should work with the Province to relocate the Perimeter Highway so as to protect the Northeast Swale from further destruction. It should work with Corman Park, Warman, etc. to design a road that is truly a "perimeter" road. I know the province has re-named the highway because it was getting criticism for NOT truly being a perimeter road. I think it should be a try "perimeter" road if it does get built. However, I don't believe Saskatoon will experience adequate growth to justify it. The economy has slowed down considerably and it is unlikely we will arrive at the projected growth numbers and so it should be delayed and re-vision so it causes less environmental damage.</p>
<p>The current joke of traffic management shows that they should be de-funded since they can't even get light timing right.</p>
<p>The new Circle Drive had a dramatic positive impact on traffic management improving efficiency and traffic flow but there are still high areas of concern such as the Circle Drive Clover Leaf, particularly traffic coming onto circle drive from Regina, expecting Tractor-Trailers to yield at the top of the hill is ridiculous and regular traffic fail to yield all the time resulting in back up of traffic who are trying to exit on to the clover leaf to continue on Circle Drive North. 33rd Street and Idylwyld lights are too short causing people to speed.</p>
<p>The new system of paying for parking sucks. Use real meters.</p>
<p>The only change I want is to have no cars allowed on 2nd Ave., 3rd Ave, 4th Ave in Saskatoon. Make parking across the river or North. Provide trollies like in San Antonio Texas - around the Alamo. It is all coble stone. You could have small golf cart trains to move people around and charge them \$00.10 - 10 cents or free to move. Good for tourists. I want no more fines for parking downtown - or eliminate downtown.</p>
<p>The same as for road maintenance: Make housing developers build roads and infrastructure prior to building their houses. Make developers pay for road repairs around new developments due to increased traffic from large construction vehicles.</p>
<p>The so-called synchronized traffic light system presently in place is an absolute joke. Coming from the north on Highway 11 and exiting to access Circle Drive East bound is simply ridiculous.</p>
<p>There are already too many signs & un-necessarily controlled intersections. Traffic flow in my neighbourhood was botched by pointless alternating yield signs that bear no relation to actual traffic flow, placed seemingly to impede rather than facilitate traffic.</p>
<p>There are examples in the city where you are forced to merge into the mainstream (usually 2 lanes) traffic only to exit the route 500 meters or so later. 2 examples are north bound and south bound on circle drive between 108th Street and Attridge Dr. The entrance lane should be connected to the exit lane.</p>
<p>There are light-controlled intersections in heavy traffic areas, such as Broadway and 8th Street that still operate on timers. These intersections needs to be upgraded immediately for better traffic flow.</p>

There are too many areas in this city where you need to slow to a halt to turn. "right-ins" don't have a good enough radius.
There is an opportunity cost to the time people spend sitting in traffic, which is not always recognized by those who are not commuting. One of the reasons we live in Saskatoon is that typical commute times are 20 minutes or less. I would support additional funding to ensure Saskatoon remains accessible as it grows.
There should be no lights at circle south and Clancy. It is very inefficient. Also there needs to be better access into Montgomery off circle south to avoid the trains that are moving east bound from Viterra
These are a low priority to me.
Think more smartly about interaction of pedestrians/cyclists/vehicles. E.g., The crosswalk across spadina from the meewasin trail to 33rd st is terribly designed.
Thinking ahead!! Making the roads to handle the needed amount of traffic. Build bigger multiple routes through a subdivision. Attridge is a mess. Stonebridge has too little access in and out. Clarence sound of the freeway is always backed up several blocks and the lights completely have the wrong timing for northbound traffic. During rush hour, 3 or 4 cars get through the intersection every 4 or 5 minutes. Need more education and enforcement on use of merge lanes etc.
This saves money on gas and should be looked at as an increase that leads to savings. Lights should coordinated and the North Bridge needs to be completed.
This should be done while you are fixing the roads. No need to have a separate funding.
Time all the...lights. What's the point of building bridges and over passes when 1 light turns green you hit the next light red. It's a no brainer....
Timing of lights, especially downtown. Less idling at lights would help meet CO2 reduction requirements.
To increase spending in public transportation and bike lanes rather than making more freeways that encourage driving.
to keep improving to keep the stress of traffic down to a minimum, a new bridge would probably help
Too many signs, too much waste.
Too much money is being spent on sound walls that only are of benefit to boarding property owners. This is most unfair to the majority of taxpayers Let the buyer beware. Also very poor planning in the process and what a waste of money on the bike lane trial to say nothing about the parking meter implementation.
traffic in and out of Stonebridge - there are several bottlenecks make roads/sidewalks more amenable to active transport
Traffic in northeast Saskatoon is a nightmare that really needs fixing.
Traffic is messed up because of all the missing links. Many roads are empty while others are bogged.
Traffic lights that sense car traffic and change lights accordingly. Plan to move traffic rather than stop it as a philosophy. This is different than today.
Traffic Management should ensure all streets are safe not just main thoroughfares.
Use a more resilient street marking paint. Drivers have a difficult enough time maintaining their lane when the markings are at their best
Use our money responsibly and treat all areas equally. East side seems to be treated better and get better nicer sound walls while west side gets excuses. i.e. "oh there is power lines here oh we can't do a wall now" they were there the whole time!
USE PROPER PAINT SO THAT LINES DON'T HAVE TO BE REPAINTED AS FREQUENTLY.
Using stop signs as a means of traffic calming is not appropriate. It is embarrassing that this is what is considered traffic management in Saskatoon.
visible road markings, removal of excess signage

<p>We are on task in this area, in fact we are leading, in our ability to counteract growth and streamline commute. The average person, commutes to and from work in approx. 15-30 min each day, even with road construction blockage. I can cross the city in this time comfortably. During rush hr in approx. 40 to 50 min. That is a 200% increase in streamlined commute over places like Edmonton and Alberta where average commute can be as high as 40 min regular or over 1.5 hrs during rush hr, and they have a higher level of casualties due to their higher speeds on main lanes. By design Saskatoon is leading in this area in Canada. In a 5 year projection the city has grown approx. 40% (almost double) with recession and economy flat-line in Alberta and Edmonton many of those citizens have moved here. Because of our steady growth and management as well as job availability and NON-Privatization of Crown Corps keeping services to a manageable level. ON TASK.</p>
<p>We don't have unique traffic demands, just build our streets according to existing codes for road construction based on demographics and traffic.</p>
<p>We have some bad intersections in our City and new traffic patterns should be looked at. Ex. around Idylwyld and Circle N.</p>
<p>We need to focus on improved bus options and not bridges</p>
<p>We need to focus on moving traffic not stopping it with traffic lights and stop signs. We need to move away from community citizen groups to close streets such as 9th Street access to the freeway or 14th street. These groups typically only empower the complainers not the majority.</p>
<p>We need to look at the flow of traffic and re-evaluate some of the areas and whether or not updated traffic lights need to be added. Just an example if anyone has tried to turn left or right off of Taylor street at Clarence going north or south. Nightmare... turning arrows should be added in my opinion.</p>
<p>We need to promote less single car transport and make the city less car centric. Currently, it seems that alternate forms of transportation take a 2nd seat to car services.</p>
<p>We need to shift our priorities away from more roads and toward alternative forms of transportation, including drastically enhancing what is an absolutely pitiful public transportation system.</p>
<p>We really need to start thinking long term and stop small cheap fixes again. I am not sure if the plans but surely we can evaluate other cities - Ottawa?? And start planning after cities who have good traffic, bus as well as bike and pedestrian plans in place.</p>
<p>We worry too much about automobiles. Spend more to maintain the roads we have and then don't spend so much on the future roads. Figure out transit.</p>
<p>Whatever it takes to improve traffic flow on main arteries. Traffic is bad for size of city</p>
<p>When Costco opens up in Rosewood area build overpass Costco should pay for part of this.</p>
<p>when you build new subdivisions create a number access roads to get in and out of the areas</p>
<p>When you build roads account for all of the subdivisions that you will eventually build. Attridge drive has huge lineups in the morning and afternoons. Put extra LANES IN TO ACCOMODATE THE TRAFFIC. Plan ahead more.</p>
<p>When you talk to people they all agreed = Plan further ahead. Make that extra lane when developing new areas. Build the infrastructure to sustain growth not current capacities.</p>
<p>With another bridge in the works, this will hopefully alleviate congestion on other bridges, namely circle drive going north. Traffic from willowgrove to anywhere is a challenge due to the number of traffic lights on Attridge which are all times to be red one after another it seems. More efficient flow would be appreciated.</p>

