

# Ward 3 Report

Councillor Andrew Stevens



## Happy New Year Ward 3

Wow! 2018 was an eventful year. My family and I were grateful to see our son, Logan, make it through his struggle with cancer. On May 7, Logan's seventh birthday, he completed his last round of chemotherapy. I can't thank residents, neighbours, family, and friends enough for their support through our ordeal. We could not have done it without you! To the nurses, doctors and specialists at the Pasqua and General Hospitals, we owe you everything. Throughout this period I continued to serve the residents of Ward 3 to the best of my ability. So, what has Council been up to?



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## WINTER 2019

Budget 2019 was just as eventful. With support from the Heritage Community Association, I successfully increased the Social Development stream of Community Investment Grants by \$200,000. We'll also see a report later this year identifying the incredible social and economic value of community associations. My hope is that this leads to a funding increase for community associations in Ward 3. Most importantly, perhaps, Council committed to rebuilding Maple Leaf Pool. This would not have happened without the work of the Heritage community, who made it clear that the pool is a vital part of that historic neighbourhood and needed to be replaced. That's just the tip of the iceberg. We have a lot of work to do when it comes to improving sidewalk snow clearing, expanding our cycling network, and advancing our public transit system with new routes and extended hours.

### So what's in store for 2019?

On January 31, 5:30-8 p.m, the City of Regina is facilitating a conversation on Zone Forward, a comprehensive modernization of our City's Zoning Bylaw. Please join us at the Cathedral Neighbourhood Centre for that event. On February 12, 7-9 p.m., I'm co-hosting a town hall at Malty National Brewing (1130 15th Ave.) focusing on "Community and Public Safety". Everyone is welcome. Representatives from Fire, Regina Police Service, and Bylaw Enforcement will be there to engage with residents.

A new City of Regina website is almost ready. [Regina.ca](http://Regina.ca) will be able to provide information about Council decisions and share interesting information on a weekly basis. I recommend reaching out to the City directly at 306-777-7000 or on Twitter.



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## Regina.ca Update

*Scheduled to launch spring 2019*

Residents told us that Regina.ca is their preferred way to access information on City programs and services. The City of Regina is redesigning Regina.ca to make it easier to use - especially from smartphones! The new website aims to improve information sharing between the City and residents. It's also going to make information accessible to everyone, including those using screen readers.

We'd love to have your input in the redesign. Sign up at [Regina.ca/Redesign](http://Regina.ca/Redesign) to get email notifications for upcoming consultation and testing opportunities.

## Ending Homelessness

Early in 2019, the **Plan To End Homelessness**, co-funded by the City of Regina, will be released. This document has been put together by some of North America's foremost consultants specializing in action plans aimed at eradicating homelessness. Regina's network of community organizations, service providers, and advocates aims to do the same with this ambitious plan.

Regina's Homelessness Partnering Strategy has already seen significant success through initial Housing First efforts. By expanding and better-supporting those efforts, this collaborative plan aims to eliminate long-term chronic and episodic homelessness in just five years. That is an ambitious timeline, but it is backed up by months of study and extensive collaboration with stakeholders in our community.

We all have a role to play as we work towards this new reality. I encourage all Ward 3 residents to read this plan once it is released and find a way they can contribute to the effort.



**ZONE**  **FORWARD**  
*Advancing Regina through Zoning*

The City is updating the Zoning Bylaw to strengthen its alignment with the Official Community Plan (OCP), the City's 25-year plan that guides future growth. The Zoning Bylaw is an important land use planning tool to support the OCP and this is the first comprehensive review of the Zoning Bylaw that has been done in many years.

In late January, the City will release the draft Zoning Bylaw for public review and feedback. There will be opportunities for residents in each ward to have face-to-face discussions about the bylaw.

### ZONING 101 *information session in Ward 3*

**Thursday, January 31**

Cathedral Neighbourhood Centre  
2900 13th Ave

• 5:30 – 8 p.m.

Questions and concerns can also be submitted to [zoneforward@regina.ca](mailto:zoneforward@regina.ca). The draft bylaw will be available to review on Regina.ca and will be presented to Council for review and approval in June 2019.

## Follow The Bylaw – Clear Your Sidewalk

The Clean Property Bylaw No. 9881 was established to help keep our community surroundings safe and enjoyable for everyone. It also includes the 'dos and don'ts' of sidewalk clearing in winter. In fact, one of the most used sections in The Bylaw refers to removal of snow from public sidewalks. It states that owners and occupants must ensure the public sidewalk adjacent to their property is free from any hazardous condition created by snow or ice in the following locations:

- All sidewalks in the Downtown area outlined in Schedule "B" of The Bylaw within 24 hours of snow accumulation
- All sidewalks adjacent to Commercial Buildings, Apartment Buildings, Commercial Parking Lots, and Vacant Properties outside of the Downtown area within 48 hours of snow accumulation.

