

# EXHIBITION LAP

## Meeting Debrief – Neighbourhood Safety Action Plan

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Thank you to those who attended the Exhibition Local Area Plan (LAP) meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. The Local Area Planning team values the time that attendees took to learn about and share your feedback on **Neighbourhood Safety!**

If you were unable to make it to the in-person meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>, the information below provides an overview of the topic discussed, and general feedback received from participants on the Neighbourhood Safety Action Plan (Safety Action Plan). A summary of the Safety Action Plan is attached for your reference and we encourage you to provide additional feedback to us.

### Overview of Meeting Topic – Neighbourhood Safety

This meeting was a follow-up to the Community Wide Neighbourhood Safety meeting held on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Elisabeth Miller, Senior Planner, provided a presentation on feedback collected from the group exercises (Safe/Unsafe Sites/Areas and Pathways/Nodes) and the Perceptions of Safety Survey completed at the Community Wide Neighbourhood Safety meeting on March 27, 2019. The proposed Safety Action Plan was presented to the community for comment and approval. As subsequent Neighbourhood Safety work will follow the Safety Action Plan, attendees were also asked to indicate their interest in participating in a number of actions where engagement from the community is valuable to better addressing the local issues/concerns.

Local crime statistics were shared as well at the meeting. Constable Patrick Skinnider from the Saskatoon Police Service provided an overview of reported crime occurrences in the area from early 2019, while also speaking about how crime statistics can sometimes be misleading.

The presentation and meeting notes are posted online at [saskatoon.ca/lap](http://saskatoon.ca/lap).

### Group Activity – Reviewing Proposed Safety Action Plan

Attendees participated in an activity to help us better understand the local opinions of the proposed Safety Action Plan. Each group was asked to review the Safety Action Plan, provide feedback, note priority, and indicate their interest in personally participating in various actions.

## Next Steps

The next step will be to implement items on the Safety Action Plan.

Please review the attached Safety Action Plan summary and let us know what you think of the Neighbourhood Safety actions proposed. To help us plan for implementation of these Safety Actions in the coming months, please follow the link below to share your interest in participating.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY ACTION PLAN SURVEY

**If you have any additional comments or feedback on Neighbourhood Safety in your neighbourhood, please email [elisabeth.miller@saskatoon.ca](mailto:elisabeth.miller@saskatoon.ca) or call 306-975-7666.**

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## Join us for our next LAP meeting on Wednesday, May 15 at 7pm!

Our next meeting topic will be **Riverfront Park Uses – Diefenbaker Park, Optimist Hill, & Meewasin Trail.**

We will discuss the roles different groups play in the management of the riverfront portion of the Exhibition LAP Study Area. We will review some of the history of developments in the area, including the recent development of Optimist Hill. The City of Saskatoon Recreation Services Manager, as well as representatives from Meewasin and Optimist Hill will be in attendance to provide information and answer questions.

The meeting will be held:

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019 – 7:00pm**  
**Seventh Day Adventist Christian School – Gym (2228 Herman Avenue)**

**Invite your neighbours! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!**

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## Safety Action Plan SUMMARY

Presented to the Exhibition LAP Committee on May 1, 2019



No	Action/Purpose	Perceived Issues/Concerns	Notes
1	<p><b>CPTED WORKSHOP</b></p> <p>To educate participants on the principles of CPTED and to learn how to apply them</p>	N/A	<p><u>Residents and local stakeholders</u> will be invited to a Workshop that will provide training on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)</p> <p><b>Workshop proposed to occur in May or June 2019</b></p>
2	<p><b>SAFETY AUDIT of Weaver Park</b></p> <p>To identify specific safety concerns, opportunities for crime to occur and residents' perception of their safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Path feels unsafe at night</li> <li>▪ Overgrown vegetation</li> </ul>	<p><u>Residents and local stakeholders</u> will be invited to participate in a review of <b>Weaver Park</b> during daylight hours and at night time</p> <p><u>Youth that attend Queen Elizabeth School</u> will be invited to participate and share their perceptions of safety in <b>Weaver Park</b> during daylight and/or school hours</p> <p><b>Safety Audit proposed to occur in June 2019</b></p>
3	<p><b>SAFETY AUDIT of Idylwyld Dr Pedestrian Overpass and Thornton Park</b></p> <p>To identify specific safety concerns, opportunities for crime to occur and residents' perception of their safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overpass has suspicious activity at ends</li> <li>▪ Confined space</li> <li>▪ Feels unsafe</li> <li>▪ People hanging around Thornton Park at night</li> </ul>	<p><u>Residents and local stakeholders</u> will be invited to participate in a review of <b>Thornton Park</b> and the <b>Idylwyld Drive Pedestrian Overpass</b> during daylight hours and at night time</p> <p><b>Safety Audit proposed to occur in June 2019</b></p>
4	<p><b>SAFETY AUDIT of Exhibition Park</b></p> <p>To identify specific safety concerns, opportunities for crime to occur and residents' perception of their safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Older youth are noisy and intimidating</li> </ul>	<p><u>Residents and local stakeholders</u> will be invited to participate in a review of <b>Exhibition Park</b> during daylight hours and at night time</p> <p><b>Safety Audit proposed to occur in June 2019</b></p>