With Boychuk and Claypool Avenues recently double laned, why not double lane them at the time of construction vs doing it years later?!!! With the property that these specific drives were on, it was already in place for doing so at the time of being designed and constructed!! So with waiting on constructing these specific two avenues and making them a "double lane" why impact higher costs and traffic delays after the fact when it could of been done right the first time? This city seems to not see the light so to speak with road creation as time goes on. Which leads to an ongoing problem downtown and the reduction of roadway with already a congested downtown and the implementation of bike lanes. In favour of bike lanes to a degree, but only with roadways that can accommodate them!!!
With Impark running the show, don't fool me into thinking that I'll see a decrease in service. It's time for the city to kick Impark out and take over the spaces for itself.
Work more efficiently. Develop better long solutions.
Would like to see more planning before new neighbourhoods are developed. Stonebridge for example - totally changed Clarence Avenue - had to react to it - accidents, speeding, property damage, death, should have been planned for ahead of time.
Would not change.
Would seriously consider dual roles for lane direction. Why is it that I need to quickly adapt when driving in another city that has green arrows or red x's over top of lanes and we are not able to do that here?? Four lanes inbound in the morning and two outbound can change to four outbound and two inbound at 4pm. Everyone at some point becomes a pedestrian, so starting with a pedestrian focus, how can ALL forms of traffic be coordinated instead of an either-or focus? Not everyone rides bicycles; not everyone takes the bus.
Yeah more...signs like, more advanced left turn signals, more bike lanes, more initiatives to alleviate congestion.
... why are we putting bike lanes on a busy street? Put them on nice scenic roads
more money going to traffic congestion, less to repainting
Do whatever it takes to stop the cars and trucks and motorcycles! From using Spadina Crescent (north end) as a personal race course
Clear lane markers on double left hand turn lanes.-bike lane markers on the right hand side of most streets as to remind motorists where bikers are allowed to be-more speed cameras

- No Changes/No Suggestions were mentioned 1 time.

TRANSIT AND ACCESS TRANSIT

What are your top priorities for Transit/Access Transit? What change(s) would you suggest?

<p>Transit service we hear a lot of residents complain about, and areas of the city not covered. What is the actual rider rate? Is riding the bus a dying or growing area that the city needs to review. I do not ride the bus, but huge money goes into running the bus service within the city.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - more reliable service - increase frequency of buses/ extend current 6pm frequency cut to 8pm -extend hours to allow users who rely on transit and work early/ late shifts which will help to reduce the unemployment rate
<p>There are too many routes that go to the university and why do the buses have to go to place riel, The students can walk! Also create some express routes from various hubs to downtown directly during peak times of the day</p>
<p>1) Elimination of all transit fees outside of peak times and routes. 2) A vast expansion of the ACCESS-style on-demand or pre-booked pickup system. I lived in Calgary for 28 years and used public transit there constantly. I was shocked when I discovered that Saskatoon's bus fares were the same as Calgary's, for 1/4 the service and convenience. Using the bus here was not worth it. The \$3 per ride fare is an unnecessary barrier to ridership, as it costs less (all vehicle lifetime costs included) to buy and drive a car to most destinations in this city. If transit fares only cover 15% of the costs of running the system, why bother to charge for running buses where there is almost no demand? The fixed-route and schedule model currently only works for peak times and commutes to downtown or the University due to the size of the city and the entrenched car culture. Huge empty buses are the norm outside of this, and would be better replaced with smaller, Uber- or taxi-style vehicles that can be called up at short notice using a convenient app. Speed and convenience (including door-to-door service) are the key to increasing usage of the transit system here, since people hate long waits, walks, and transfers, especially in winter. Surely there is a level of dispatch technology available to manage this kind of service. ACCESS is currently being booked 7 days in advance, which indicates the level of demand, and a lesser degree of co-ordination would be needed for the general public with fewer special accommodation requirements. Settle with the Transit Union, offer what the public wants, and retrain drivers without lay-offs. Everyone will be happier.</p>
<p>A few more routes that pick up on 30 minute intervals.</p>
<p>A service I do not use. It is neither convenient nor timely and is not safe.</p>
<p>Access Transit is not workable for those that need it as planning is required too far in advance. Why are we subsidizing our transit system to such an extent? A lot of the drivers are rude, ridership is few & schedules are poor. Need to be more efficient & more effective. I can get from downtown Vancouver to YVR in less time than I can in Saskatoon.....& for far cheaper!</p>
<p>Access Transit needs to be a top priority. Have primary users of access transit identify needs.</p>
<p>Accommodate shift workers schedules and improve the downtown bus hub to something more multi-functional with bike racks, bike rentals, etc.</p>
<p>Added accessibility and monitoring of sidewalks and curbs to ensure continued access to bus stops</p>
<p>All citizens of Saskatoon would have access to Transit without a user fee system. This would help to encourage ridership. While this likely requires a significant increase (possibly doubling the amount), the average household would pay the equivalent of about 3 months' worth of passes for a single adult yet everyone would benefit. In addition to improving access from neighbourhoods such as Hampton Village to connecting to the north industrial where driving is the only option.</p>
<p>All the money being spent doesn't appear to be improving transit services.</p>

As the population ages there will be more need for Access Transit. Having more Access Transit vehicles available so that those requiring it are able to book a ride with less notice and more flexibility as to times of pick up etc. Using smaller buses on routes that are not heavily used or at time of low ridership such as midday.
As there isn't very much usage of the system as it is, smaller buses should be used, and not the larger expensive ones....downsize as everyone else it to keep afloat!!!
Attracting new riders. Reducing length of time for routes. Would take me an hour to get to a place I could drive to in 10 minutes.
Awareness initiatives are pointless spending.
Before Saskatoon Transit can be promoted as a viable option, it needs to be made time-efficient and attractive to new riders. It is still seen as poorly run, inefficient, and a waste of time (e.g. traveling from the East to the Transit Mall, then back to the East, a full forty-five minutes of travel, to get to a destination that would take ten minutes by car, is not in any way efficient). Transit is not considered an efficient or suitable option for most suburban commuters. People who have moved to Saskatoon from larger centres such as Vancouver, Edmonton, and Calgary, are shocked at how "bad" Saskatoon Transit is: limited hours of operation, limited routes, buses that may or may not arrive on time, and no truly decent rapid transit option. Given that we are now a city of about 300,000, it should be time to visit the idea of rapid transit train service on core routes, for the near future (next 10 years or sooner).
Better & more convenient bus routes; lower wait times; longer service hours; better access to bus service in all parts of the city, including suburbs
better and more frequent bus service
Better bus routes from outer neighbourhoods to downtown
better planning
Better promotion of current service.
Better routes and times. Maybe smaller buses for the lesser routes (route 9) and later times. I used to take public transit but I got off work at 10pm and my bus came at 10:40 my transfer was another 25 minutes and I would finally get home at 12:30 am. It took me a 1½hr to get home from work.
Better service overall. I would love to ride the bus to work, but from east college park to Stonebridge it is well over an hour. I ride my bike in summer to work in about 25 minutes. I would take the bus if it was under 40 minutes
Better transit that serves the needs of commuters and everyone.
better use of service, more attention to rapid transit maybe start with one or two streets (8th Street I think is being looked at) to iron out the bumps along the trial period,(and then include another street or two)
better, more frequent service and an increased number of bus shelters
Break down the rules against new transit schemes such as Uber and other car or ride sharing systems. Consider less expensive smaller vehicles for less used routes and times.
Brutally done so leave it be
Building an LRT to improve public transport - similar to Edmonton. Improve transport to the SaskTel centre (an LRT out there would be ideal, but set up free park a ride systems from out of town parking lots. Create free park and ride systems throughout the city as is used in the UK where parking is at a premium.
Build it and they will come. Reduce road construction and build out the transit system. Put in bus lanes. Increase the cost of parking throughout the city. Make it more and more desirable to use transit and we will all save money in the long term.
bus drivers are over paid
Bus Rapid Transit routes between major centers routes actually travelling where/when people need them, without having to spend an hour at the bus-mall for the next route
Bus service in our neighborhood is terrible. Not at all accessible or convenient.