Visit [Regina.ca/residents/bylaw/browse-most-requested-bylaws/clean-property-bylaw-9881](http://Regina.ca/residents/bylaw/browse-most-requested-bylaws/clean-property-bylaw-9881) for more information.

## Gas to Energy Update

In January 2017, the City began selling electricity to SaskPower through the Landfill Gas to Energy Facility. Landfill gas, which is mostly methane, is produced from decomposing organic waste in the landfill. In 2018, the facility ran for about 4,553 hours and produced 4,459.43 megawatts of electricity that was sold to SaskPower. The electricity generated was enough to power about 619 homes. In 2017, the facility ran for about 4,217 hours and produced 4,323.06 megawatt of electricity that was sold to SaskPower. The electricity generated was enough to power about 600 homes. It is estimated that the Landfill Gas to Energy Facility has the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about 30,000 tonnes per year. This is the equivalent of taking approximately 8,000 cars off the road. The power produced by this facility will generate about \$1 million in revenue for the City each year.

## Underutilized Land Study

On December 17, City Council endorsed the Underutilized Land Study and provided direction to City Administration to prepare an Underutilized Land Improvement Strategy based on the Study's findings.

The study is the cumulation of a year-long project by an external consultant to investigate, understand and identify potential solutions to the root causes of why underutilized properties within Regina remain undeveloped by the private sector. Underutilized properties include vacant sites and brownfields.

The study provided 25 distinct recommendations under the six themes of regulatory, process, brownfields, financial, infrastructure and leadership /strategy.

By the end of 2019, City administration will present a strategy to City Council that uses the recommendations of the study as a basis to develop specific actions and goals for the City to undertake over the short, medium and long-term. This would be the first strategy of its kind adopted by the City.

To download a copy of the study and view updates on the Strategy, visit [designregina.ca/currentprojects](http://designregina.ca/currentprojects)

## New Fire Bylaw

An updated fire bylaw will take effect in 2020 which will continue to require landlords to test fire alarms every six months. The bylaw will also ensure landlords install smoke alarms on all levels of a home and require battery backups in case of power outages. Before, alarms were only required on the same floor where bedrooms were located. Regina Fire & Protective Services report 10 out of 15 fire fatalities in the last 10 years happened in rental properties.



The new bylaw states that when a fire alarm system is not working as designed, the first false alarm will result in a warning, the second, in a \$300 fee; anything after that would be \$600 per false alarm (per calendar year). There are about 1,000 false alarms each year costing the City as much as \$350,000. There will also be new permits for open air fires and fireworks. The Fire Department will provide information about the new bylaw during 2019.

## Affordable Fun Program



The City's leisure, recreation, arts and culture programs help residents stay active and healthy. They also help us build new relationships and make new friends. That's why we are offering reduced rates for our registered programs. The Affordable Fun Program ensures all residents can be included. There's several ways to submit your application form and it's easy to apply for too. For more information go to [Regina.ca](http://Regina.ca) and search Affordable Fun Program.

### Players Box for Leslie Park

Benches have been installed for the 2019 season. The players boxes that were previously onsite were no longer safe so benches have been installed to replace them until further capital upgrades can be made. The park is also scheduled for further improvements in 2019.

## New Transit Passes and Lower Fares in 2019

The City is making access to transit more affordable. Council recently approved five new Transit passes and decreased some transit fares in the New Year. Cash fares will remain the same.

Here is the decrease in transit fares:

Fare Type	Current	January 14, 2019
Adult 31-day pass	\$92	\$88
Youth 31-day pass	\$66	\$64
20 Rides adult pass	\$58	\$55
20 Rides youth pass	\$49	\$46
Senior annual pass	\$300	\$270

## These five new passes will make access to transit more available and reward loyal customers for buying long-term fare packages:

- 31-day senior pass
- Semi-annual adult pass
- Semi-annual youth pass
- Affordable adult pass
- Affordable youth pass

Visit [Regina.ca/Transit](http://Regina.ca/Transit) for more information.



# Ward 3 2018 Construction

Overall, the City invested \$85 million on water, wastewater and transportation projects in 2018. Some projects, including sewer infrastructure renewal, will be continued into 2019 and completed. Below are some of the projects completed in Ward 3 in 2018.

## RESIDENTIAL RENEWAL PROGRAM

- Quebec St - 13th Ave to Victoria Ave
- Retallack St - Leopold Cres to 12th Ave
- Robinson St - 14th Ave to Victoria Ave

## TRAFFIC Pedestrian Corridor

- Regina Ave and Montague St

## MAINTENANCE PAVING

- Saskatchewan Dr - Lewvan Dr to Elphinstone St

## PAVED ALLEYS Reconstruction

- Alley N of Victoria Ave - Retallack St to Rae St
- Alley N of Victoria Ave - Robinson St to Retallack St
- Alley W of Retallack St - Alley N of Victoria Ave to 12th Ave
- Alley S of 15th Ave, beside 2358 Argyle St - Alley W of Argyle St to Argyle St
- Alley W of Argyle St - Alley S of 15th Ave to 15th Ave
- Alley E of Halifax St - 14th Ave to 13th Ave
- Alley W of Halifax St - 14th Ave to 13th Ave