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5	<p><b>SAFETY AUDIT</b> of Diefenbaker Park</p> <p>To identify specific safety concerns, opportunities for crime to occur and residents' perception of their safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meewasin Trail feels unsafe in mornings and after dark</li> <li>▪ Meewasin Trail feels isolated</li> <li>▪ Feels unsafe at night due to partying</li> <li>▪ Gang activity</li> <li>▪ Suspicious activity at south end of St. Henry Ave</li> </ul>	<p><u>Residents and local stakeholders</u> will be invited to participate in a review of <b>Diefenbaker Park</b> during daylight hours and at night time</p> <p><b>Safety Audit proposed to occur in June 2019</b></p>
6	<p><b>SAFETY AUDIT</b> of intersection at Ruth St and Lorne Ave</p> <p>To identify specific safety concerns, opportunities for crime to occur and residents' perception of their safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public intoxication</li> <li>▪ Gang issues</li> <li>▪ Drugs</li> <li>▪ Weapons</li> <li>▪ Criminal behaviour</li> <li>▪ Feels unsafe 24/7</li> <li>▪ Loitering</li> <li>▪ Intersection too busy to bike or walk</li> </ul>	<p><u>Residents and local stakeholders</u> will be invited to participate in a review of the activity occurring at the <b>commercial businesses at the intersection of Ruth St and Lorne Ave</b> during evening hours</p> <p>Understanding the perceptions of safety and criminal activity around specific businesses at the intersection of Ruth St and Lorne Ave will support decision making on potential recommendations and help form consultation with property owners</p> <p><b>Safety Audit proposed to occur in June 2019; 11pm-2am</b></p>
7	<p><b>NEIGHBOUR TO NEIGHBOUR SURVEY</b> around Weaver Park, Thornton Park, Exhibition Park and Idylwyld Dr Pedestrian Overpass</p> <p>To gather additional information and get feedback from those that live and observe activity in the subject area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Related to No's 2, 3, 4, 5, &amp; 6</li> </ul>	<p><u>Residents and local stakeholders</u> will be asked to volunteer to survey their neighbours who live in close proximity of noted unsafe areas or areas of concern in the Exhibition area</p> <p>Neighbour to Neighbour Surveys will be summarized for use in the Safety Audit process and to aid decision making on potential recommendations</p> <p><b>Neighbour to Neighbour Surveys to occur between June and September</b></p>

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8	<p><b>GRAFFITI VANDALISM AND VANDALISM REVIEW</b> throughout the Exhibition area</p> <p>To identify specific areas that appear to be targeted or 'hotspots'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Graffiti Vandalism</li> <li>▪ Vandalism</li> </ul>	<p><u>Residents and local stakeholders</u> will be asked to use photo identification to share problem areas of graffiti vandalism and vandalism in general;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents document and submit examples and sites with comments</li> <li>• Reviewed and recorded</li> </ul> <p><u>Neighbourhood Safety staff</u> will provide information to residents and businesses on way they can help reduce graffiti vandalism and vandalism in general, and how to report it</p> <p><b>Review proposed to occur between July – August 2019</b></p>
9	<p><b>NEIGHBOURHOOD WIDE ACTIVITY REVIEW</b></p> <p>To review and document activities and observations during large events occurring in and around the neighbourhood</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Negative impact that large events have on the Exhibition area</li> </ul>	<p><u>Residents and local stakeholders</u> will be asked to document activities and observations during large events such as the Saskatoon Ex and Canada Day celebrations</p> <p>Documenting activities and observations during all hours of the day will aid in decision making on potential recommendations</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Safety staff</u> will develop a form for residents and stakeholders to use for documenting activities and observations</p> <p><b>Reviews to occur during events</b>  <b>Canada Day celebrations occur Monday, July 1, 2019;</b>  <b>Saskatoon Ex takes place between Tuesday, August 6 to Sunday, August 11, 2019</b></p>