Bus stop across from my house is not an option for my son to go to high school, the system recommends he walks ~1/4 mile to another location. A better review of your system is needed based on options available. Consider more express routes to hubs, and smaller neighbourhood buses for smaller routes.
Buses are already unreliable and infrequent. Alternate transportation is better-walk, bike, drive
Buses need air conditioning. No one wants to sit on a hot bus. More convenient transportation to different events in the city. Maybe charge a standard rate for transportation to and from an event.
Buses need to be on time. Some routes carry very few passengers- perhaps fewer buses during non-peak hours in those areas one alter are days. i.e. fewer buses on Mon/ Wed/ Fri
Buses should have dedicated lanes on major arteries.
Charge a fee to both school systems so that every pupil K-12 has a bus pass. Then any classroom can go on a field trip using public transportation and eliminate the need for school buses in the city.
Charge higher fares to university students. Since it comes out of tuition at the beginning of the year triple what they have to pay. They wanted mandatory bus passes with no option to opt out so make them pay.
City access for people who rely on the transit for travel to work.
Clean the busses. Every day. Inside and out. They are very filthy inside. Remove 50% of existing bus stops. Delay first morning route by 1/2 hour and stop service in the evening an hour earlier. Especially in the summer
Complete revamp of the transit system
comprehensible routes and schedule information; increased frequency of smaller vehicles
Congruent with the rest of my responses I believe there is a need for fiscal constraint across all departments.
Continually raising fares and cutting routes does not seem to be a logical way to increase ridership, perhaps smaller buses would be a better choice for some routes.
Continuing to make it a more viable option so that ridership increases. Also Working towards LRT
Create streamline bus routes for peak hours of the day. For example: straight up and down Preston, straight up and down 8th street, etc.
Creating group pick-up spots for the suburbs that express downtown, like a train system but with buses.
Currently bus service is poor and unreliable. Improvements are vital to attract ridership and move away from car-based transportation modes.
Decrease access hours
Decrease overhead and administration and focus dollars on delivering the service.
Design XTREME RAPID routes from neighbors to the downtown core - i.e.: The bus starts in Silver spring. Has 4-6 stops in Silver spring, then goes straight to the downtown core, with the reverse happening at the end of the day (5PM). People don't use the bus system because it sucks. It took me an hour every day in university to get from Erindale to campus. I could walk to school faster than bussing. It is an absolute joke, our public transit is third world.
Developing a transit system that is more convenient for people to use to cut down on the amount of people driving in the city.
development of rapid transit and incentives not to us personal vehicles
Do not use either. City should be focusing on a better type of service in this area - first phase LRT. Especially in the areas from downtown/university/Sutherland. I don't support the proposed change from basic transit services to rapid transit services. Too little too late.
Don't use
Don't use transit

Dramatic increase in frequency of bus service and more direct and easy to use bus services.
Drop low ridership routes and times
Either figure it out or scrap it all together. I've visited Vancouver and it was a dream to take the bus. I wouldn't dare take the bus in stoon. 1.5 hrs to get anywhere.
Eliminate cars of all types in down town, only buses and bikes, no free ride for city employees, save tax money and make the bus system more self-sustained.
Eliminate the present transit access. I remember when I went to University I had to walk 4 miles to school - 16 miles a day. When I tried to use the buses they were full with standing room only, and I had to wait so long that it was quicker to walk 4 miles in 45 minutes to school. Better transit would be self-drive cars that deliver you to your destination - eliminate 50 % of cars on the roads.
Eliminate transit. It serves less than 4% of the population and is not effective. Replace it with a credit system for those who really need it.
Ensure that routes are scheduled as required to serve the riding public, regardless of what the Union wants.
Ensure trips to down town are completed in times that are competitive with cars.
Every year we see the price of passes going up but the number of routes and schedules remain unchanged. We need more routes (people could work at Costco and other industrial area businesses) if there were routes out there.
Fewer routes and greater times between pick-ups. More accurate timing.
Figure out a good plan first. Stop throwing money into the bad transit pit.
Find ways to improve transit but don't waste millions trying to reconfigure streets for BRT until BRT is implemented and working as expected then make changes to road design in small increments.
Focus more on transportation infrastructure to increase traffic flow and decrease the carbon footprint
Focus on service for the elderly and disabled and cut the rest. Service is too poor for working people to bother, so just cut it.
Frequency, frequency, frequency
Frequent route changes do not provide consistency for increased ridership.
FROM MY UNDERSTANDING OUR TRANSIT SYSTEM ISN'T BEING USED AS MUCH AS IT HAS BEEN. I DON'T USE IT AT ALL.
Gas prices have gone down substantially. Lock in fuel costs for next few years.
Get a contract with transit employees. The current time frame is "RIDICULOUS"
Get serious about providing a real transit service instead of token lip service while continuing a broken useless transit system
Get this figured out or else we'll end up with an even bigger mess than we already have. Settle your labour issues. Get on with the design and delivery of more frequency and connection based routes rather than coverage based routes. Make an honest effort to plan transit in all planning decisions, especially in new development.
get to the bargaining table
Give them proper waged. More busses are not as necessary as happy drivers. They deserve better wages. Especially Access Drivers as they work harder than the regular bus drivers.
Growing Forward has a good plan that I support.
Have easier access for wheel chairs. All Sask. Place (SASK. TEL) events should be park and ride. There should be no cars in the parking lot.
Higher frequency service along major corridors, less coverage where service is underutilized. Better buses stops, shelters, and service reporting to riders. This is one of the highest priority areas for moving people and we should be setting aggressive ridership goals.

