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## Proposed Official Community Plan deferred to June Public Hearing



At its meeting on May 25, City Council deferred consideration of the new proposed Official Community Plan (OCP) to its June Public Hearing on **Monday, June 29, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.** The deferment was recommended by Administration to allow for additional discussions with stakeholders prior to the opening of the Public Hearing.

### What is being proposed in the new OCP?

The new proposed OCP provides the framework for the implementation of major priorities that have been already been endorsed by City Council through initiatives like the Plan for Growth, Strategic Plan, Green Infrastructure Strategy, Culture Plan and Heritage Plan.

These and more than 50 other civic plans and policies have informed the new proposed OCP. The update of the OCP is not intended introduce new direction, but rather to consolidate and entrench the directions that Council has approved in recent years in a way that is clear and engaging.

**Highlights include. . .**

The following provides an overview of the content included in the new proposed OCP, along with highlights from each individual section:

**Section A – Introduction** - describes what an Official Community Plan (OCP) is, how it is used by the City, and its scope and horizon of application.

Highlights:

- The OCP works in conjunction with the City's Strategic Plan and Multi-Year Business Plan and Budgeting process to create a strategic framework for how priorities are set and how the City achieves its goals.
- The OCP is intended to guide Saskatoon's growth and development to a population of 500,000.

**Section B – Our Local Context** - describes the location, history, and projected future of the City and region.

Highlights:

- Recognition of the initial Indigenous inhabitants of the area, the Métis communities that have made the area home, and the signing of Treaty Six.
- The arrival of the Temperance Colonization Society and the incorporation of the Village of Saskatoon.
- The City's current and projected population, the diverse economy, and the evolution of the City's urban form and structure.

**Section C – Our Vision and Strategic Goals** - describes the vision for Saskatoon as a world class city with a proud history of self-reliance, innovation, stewardship, and cultural diversity. This part also establishes the City's commitment to maintaining strong relationships with municipal neighbours and regional partners, and supporting strong relationships with rights holders and key stakeholders within Saskatoon and from other orders of government.

Highlights:

- The maintenance of mutually beneficial relationships with nearby municipalities and other jurisdictions and orders of government.
- Recognition of the distinct order of government of First Nations and Métis and the importance of Truth and Reconciliation to honour and strengthen relationships with Indigenous people.
- The importance of public engagement as a building block for creating a healthy and sustainable community. (Policy No. C02-046 – Public Engagement Policy – Sept 1, 2019)

**Section D – Quality of Life** - establishes how the City may address the cultural and social identity and development of the city. This includes how art, culture, heritage, community facilities, and health and safety may be supported or built into the community.

Highlights:

- Accessibility and affordability of recreation and services for all residents. ([City of Saskatoon - Recreation and Parks Master Plan](#) – July 20, 2015)
- Conserving, revitalizing and honouring Indigenous culture and heritage. ([City of Saskatoon - Culture Plan](#) – July 21, 2011)
- Enhancing quality of life through the support and development of arts and culture throughout the city. ([City of Saskatoon - Culture Plan](#) – July 21, 2011)
- Celebrating Saskatoon as a four-season city. ([Winter City Strategy Project Framework](#) – March 21, 2016)

**Section E – Environmental Leadership** - establishes how the City will commit to protecting, enhancing, and managing our impact on the environment. This includes the conservation and/or management of natural systems, energy, waste and the mitigation of, or adaptation to, climate change.

Highlights:

- Managing built and natural assets through an asset management policy. ([City of Saskatoon Strategic Plan 2018 - 2021](#) – August 20, 2018)
- Mitigating and adapting to climate change through the implementation and maintenance of a climate action plan to reduce corporate and community emissions. ([City of Saskatoon Strategic Plan 2018 - 2021](#) – August 20, 2018 / [Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy \(Item 8.4.2\)](#) – November, 2015)
- Facilitating and supporting community involvement and programming about environment initiatives. ([Saskatoon Speaks - Community Vision \(June 2011\)](#) – June 20, 2011)

**Section F – Urban Form and Structure:** establishes land uses and the organization of the form, structure, and land use pattern of the city. This includes the concentration and density of development, integration with the transportation network and open spaces, and use of Local Area Plans, Sector Plans and Concept Plans.