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10	<p><b>SAFER COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS (SCAN) PRESENTATION</b></p> <p>To learn about what SCAN can do, and what Exhibition area residents can do</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ “Derelict drug houses” within the Exhibition area</li> </ul>	<p><u>QEXCA and Neighbourhood Safety staff</u> will organize a presentation from SCAN for residents and local stakeholders</p> <p><i>The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) Act</i> is intended to empower residents to take back their neighbourhoods by reporting problem residents or businesses that are habitually used for illegal activities (drugs, prostitution, gang or criminal activities, child sexual abuse, or the unlawful sale or consumption of alcohol)</p> <p><b>Presentation proposed to occur in September 2019</b></p>
11	<p><b>COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP</b></p> <p>To increase community cohesion / connectivity and neighbourhood image</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Negative neighbourhood image due to unkept properties and rear lanes, vandalism and graffiti</li> <li>▪ vandalism</li> </ul>	<p><u>Residents and local stakeholders, in partnership with the QEXCA</u> organize a Community Clean-Up for the Exhibition area</p> <p>Having volunteers in the Exhibition area organize and/or take part in a community clean-up day helps increase community cohesion/connectivity and improves the neighbourhood image overall</p> <p><b>QEXCA has a Community Clean-Up scheduled on June 8, 2019 from 10am – 12pm; It is anticipated that an additional Community Clean-Up be organized for Fall 2019</b></p>
12	<p><b>WORK WITH SASKATOON POLICE AND FIRE &amp; PROTECTIVE SERVICES during the Saskatoon EX and Canada Day events</b></p> <p>To identify negative impacts on surrounding properties at the intersection of Ruth St and Lorne Ave, and neighbourhood as a whole</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concerning number of incidences of crime and the unsafe perception surrounding the commercial uses</li> <li>▪ Negative impact on surrounding properties and Exhibition area</li> </ul>	<p><u>Neighbourhood Safety staff will work with Saskatoon Police and Fire &amp; Protective Services</u> during large city-wide events occurring in the neighbourhood, identify the impacts they have on the surrounding area and evaluate potential solutions</p> <p><b>Review to occur during events</b>  <b>Canada Day celebrations occur Monday, July 1, 2019;</b>  <b>Saskatoon Ex takes place between Tuesday, August 6 to Sunday, August 11, 2019</b></p>

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13	<p><b>REVIEW IDENTIFIED LOCATIONS OF PERCEIVED ILLEGAL DRUG USE/ TRAFFICKING WITH POLICE SERVICES AND/OR SCAN</b></p> <p>To determine if activity at identified locations is legitimate or illegal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Illegal drug use and illegal drug trafficking within the area</li> </ul>	<p><u>Neighbourhood Safety staff, Saskatoon Police Service and SCAN (if needed)</u> will review identified locations of perceived illegal drug use and/or trafficking</p> <p>Reviewing activity occurring at identified locations (noted by residents and local stakeholders) will allow Saskatoon Police Service and/or SCAN to use their tools for determining if it is legitimate or illegal activity and take steps to address any illegal activity</p> <p><b>Review proposed to occur in Summer 2019</b></p>
14	<p><b>PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS INITIATIVES</b></p> <p>To educate residents and local stakeholders on how to protect themselves and be safer in their neighbourhood</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Residential break &amp; enters throughout the Exhibition area</li> </ul>	<p><u>Neighbourhood Safety staff</u> will explore options to distribute/educate residents and local stakeholders on the City's public awareness materials such as the Safe at Home Booklet and Porch Light Initiative brochure</p> <p>B&amp;Es tripled between 2014 and 2016 in the Exhibition area, but have remained steady since – educating the community on what they can do at home can help prevent the opportunity for crime to occur</p> <p><b>Public Awareness Initiatives proposed to occur between September – October 2019</b></p>
15	<p><b>REVIEW INCIDENT REPORTS/CRIME STATISTICS WITH SIMILAR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND CITY AS A WHOLE</b></p> <p>To identify trends of incidents/criminal activity in the Exhibition area and compare to similar neighbourhoods (in size, demographics, age, etc.), and city as a whole</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ High vehicle theft in the area</li> </ul>	<p><u>Neighbourhood Safety staff will work with Saskatoon Police</u> to identify trends and potential for specific actions and/or public awareness initiatives</p> <p><b>Review proposed to occur between September – October 2019</b></p>

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16	<p><b>WORK WITH EVENT ORGANIZERS TO MANAGE IMPACTS ON THE EXHIBITION AREA</b> during the Saskatoon EX and Canada Day events</p> <p>To increase residents' perception of their personal safety and security, and reduce their fear of crime</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Negative impact on surrounding properties and Exhibition area</li> </ul>	<p><u>Neighbourhood Safety staff</u> will contact event organizers of the Canada Day celebrations and Saskatoon Ex to discuss their action plan for managing potential impacts of the surrounding area, and work together to identify potential improvements</p> <p><b>Review to occur during events</b> <b>Canada Day celebrations occur Monday, July 1, 2019;</b> <b>Saskatoon Ex takes place between Tuesday, August 6 to Sunday, August 11, 2019</b></p>