<p>Honestly this is also a ...joke. I have had to take both services. The buses are terrible. One can wait at a bus stop to only wait for a bus that doesn't come or they drive past because they can't be bothered. Every year to two years the paths change. It is a terrible inconvenience. Some trips were one bus ride. Now they can be up to 4 different stops. Get real. As for access, the service was highly appreciated, but everyone who works there treats the client like dirt. There are certain days you can't book trips. Other days they don't show. They then tell you to wait for someone who might or might not come. While you are waiting there goes any timed appointment you had. One of the things that needs a major upgrade is this section.</p>
<p>I am happy to see changes resulting in more frequent service on major routes. I would love to see more options that would allow us to reduce the traffic on the roads.</p>
<p>I am not a transit user... largely because it does not appear to me to be a user friendly service.... it appears to be over priced for what is currently being offered... I have been inundated by the media with what seems to me to be a whining, demanding transit union who seem to believe they should be the ones in charge of operations.... Transit has a huge negative public relations problem that does not inspire user confidence.</p>
<p>I am told that the transit system is deplorable compared to other cities. This needs to be addressed. Better trained drivers and better patrolled and safer bus mall downtown</p>
<p>I believe the entire transit system needs to be overhauled. The buses I see are practically empty, how is that cost efficient? Incentive programs only work if they benefit the people needing to ride the bus. Coming from a very large city, I found that the transit system here was lacking in everything. Availability, ridership, length of time in service, routes etc... I took the bus when I first moved here but found walking were I needed to go more efficient. Now I drive a car because that is the only way I can get around to work.</p>
<p>I believe they need to have smaller buses that run more often and considerably better planning is needed for the routes. The last few years planning have created a very inconvenient and poorly operating bus system. .</p>
<p>I do not use Saskatoon Transit so I cannot speak to its services.</p>
<p>I do not use transit myself so I am not sure where the problems currently are. Many people have no other options so it is a very essential service. New areas require service as well especially those areas that have large population in multi-unit dwellings as they are more likely to house transit users.</p>
<p>I don't take the bus, but it seems the city did alright without bus service during the strike. People still managed. Huge expense.</p>
<p>I don't take transit - so I can't comment on this at all.</p>
<p>I don't use buses and I have no interest in using them. They take far too long to get anywhere relevant.</p>
<p>I don't use our transit system, but a few months ago, I experienced extreme tailgating by a City Transit bus, at night on a bridge under icy conditions; placing both my wife and me in danger of losing control of our vehicle and having a serious accident. Note: Further to an E-mail and call to Transit, I received an apology from a supervisor because of the dangerous tailgating, but he never received the follow up with a call as promised. Have also witnessed transit vehicles speeding well above posted limits on many occasions Answer: More training on dealing with the public and frequent driver testing. Impose driver suspensions and utilize City Police for fining Transit drivers offending City traffic by-laws and 'criminal' or???? Charges pertaining to driver offences.</p>
<p>I don't use the service so I can't really comment. I live where I can walk to work just so I don't have to use the bus. The complaints I have heard most about people who do is that all the majority of the direct or express routes from the malls to downtown were done away. Yes we need to cater to the U of S students but you might get a lot more businesspeople taking the bus if there were more direct routed to, downtown.</p>
<p>I don't use transit and cannot speak for it.</p>

I don't use transit enough to provide any useful input, but I do hear people complaining about how difficult it is to use the transit system in Saskatoon.
I don't use transit system because it takes too long to make connections from my home in East College Park to my workplace on Quebec Avenue just several blocks south the Circle Drive. So, I really don't care what you do with transit - perhaps just shut the service down.
I feel transit to the high schools (Murray in particular, I can't speak for the others) needs to be increased, maybe direct routes before and after school?
I find that the public transit is good if you work downtown or what to get to or from the University. I looked into the option in the past of going from the east side, where I live, to the north industrial area and there wasn't a good option for me. I do often see buses empty during the day so feel that the ridership numbers need to be examined and pick up times adjusted, particularly at off peak hours to reduce the fleet needs and maintenance requirements.
I have seen smaller buses on some routes. This seems like a good way to go for the lighter used routes and non-peak hours.
I have watched Access Transit handle a disabled person each week. They bring her to and from a club meeting. She has to phone them a week in advance at a certain time to make the appointment. So the ability to schedule these seems challenging for a disabled person. She is very patient about the whole thing, leaves the club activity to sit at the phone each time to make the phone call. She does not have a computer. I will probably have to use Saskatoon transit in the next few years but mostly it is pretty complicated looking, the few times I have tried it in the last 20 years, there have been unusual things happen. Mostly because of schedules that change. For example the bus that used to pick up at SCH, and go into Lawson Mall (Silverwood), now goes to the airport. How many people getting on at SCH want to go to the airport? Once I sat at a bus stop on the east side of Silverwood RD, two buses went by on the west side but not one of them stopped and said that that route does not operate any more. A couple of weeks later, someone came and covered up the bus stop sign...a couple of weeks later. People on the east side say how expensive it is to go to the airport in a cab. As more and more of us give up driving, we will be using airplanes to go see our children in Alberta, etc. I see that you do have one bus at the airport, you probably need a sign at the baggage area that explains its route, maybe a map that shows the visitor how to get to the major areas from the airport on the bus. I.e. Market Mall, Circle Park Mall, Lawson. And it does not have to be a big bus, shuttle buses in other cities are smaller.
I haven't used the transit system enough to comment.
I hear a lot of talk about rapid transit running every 5 or 10 minutes down 8th St., but I have a 3 block walk to the nearest Bus Stop on 33rd with buses running only every 30 min, If the bus is early or I'm a bit late due to having to walk along snow-covered sidewalks, it's a long wait as opposed to a walk back home to get the car. The other complaint I have is that the stop at which I get off is always dangerous in winter, with a bank of uneven snow on which to step with the ever-present risk of slipping under the wheels of the bus as it pulls away. I realize the city can't be expected to keep every stop cleared, but this still presents another obstacle to keeping bus ridership up, especially for seniors or anyone with mobility issues.
I love the rapid transit idea, I would also like to see park and rides throughout the city with commuter service straight downtown no stops. Also I would like to see a reduction in the number of stops on Route 6. Broadway there is a stop every block - it's too much. We need to encourage people to move a bit more and walking an extra block to a stop is acceptable. Impaired people could make arrangements to have a disabled stop if necessary. I like the bus drivers, I find they are friendly and work hard in a stressful environment. I appreciate all the work transit has done and believe they can play an important role in our future.
I never take the bus

I suggest creating hubs where access transit customers can transfer to regular by disability access regular buses. This initiative would model the same plan for rapid transit riders so there would be equity for all. With this approach smaller access vehicles could run shorter distances to the area hub thereby servicing more requests.
I think my previous comments show what I think about this. I wish I could increase the slider even more.
I think our transit system needs a complete overhaul. The routes need to be changed to suit the needs of our city. Transit services in the suburbs is terrible and if access was increased, I would consider taking the bus instead of driving to work.
I think that transit has to improve significantly in order to see the kind of increased ridership that takes stress off the roads and reduces traffic and decreases greenhouse gas emissions.
I think there are too many large buses being used in some routes, plus We have access buses also being used in the same routes and stop buying someone old used worn out buses from Calgary, if they are no good for Calgary, then what do We want with Them?
I think Transit is good but I don't use it much.
I use the transit and find it okay. But how about settling the drivers' contract especially since they were locked out. I understand that has not even been settled and are they working ...what? 3or 4 years without a contract!
I will not ride old buses. Stopped years ago as they are too hit in the summer Would be willing to consider using buses if they were not old.
I would be willing to pay a LITTLE more to ensure that those who require Access Transit are able to access it however I am hesitant to put much more into it since this union and the City are continually at odds about their contract. Until that situation is settled, I am unwilling to support much further. My children have been affected previously when the service has been disrupted causing great inconvenience to my family so until that issue is settled, I would not be willing to support any further
I would increase this beyond where the slider bar allows. We have an antiquated transit system. We need to invest, to get people to use the system... I don't want to live in a car-clogged unsustainable city where we have to build more bridges to fit more cars. Transit is the solution most other cities have looked to!
I would like to see express buses that use circle drive as a way of depleting the amount of time it takes to get from one end of the city to the other, with at least one stop to access other buses at each point, north, south, east and west, from these points, they will either spoke into the neighborhoods around these main stops or into down town.. This would be efficient in both time and encouraging other to take the bus instead of driving etc... For most people right now going from one end of the city to the other is at least an hour if not more. Time is very important
I would look at smaller vans on low usage routes, and getting a light rail transit if possible if not on rails, then a rapid express between key bus stop points. Saskatoon transit ifs a priority, kneeling buses are terrific, and special needs transport is fantastic.
I would move funding from police to transit.
I'm the one who tweeted that overhead bus that travels on top of traffic. That's my priority. You don't need more buses, your routes need to be more effective.
If ridership isn't increasing, take a step back and look at why. Then improve, improve, improve.
Implement the active transportation plan. More busses, shorter routes, bike lanes on side streets, bike parking, improve sidewalks in winter. stop the sprawl
Improve frequency, increase ease of getting crosstown. Run schedules that make sense i.e., arriving downtown for 8:05 when work starts at 8:00 makes no sense.
Improve service to increase ridership. Large cities have fast frequent reliable public transport so people can rely on using it rather than cars
Improve the service. Become more customer driven. A better system will require less subsidy in the long run.