Highlights:

- Development of a compact city form. ([Official Community Plan Bylaw No.](#)

8769)

- Integration of planning for the locations of Community Focal Points, Corridor Growth Areas, Employment Areas, and other major community facilities and transportation infrastructure. (Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8769)
- Corridor Growth Areas as an opportunity for infill development along Bus Rapid Transit routes or other major corridors. (Growth Plan to Half a Million - Growth Plan Technical Report – April 18, 2016)

**Section G – Sustainable Growth:** establishes how and where development should occur, and the processes that support development. This includes policies and considerations for the financing, phasing, and provision of services for development, as well as coordinated growth and development with our regional partners.

Highlights:

- Maintaining the Downtown as an attractive, functional, vibrant place that is the centre of financial, administrative, cultural, and commercial activities of the city and region. (Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8769)
- Supporting the City's goal of accommodating:
  - 15% of total growth within Corridor Growth Areas;
  - 25% of total growth within Strategic Infill Areas;
  - 10% of total growth within Neighbourhood Infill areas. (Growth Plan to Half a Million - Growth Plan Technical Report – April 18, 2016)
- Guidance on how development costs are managed and distributed. (Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8769 / Saskatoon Speaks - Community Vision – June 20, 2011 / City of Saskatoon - Financing Growth Study – April 20, 2015)
- Coordination with regional partners to enable cost-effective growth. (City of Saskatoon Strategic Plan 2018 - 2021 – August 20, 2018)

**Section H – Moving Around:** establishes how the City's transportation network supports and is supported by development. This includes how the transportation network's infrastructure, and the transit network's facilities are planned and operated, how parking is managed, and the integration of transportation and land use planning.

Highlights:

- Alignment of transportation planning decisions with the vision for a compact and defined city form. (Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8769)
- Integration and interconnection of all modes of transportation as part of the transportation network. (Saskatoon Speaks - Community Vision – June 20, 2011 / Growth Plan to Half a Million - Growth Plan Technical Report – April 18,

2016)

- Accessibility of existing or future streets and their integration with surrounding land uses. (Growth Plan to Half a Million - Complete Streets Design and Policy Guide – October 10, 2017)
- Provision of accessible and efficient transit. (Growth Plan to Half a Million - Growth Plan Technical Report – April 18, 2016)

**Section I – Economic Diversity and Prosperity:** establishes how the City will facilitate and/or support the growth and diversity of economic development in the city and region. This includes how the City and region may collaborate and/or promote initiatives and/or cost sharing, and how the City may attract out-of-province business and cooperate, collaborate and/or partner with local, municipal and provincial partners and other authorities.

Highlights:

- Coordinating and facilitating of business growth and creation among regional partners. (Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth Regional Plan – May, 2017)
- The provision of incentives and regulations to encourage development in the Downtown (City of Saskatoon Strategic Plan 2018 - 2021 – August 20, 2018)
- Attracting international and out-of-province based businesses. (City of Saskatoon Strategic Plan 2018 - 2021 – August 20, 2018)

**Section J – Implementation:** guides and outlines tools for how the City will implement and achieve the content of the OCP. This includes the coordination with other jurisdictions, Indigenous inclusion, public engagement, secondary planning, phasing and constraints to development, operating and capital budgeting, and zoning bylaw and subdivision requirements.

Highlights:

- Secondary planning processes, including Sector Plans, Concept Plans, Corridor Plans and Local Area Plans. (Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8769)
- Life-cycle costing and the maintenance of long-term financial plans for capital projects. (Corporate Asset Management Plan – November 14, 2017 / City of Saskatoon Strategic Plan 2018 - 2021 – August 20, 2018)
- Dedication of Municipal Reserve lands, or money-in-lieu, for new sites identified for school purposes through the subdivision process. (The Planning and Development Act, 2007)
- Acknowledging and honour Indigenous history and culture through ongoing dialogue – (City of Saskatoon - Culture Plan Implementation Refresh (2018 -

2022) – August 14, 2018 / City of Saskatoon Strategic Plan 2018 - 2021 – August 20, 2018)

## **Public Hearing - Monday, June 29**

City Council will consider the new proposed OCP at its Public Hearing on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. To submit a letter or request to speak, please visit [saskatoon.ca/writetocouncil](https://saskatoon.ca/writetocouncil) for more information.

The Public Hearing will be broadcast live on SHAW TV - Channel 10, Shaw BlueSky - Channel 105 and video-streamed at [saskatoon.ca/meetings](https://saskatoon.ca/meetings).

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