<p>Improve transit to the Airport. Bus should go from Stonebridge - Confed - Airport. It is strange all traffic needs to go downtown first. Absolutely do not close 1 lane on 8th/22nd for a LRT. Find other streets that make sense i.e. 20th street.</p>
<p>Improved services and access for the city's most vulnerable citizens - low income families, refugees, disabled persons.</p>
<p>Improvement of transfers, transfer stations, more terminals. Being able to getting anywhere in the city on the bus faster (include north end from 8th street). Moving "bus mall"</p>
<p>Increase bus routes to reflect all of the city and lengthen hours of operation</p>
<p>Increase focus on FAST public transit, with residential buses feeding frequently serviced, rapid transit corridors for commuters and then all riders. Presently there still seems to be much aimed at ensuring that every person has a bus pass within 2 or 3 blocks of their home and delivering them to downtown without a transfer. Begin planning now to make transit a faster way to get around.</p>
<p>Increase funding for Access Transit, Decrease funding for Saskatoon Transit! You will never be able to please everyone! I see a lot of city buses running around with next to no patron`s. Maybe smaller buses, it will decrease fuel costs a lot and the drivers will still have jobs.</p>
<p>Increase in frequency.</p>
<p>Increase ridership by reducing fares, particularly for seniors.</p>
<p>Increase the frequency of busses on busier routes.</p>
<p>Increase the frequency of transit service especially through the circle drive to downtown.</p>
<p>increase ticket prices</p>
<p>Increase user pay</p>
<p>It might be time for a management change in this department and the way we look at busing. Looking a buses operating in Lakeview they are almost empty in the evenings. If service needs to be provided in the evenings could it be provided with a more cost effective smaller bus?</p>
<p>It should pay for itself. I know it can't, but I don't want to pay for it.</p>
<p>It takes me 20 minutes to drive to work, and about 40 if I take the bus. I'd like to see the bus commute match the drive. I might use it more often. But maybe not. If I'm paying for my car every month why add the expense of a bus pass?</p>
<p>Its way overdue for public transit to be radically transformed to support current and future needs.</p>
<p>Just privatize it. This union protest is a joke for folk that don't have a difficult job and the bus system is terrible.</p>
<p>Keep on the good job.</p>
<p>Keep prices down but service higher density areas</p>
<p>Keep the budget down until there is really a change to make. Right now taking. The bus is difficult from any areas due to routes and time of travel. Perhaps make it easier and faster to take public transit or invest more in ability to bike i.e. from North west to south east??</p>
<p>Less large buses with them only assigned to major commuter routes. Smaller vehicles for routes to feed commuter routes. No need for a ginormous bus to be running with a route where you will never get more than 15 people riding. Also begin testing or studying autonomous transit buses.</p>
<p>Less looping, more parallel lines in this city, hub and spoke is a ridiculous system that does not encourage ridership to go anywhere but malls and the university. Too many routes that are too similar, too many stops. Why can't people walk 2 blocks for a stop? I do in other cities, even farther sometimes.</p>
<p>Let the free market decide. Deregulate, allow private companies to serve the public.</p>
<p>Let the private sector be the taxi service. Kneeling buses can work on regular routes for basic transportation.</p>
<p>Let's be realistic for a moment. We need to start considering a "Rapid Transit" subway system. If anything, that would provide a more response to our transit system than the under used, taking up valuable road space which we really don't have thanks to poor future planning over the</p>

decades. Go up, or go down, because we are very congested on our roads already with the under used buses.
Light rail on 8th and 21st with buses that travel north and south at regular intervals. It is ridiculous that there is no way to get from Clarence to Preston without a transfer.
Look at ways to increase number of buses around start and end of usual work day to help decrease the amount of time waiting for a bus
Looked into the transit system a few times but there were some ridiculous durations. Need some or more express buses between high traffic locations and depots.
Looking at the routes in Hampton/Dundonald. It is unfortunate that a person with special needs to leave for a bus at 6:45 am In order to get to work at the abilities council for 8:30 work start. Same person has to wait 40 minutes or more at the downtown terminal returning home from special Olympics programs or events due to major bus restrictions.
Lower bus fares and routes that encourage more people to take the bus. Better customer service would help people take the bus more, the drivers are usually unpleasant and unhelpful, possibly because they are so rushed.
Lower costs for public transit. The current prices are more than our family can afford, which means if we can't walk to our destination we can't go.
Lower fees for transit. Increase hours of service, many people work late shifts, and have no alternative but to take a cab home after work.
LTR type system
Major cities include rapid transit between all terminals. Why is there no rapid transit from Confed to Lawson
Major increases in funding are needed for transit. The city needs to show that it believes in changing the mode share split away from single vehicle car commuting. Making transit more efficient and effective, while reducing the absolute convenience and dominance of car commuting, is important for reducing congestion and improving quality of life. The elected leaders need to summon the courage to move away from the coverage model and move toward the frequency model.
Make access and transportation within the downtown core and surrounding areas feasible with easy direct access to groceries because there is no food downtown. Transit needs to focus on reliability, waiting at timed stops before leaving, and running on exact time.
Make access transit more user friendly
Make it user friendly. Get a GPS tracking app for the users and
Make it work or get rid of it.
Make service more convenient for users. Promotion of transit to potential users.
Make the bus mall safe. I do not need to have obscenities directed at me at the bus mall, or watch a pimp beat up his prostitute. Until you bull doze the bus mall, build a better more efficient one, design better routes that it does not take half a day to get somewhere in the city.
Make the busses meet. Make routes run more often in peak hours.
Make the distance between bus stop longer
Make this department more accountable the lockout mess was irresponsible & nobody paid the price for this mess.
Make transit a better transportation option by offering more frequent routes and with hours that extend into the nights on weekends for the bar crowd.
Make transit a viable alternative to stop Saskatoon's path toward a completely car-centric city. It's so difficult to minimize using a car in our current car-culture, especially when cycling and public transit seem to be discouraged by citizens and city planners alike!
Make transit affordable. It is currently cheaper for a tank and a half of gas to drive around all month than it is to get a bus pass. Work on new bus routes through the new areas like Evergreen.
Make transit more attractive to riders so it can become more self sufficient

make transit more of an option; move away from so much dependency on cars
Many low income and disabled people depend on the bus system. Improved routes are needed by a re-education of many of the drivers in regards to customer service.
Many of the buses I ride are decrepit and embarrassing for a city of this size. I would improve/expand the bus fleet with a goal of 15 min. peak service and half hour service at all times on current bus routes.
Massive overhauling needed. Buses following each other down the same street is pointless. Specials to high schools are poorly run, buses often don't show up for students or don't stop. Time buses better so no 2 buses run behind one another.
More access transit for school kids
More availability to neighbourhoods. It doesn't matter how often I can get between transit hubs if I can only get from my home to the transit hub once an hour.
more buses, more buses on busy routes during peak times, feasibility of light rail
More busses and better routes. Covered and possibly heated bus stops. Promote bus system and offer safe bus stops.
More Dart routes. A bus out to Warman and Martinsville. Better timing for buses (do we really need two buses going in the same direction at the same time? Stagger it so there's a 15 minute wait, not a half hour or hour wait.
More efficient and better routes. Routes are too long to take people from outlying areas to core or key shopping districts. It shouldn't take an hour to get from the market mall area to Broadway or downtown during the day. This is a big issue for seniors.
More emphasis needs to be put on public transit if the city wants to grow and become an attractive place to live. Why would anyone want to come here if they can't get around safely and efficiently?
more engaging drivers, settle union dispute
More frequent and closer stops especially in hi or peak times and in areas that are frequented by seniors
More frequent service
More frequent services and connections
More frequent stops at peak times (7:00-9:30 am) (3:30-6:00pm) and more reliable service.
More hybrids and buying electric buses. They do exist.
More money has to be spent on Transit to make it a viable alternative. Bus routes must be reliable. There ought to be feeder routes to main routes - with the main routes running more often. Alternatively, give up on making Transit an alternative and spend less to provide a sufficient service for the users it has with routes running only sporadically other than at peak times.
More people taking the bus!!! Don't understand why people are so dependent on automobiles.
More pickups. Better route management
More planning and research to determine how to increase use. Learn how to make it more convenient for people to use public transit, even if this means significant increases to transit capacity. Taking more single driver passenger vehicles off the road solves a lot of other problems.
More routes, more often. Create more bike lanes!
More service, bus shelters, and faster and more buses on the street
more short notice trip bookings
Most buses are empty
Move to smaller vehicles off peak hours. Having a giant bus with two people on it at night is waste
Much better frequency of buses. We are far behind the efficiency of many other cities, Calgary for example.

Need more direct transits i.e. to go to Innovation place from Rosewood, it takes 3 buses and 50 minutes (if we take the car it will be only 10 minutes for this trip).
Need transit service that will fairly reach all Saskatoon Housing Authority complexes more than every 30 minutes. Those tenants don't have the economic ability to move to a different neighborhood that has proper transit service, Access Transit needs to increase the availability of transportation to suit the clients actual health needs and schedules.
Needs to be accessible to the West side too.
Never use it
Newer busses. Reduce the number of routes that go down 25th street to university instead have a regular university to downtown every 15 minutes.
No need to increase this service just make it more efficient
No suggestion. Don't use this service.
Nobody rides the bus because it is UNRELIABLE! Run express buses only from malls and the north end to the bus mall.
None - we don't use transit
Not everyone want to go via the university or confederation to get somewhere! I think more transfer points to the parts of the city I would go would entice my use of the bus. Ex top of Clarence.
Now here is a poor service. The people in charge are under the delusion that we are a larger city and have big dreams. Plan it right for our size and demographics.
On Task
Operating hours should be decreased.
Organise routes better increase the pay for the workers and reduce the routes that don't have riders
Our bus service was taken away during the last change. In order to use the bus I would need to drive to a bus stop, and the cost is prohibitive.
Our transit service is only good for 8 months out of the year. Come winter everybody gets a ride because waiting for a bus at -35 is hazardous to your health.
Our transit system is horrendous!! It takes me 15 minutes to drive to a different area that takes an hour and a half by bus, that's insane! If you want more people to take the bus the system MUST get more efficient.
People don't use the bus that much. Invest in bike lanes instead.
Plan for LRT. Plan for net-zero-emissions vehicles. Improve signage/wayfinding/tracking (mobile apps, connected signage)) in order to emulate some of the benefits of LRT.
Priorities would be faster easier bus travel. Right now it would take me 1 hour to get to work (with a transfer and walk of 3 blocks) on the bus but I can drive in 8 minutes. Even if it was free I couldn't justify the time spent to take the bus.
Prioritizing funding the BRT plan in Growing Forward. Developing an efficient, reliable and accessible transit service is essential for a growing city.
Privatize, so inefficient and wasteful. Too many empty buses. Transit plan /need of a 33rd street bridge is crazy. It's mainly the downtown that's pushing travel to city central.
Probably one of the worst public transit service I have seen.
Provide a service that serve people dependent on public transit well & be a system that is a reasonable alternative to those who have cars. Respectful service by bus drivers. Agree with offering lower cost bus passes for seniors and low income residents. Implement better service through express buses that travel continuously on circle drive and feed smaller buses in localized areas.
Provide more efficient travel. Rather than current long circuitous routes work around a multiple hub and spoke model based around several major transfer points distributed at or near large areas of the city or common destinations (Lawson/Confed/Circle Malls, U of S, downtown, NE,

<p>South) with shorter local/feeder routes to major transfer points. As a design principle, a route should either go through a single neighborhood to a terminal or between terminals then end. Shorter routes with more termination would allow easier bus/driver substitution if routes are running late due to bad weather, traffic, etc. Terminals should have indoor heated waiting areas. Non-stop express routes should run between terminals with high frequency to cover large distances in minimum time. Get rid of the idea that a driver/bus will just do one route all day, plan to have drivers and equipment doing a different route after reaching a termination point. Allow more dwell time at termination points to absorb delays. Consider different frequencies for routes rather than all routes being a factor of 0:15, i.e. terminal 2 terminal express routes may just be "frequent" during peak times, not unlike the B-Line routes in Vancouver or a local route in one area may be every 25 minutes during the day and every 12 minutes during peak times. Consider regional transit to gain new customers from nearby bedroom communities, partner with STC if necessary to provide "commuter" service to the city and seamless transfer to local transit.</p>
<p>public education , bus passes for seniors to get them off the road</p>
<p>Public transit is so important. Service needs to be more frequent. Planning should start now for rapid transit from the suburbs, don't wait until it's too late! Start now. We are growing and I hear downtown is short of parking places -- an effective transit system could be a solution. Do we need such big busses? Maybe some routes would benefit from smaller units with more frequent service. I understand this would require more drivers, costly to City. Look to European cities for inspiration.</p>
<p>Purchase buses.</p>
<p>Push for public transit</p>
<p>Rapid Transit and heated waiting areas are crucial to ensure Saskatoonians will commute via Bus.</p>
<p>Rarely used.</p>
<p>Reallocate funds to access from transit. Reduce the costs of passes and rides on transit and listen to those who ride to make changes that make riding more desirable</p>
<p>Recommend re-evaluation of route efficiency. Make buses a viable alternative to cars as the city expands beyond the (reasonably affordable) carrying capacity of our roads and bridges. Increase rapid transit corridors, particularly between core neighbourhoods and essential services "hotspots". Improve rider experience through reliability, wait time reduction and provision of bus shelters.</p>
<p>Reduce amount of buses and routes. I see too many empty buses out there. Times have changed and not enough people use the transit service. It's too bad, but it's reality</p>
<p>Reduce capacity where ridership is low (empty buses), by providing smaller buses/lower interval. Consider using a smart driverless cars in place of buses for outer hub, to deliver ridership to 'bulking up' stations (5-10 yr. horizon). Continue to improve energy efficiency/emissions.</p>
<p>Reduce greenfield development in order to limit the mileage our buses need to drive.</p>
<p>Reduce price to \$2 and change to high ridership model.</p>
<p>Reduce the number of buses on routes that are not carrying any passengers.</p>
<p>Reduced pricing to ride the bus! More bus routes!</p>
<p>Reduction in usage for little used routes.</p>
<p>Regular service that is on time.</p>
<p>Replace the really old buses and get those arty decals off the windows. In the winter, the decorative coverings are impossible to see when your stop is coming up (the windows get dirty really fast and frost up, so it's already hard to see out, especially in the dark). Make bus lanes on the University bridge at evening rush hour so the schedule isn't such a fictitious story.</p>
<p>Routes in new areas to downtown quicker</p>
<p>Saskatoon has developed an 'anti-transit' culture through stigmatization and lack of exposure. If you wish to turn the tables on this you will need to start by serving the communities and routes most likely to put transit to use so long as transit is made reliable. Lower income</p>

<p>neighbourhoods, neighbourhoods frequented by students, and key locations of interest to Saskatonians should be a start. One obvious area that is lacking is the airport. Saskatoon is a small city and a more frequent bus from the airport to downtown could be a useful way to increase transit use through strategic allocations. However, unless the bus is coming at least every 10 or 15 minutes I don't think any route will be viable with anyone but those who have no other choice but to ride the bus (the 'captive' customer base). You need to start thinking about how you can make transit attractive and not just available. Again, HOV lanes and regular service on key routes is an important place to start. 8th street is a great first step on this as there are lots of people in the service industry who need to get around that area but there are other areas that seem obvious too: a regular/direct route from the university to the Broadway area, for example, as right now it's faster to walk that route than take transit so as to render the route pretty much unviable in spite of a high concentration of students and younger residents more interested in transit. And what about the elderly residents of downtown Saskatoon where there's no full grocery store? Focusing all your efforts on selling transportation to the suburbs is a losing proposition as they lack the density and diversity to justify this and the very fact of choosing to live at the periphery of the city can be credibly linked to not considering transportation a big factor in their life choices.</p>
<p>Saskatoon Transit does not need an increase because, although we may not like to admit it, we are a city that drives vehicles, not one that optimally uses buses.</p>
<p>Saskatoon transit has struggled to attract riders and maintain reasonable pricing for many years. Perhaps it is time to define a service area, and acknowledge that some areas will be un-serviced. If the offset is that the serviced areas get truly convenient, perhaps there will be a better balance. More of a "pick something and do it well" rather than being all things to all people.</p>
<p>Saskatoon Transit is run incompetently. Transit doesn't have the capability of providing each area of Saskatoon the equal Transit Service. Transit doesn't listen to the ridership on how to improve the service. None of Transit management take transit to see how more efficiently they can make this service.</p>
<p>Saskatoon Transit seems to be stuck in a permanent cycle of being unable to increase ridership because service kind of sucks, but being unable to increase service because of lack of riders. They need more funding to break the cycle.</p>
<p>Scrap the entire transit system. It's broken and unsustainable in its current state. No individual would use this unless there is no other option for transportation. Until transit can plan, create timely and functional routes it's a greater detriment to our city.</p>
<p>Sell off the mechanical junkyard, invest in newer more efficient hybrid or all electric busses.</p>
<p>Sell the buses. Why? Because its 2016.</p>
<p>Separate bus lanes and increased frequency at stops.</p>
<p>Seriously look at routes and ridership, maybe need to adjust hours also</p>
<p>Service is poorly used and money should not be taken from other services to subsidize transit</p>
<p>Settle the dispute with Transit Employees. No one on council will get my vote without settling Contract.</p>
<p>Settle their contract!</p>
<p>Shorter trips from suburbs to downtown.</p>
<p>Sign a new contract with the drivers' union. Bargain in good faith</p>
<p>Since this budget item contains the most useful, efficient, healthy, environmentally friendly and economically viable option to move people (longer distances) in an urban setting, I have drastically increased this budget item; this budget item is the chief remedy to my drastic decreases in investments for motor vehicle traffic. I have no idea what the actual dollar figure should be this year, however. As an aside, good transit relies on well-functioning active transportation and benefits fiscally from dedicated infrastructure and a compact urban setting.</p>
<p>Smaller buses at non-peak times. Increase Access Transit.</p>

Smaller buses in evenings, weekends. Frequency decreased evenings and weekends. Majority of time at these buses run almost empty from what I see unless riders are hiding on floor.
Smaller buses more often. Put the route planning in charge of someone who actually rides them.
Smaller buses on remote routes; sacrifice low ridership areas in favor of high frequency on major routes.
Smaller busses for less frequently used routes.
Smaller busses in use at none busy times, we often see large busses with no passengers. Also for people to be able to pay for one ticket on the bus. If you are not familiar with where and how to purchase tickets it can be a long walk.
so many buses I see go by are almost empty - could smaller buses be used in non-busy areas
Some rapid transit options for the long term. In the short term, increase frequency even more at peak times on major routes.
Some small buses as feeder buses. A lot of waste with huge empty buses.
Spend more on marketing. In any organization, if you are trying to change habits you have to make people aware of the benefits of change. Telling what you do is not enough. Get people riding the bus?
Start charging the people that use it what it costs.
Stay the same but sign that ...contract- four years is too long. And get the bozzo who locked them out illegally and then tried it again out of COS management. His mistakes are too costly!
Stop access to roundabout at U of S, stay on College. Severe handicap, wheel chair, stroller access should stop.
Stop dumping more money into a failing model.... time to restructure and for real CONSIDER rail traffic. How is Saskatoon going to look in 20-25 years with no...rail transit? Real crappy.
Stop making the UofS a focus point. If we made it more effort was made on making the system useful for adults in the business world, more might us it. With the heavy focus on schools and special needs, the average person finds the system convoluted and hard to get to appointments with.
Stop running the big buses on low volume routes and times. Get some smaller buses.
Tax payers should not have to fund transit at all. I DECREASED my property tax above BUT it would only let me go as low as \$230 from \$287. User ship is down and overpriced for what you get from talking to others. I never take the bus as my needs for getting around is far better suited by driving where I need go. TRIED using the Special Bus arrangements for the World Junior Hockey event as Sask Place. Caught the first bus in my area in Lakeview, arrived downtown to find All buses already full, and long waiting lines, arrived at rink at the beginning of SECOND Period. ENOUGH OF THAT as we were chauffeured by my wife to and from the game. MUCH Quicker, but then so would have been "Two Raisins On a Bread Board". I am tired of subsidizing transit for others and when one pays over \$6,100.00 in property taxes, Transit needs to go
That taxpayer's dollars shouldn't be used to fund a money losing venture since majority of ppl don't use it.
The annual transit subsidies need to be reduced. Ridership is stagnant or even down; why throw more tax dollars at it? And, CO2 is plant food; it is a good thing. Trying to justify tax increases on the basis of global warming is ridiculous.
The bus connections are terrible for a city this size. Sundays they don't run till later when a lot of people still need services early on Sunday...
The bus route review can't come soon enough.
The city needs to resolve the issues with the ATU local 615. The driver's need a fair contract and need a proper raise increase. They need to be paid in fair comparison with other western cities instead of being the lowest paid. Then the service needs to be increased to make it easier for people to get to where they need to be. If new buses are bought, those need to be new, not used/unsafe buses from other cities.

<p>The last time that I used the transit in Saskatoon I found it took far too long to get where I needed to go and have not taken it since. I have taken public transit in China, New York, London, Paris, San Francisco - and found that each of these locations had very fast public transit for a reasonable price</p>
<p>The methodology of Saskatoon transit hasn't worked. I understand changes have occurred/are going to occur, but it's clear that the system needs a major rethink if it is going to provide a service that Saskatoon residents actually want. I'm in favour of public transit, however, the Saskatoon program is clearly not delivered in a way that appeals to the people of Saskatoon. That is the ultimate test and it is undeniable that Saskatoon Transit fails to deliver services that people generally want to use.</p>
<p>The online trip planner needs serious improvement. When I put in arrival time it gives me the first arrival time after that, but my appt is that time! There should be a few fast routes, and then links (perhaps with smaller buses for smaller ridership) connecting to these routes. Buses are so complex! When I have visited other cities, the trains are always easy to use, the buses are always hard to figure out. So, either a few bus routes that are like train routes, or get trains. If the city could buy the CP and CN rail lines ...</p>
<p>The priority should be increasing uptake of public transportation, decreasing vehicle use and traffic congestion.</p>
<p>The system is broken, until a plan to fix it can be worked out, quit throwing money at it.</p>
<p>The transit routes and ability to access the north industrial end of Saskatoon are simply so poor that it is impossible to consider it as a viable transportation option to a daily destination that could remove a large volume of traffic from our busy street. Multiple routes need to run in the north end with rapid connector routes that extend to areas of the city that would currently require a 1-1/2 hour ride to get home during. Direct connections to centers such as Market Mall with no other stops running for 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the evening would provide real service that is missing.</p>
<p>The Transit system is acceptable for my area. It would be nice to see an increase in ridership.</p>
<p>There are too many vacant buses making long trips throughout the city. An internal study needs to be completed to determine the use of smaller vehicles. I recognize that the number of passengers is down. I would like to see the City manage the school bus program in cooperation with the School Boards.</p>
<p>There needs to be a change in the attitude. In larger cities, public transit is an acceptable form of commuting. In Saskatoon, it means you can't afford a car. We need more technology (your phone should tell you where the busses are) and a much better experience. The BRT concept is the way of the future, but do a good job around the campus at Sask. Poly and U of S. Start with the students and retain them for life. The mixed use redevelopment opportunity of the old bus barns needs to be embraced. This is a fantastic opportunity for the city and for Caswell. The history of public transit could be recognized with a small display and some creative use of a few older bus carcasses as a part of the redevelopment. A bus bar coffee stop? A bus B&B?</p>
<p>There needs to be more frequent service and more coverage. The city needs to do something ground-breaking like fully subsidize the public transit. There would be much less demand for things like dedicated bike lanes. It will also grow interest for people to live downtown</p>
<p>They need to reconsider their routes and get more people using public transit. Also get smaller buses for smaller routes like they have in Vancouver and Victoria</p>
<p>They should quit trying to increase the number of riders. I don't think it matters what they do, people are not going to give up driving to ride the bus. They should gradually change over the fleet to smaller buses.</p>
<p>This is a joke. I constantly see buses stop at least twice within the same block. What a waste of money.</p>

<p>This is a pay for use service that continually fails, have some smaller busses for routes that have low usage. Do not try to improve the service by dedicating buss only roads, as this will affect everyone, and not increase ridership. Have dedicated parking lots outside the core, with reasonable rates where riders can park their cars and take short transit routes to the city's core areas, and industrial areas. One heavy loaded bus does more damage to the road ways that an equal number of cars, as roads can easily handle vehicle traffic, stop trying to promote different.</p>
<p>this is the worst transit system in Canada why do you need big buses running all over the city use little ones in the area to the bus mall & big to u ofs & downtown & to other big users</p>
<p>This needs a re-haul....less money until a sustainable plan is developed, used and sustainable - maybe consider less routes -</p>
<p>This only seems useful during the school year/university time...think this area could be reduced.</p>
<p>This service is the worst transit in Canada and is not self-sustaining and should be either eliminated or overhauled to ensure it becomes self-sustaining.</p>
<p>This service needs to be able to finance itself based on ridership. The city needs to make transit more appealing to the masses and way more efficient to get around.</p>
<p>This service requires a total review in terms of how they serve Saskatoon. Unless you are heading downtown or in reverse the bus service does not serve those needing it or promote others to do so. Another example for an upcoming concert the city has refused bus service to anywhere but the transit mall. This is a revenue opportunity and an opportunity to introduce the bus service. This event is at a city facility and one department is not supporting the other.</p>
<p>Ticket costs are getting up there but either the service is provided and the tax payer help by subsidizing the trans system so be it. The people that depend on the transit system aren't always so fortunate and can't afford a vehicle plus we are cutting down on greenhouse gases so no change.</p>
<p>To have them self-funding and more direct routes and take away those that are only used marginally</p>
<p>To move the bus mall. Look at alternate fuels.</p>
<p>too much waste at city hall get rid of half those managers and settle that labour dispute</p>
<p>Transit costs too much, could spend less on car payments. I have ideas but they are futuristic, and I find people wouldn't comprehend them.</p>
<p>Transit has been underfunded for decades and this needs to be rectified. The number of riders will not increase until the service improves.</p>
<p>Transit here needs a major overhaul - it is embarrassingly inadequate on many levels</p>
<p>Transit in this city sucks. That is why people don't use unless they have no other option. I would take the bus to work if I could but it would take me over an hour when I can drive in 10 minutes. My time has a value to me. Maybe have more, smaller buses running more direct routes so a rider doesn't have to transfer two or three times to get somewhere,</p>
<p>Transit is a black hole of red ink.</p>
<p>Transit is a difficult one to evaluate as more money could potentially make it better, but it should also be better to begin with to attract more riders and require less funding. This needs a total overhaul.</p>
<p>Transit is a leach on the budget. Increase fares to recover more costs from users. Stop running empty busses through neighbourhoods that don't use transit enough.</p>
<p>Transit is a waste until we are big enough to actually need it. So are bike lanes. Not used.</p>
<p>Transit is AWFUL. Make it more reliable, revamp the routes to better use Circle now that it's a circle, run buses later, use the website to put actual updates up, figure out how to help people who aren't just going downtown or to campus. I use it M-F since I work on campus but never in the evenings or weekends because buses are so infrequent and unreliable.</p>

Transit is broken and until it is fixed I wouldn't be in favor of giving it any more money. There is no consistency, no reliability, and rude staff. Transit wants the money that Calgary and Edmonton Transit personal get. I have been to both Calgary and Edmonton a half dozen times in last 2 years and when you check their website, app, or paper schedule and it says bus will be there at 5:07, the bus is there at 5:07 if it is early it waits. It doesn't just stop for 5 - 10 minutes at a turnaround point like our transit. I do not take the bus regularly any longer. I did at one point but it was too unreliable.
Transit is geared toward downtown and basically useless in outlying suburbs.
Transit is good, need to focus on keeping rates accessible and routes practical. Things were better before the Toronto consultants recommended changes. Now it is more difficult and less desirable to take the bus. 1.5 hrs for me to get to work vs 10 min bus or 40 min bike.
Transit is not as affordable as it once was.
Transit should be self-sustaining in cost. Ridership is a function of usefulness. Currently not useful at all for current situation. Access transit should be subsidized.
Transit takes too long to get anywhere in city especially for students and business people.
Transit waste in industrial areas on week-ends
Transit works well considering how much it is utilized. The integration of Google Maps navigation is simply brilliant.
Transit, and in particular Access Transit, have the highest priority for me. I would think that more Access Transit buses should result in fewer declined requests for transportation.
Try to find some happier more courteous drivers. Many a time I have witnessed bad driving behaviour and rude actions from the drivers
Use it or lose it. Use higher bus concentration to service elderly, lower income and students at appropriate times.
Use smaller vehicle feeder units and limit larger buses to main arteries.
Use what we have currently!
User pay system. Get rid of the Union drivers, privatize if need be.
Waste of money, I think the city agrees as they can't seem to agree on a contract. If we are going to have mass transit then commit to it and do it right. It seems that this service is for students and poor people and not for anyone that uses it to make a decent living.
Watching millions of dollars go into a program that has such a low ridership is depressing. I have yet to see a workable program that has been presented that has people ready to start using the bus.
We do not use transit. A park and ride direct to downtown could be useful.
We don't need bus stops every 2 blocks. Reduce the number of stops and increase the distance between them. Also, departing on time from the downtown terminal would be nice. It rarely happens.
We have to start a rapid transit system. I have no idea how to start funding such a program, but if we don't we are going to be very sorry. I do not think transit should be handing this project, I think it should be part of the Infrastructure program.
We need better bus routes (and an attitude change with the drivers).
We need more of our population to use Transit, but for this we need improved service levels.
We need some rapid transit. 45 minutes from downtown does not influence me to use the bus.
We see large buses with very few riders. Consider reducing routes, service schedules, or large buses (i.e.: use small vans) in non-peak periods of time. Those that use transit services would gravitate to living closer to existing transit routes. Also consider charging more to riders! Users should be paying more for the services they use.
We should be promoting other modes of transportation in the summer - bikes, etc. Ramp up routing in the winter only.
We shouldn't be spending so much on a broken program. Transit needs a complete overhaul to be useful to most citizens.

What a disgrace! When it takes an hour to travel from Lawson Heights to Stonebridge, this is nuts. Get rid of the managers that think they know what they are doing, and hire someone who actually uses the bus.

Where do you start?? Terrible service and areas of the city not covered.

Why are buses running empty at night? Maybe areas need to be shut down at certain times

Try to model transit after cities like Montreal or Vancouver where it is actually used by residents because it is faster and convenient - But before investing our money in improvements, settle your outstanding obligations to the transit union. It is embarrassing for our city that they are the lowest paid in Canada. How can we expect them to provide superior service when they are treated so poorly by their employers? it is laughable every time I hear about proposed improvements to transit knowing that you have not spent the required money to treat the workers fairly

our bus system as it is does not reflect the needs of our community so many, many changes Need to be made and soon - buses Need to have priority over all other vehicles on the roads (except emergency vehicles) so that taking transit is fast, efficient and convenient

- No Changes/No Suggestions were mentioned 5 times.