## Rehabilitation

- Alley W of Rose St - 13th Ave to Alley S of Victoria Ave
- Alley S of Victoria Ave - Hamilton St to Rose St

## WATER INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

### Water Main Replacement

- Atkinson St - 12th Ave to Arcola Ave
- Broder St - 12th Ave to Arcola Ave
- Regina Ave - Pasqua St Intersection and Queen St Intersection
- Wallace St - 12th Ave to Arcola Ave

### Wastewater

- S of 14th Ave and W of Lewvan Dr - Pump Station Decommissioning
- Atkinson St - 12th Ave to 11th Ave

## FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

- 2900 13th Ave - Cathedral Community Centre Roof Replacement
- 2420 Elphinstone St - Neil Balkwill Courtyard and Crawlspace Improvements - (*year 1 of 2-year project completed*)
- 2134 Winnipeg St - Winnipeg Seniors Centre Roof and HVAC Replacement

## Travel Training Program

The City of Regina and Creative Options Regina have partnered together to provide the Transit Travel Training Program. This program is designed to teach Paratransit customers all aspects of how to ride the bus and draws upon people experiencing disabilities particularly with intellectual disabilities, to do the training. We hope the program will help to foster independence within these users.

## Class Trips Program

Starting September 18, the Class Trips program launched with Regina Transit. Teachers are able to apply online by filling out a short application form. Teachers can take a group of students on Regina Transit free of charge!



**We're getting a new and bigger facility to repair our growing number of transit buses.**

The Transit Fleet Maintenance Facility will replace the old one built more than 70 years ago to repair street cars. The \$30.1 million funding is split three ways between the City, federal and provincial governments. The 60,000 sq ft building should be completed in 2020.





Canadian flag is from the **International Downtown Association (IDA) Conference** I attended in San Antonio, Texas.

## Some events I've represented the City at in 2018

- **January 10** - Team England Callie Club Send-off
- **January 27** - Family Literacy Days
- **March 16** - Friends of Five Days for the Homeless
- **April 28** - Labour Council Vigil for National Day of Mourning
- **May 24** - Levene Leadership Dinner
- **June 16** - Regina Jazz Society Multicultural Afternoon
- **June 30** - St. Mary's Ethiopian Orthodox Church Inauguration
- **July 7** - MacKenzie Art Gallery Boarder X Opening Celebration
- **August 27** - Evraz Place Partnership Announcement for EventPlex



I volunteered for Regina Folk Fest

- **October 3** - Chillin' 4 Charity
- **November 30** - Regina Fire & Protective Services Recruit Commencement Ceremony



I was pleased to join U of R Professor Marc Spooner to commemorate Orange Shirt Day. This important day recognizes the loss of culture experienced by Indigenous children taken from their homes to residential schools. Reconciliation Regina commits to fulfilling the Calls to Action, through a Community Action Plan, to inspire healing and hope for future generations.



This was the second official year City staff, Council and their families and residents walked in the Queen City Pride Parade, June 16. It's part of an annual, week-long festival celebrating the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans\*, and Queer) community of Regina and the greater region of South Sask that strives to educate, entertain and inform participants of our sexual and gender diverse community. And we'll do it again next year because City Council and the City of Regina is committed to diversity and inclusion in our community.



## Committees and Community Boards

- Regina Downtown Business Improvement District
  - Unemployed Workers Help Centre
- Community and Protective Services
  - Public Works and Infrastructure
    - Regina Appeals Board
- Action Plan to End Homelessness Working Group



## Snow Angels on its way

Safe winter driving conditions are a priority for residents. In 2019, \$9.1 million has been allocated for winter road maintenance.

Snow Routes, introduced as a pilot project in 2017, improve traffic flow and make winter operations safer and more efficient. Snow Routes are now a permanent part of the regular winter maintenance with an 11 km expansion planned for the 2019–2020 winter season.

The 2019 Budget proposes the introduction of a Snow Angels Pilot Project. The volunteer-based snow removal project will run in partnership with one or more community organizations and provide snow clearing on sidewalks in areas where the program can best address needs for individuals experiencing disability.



## Regina Smartphone Parking App

The City is currently working out the process for making a smartphone app available for drivers who park at downtown meters. Council approved this change which required no capital cost but adds convenience for parking and could reduce illegal parking. This new process would allow drivers to pay through the app at any downtown parking meter. There would still be the option of paying with coin at a meter. The two hour parking rules still apply.

## Investing in infrastructure for sustainable service delivery

The City is investing in a Waste Management Centre that will be located next to the Fleet Street Landfill. Currently, Solid Waste staff work from various locations across the city so centralizing them at this new centre will increase collaboration and work efficiencies to improve service delivery and future needs of our growing community. In fact, this facility is being built to accommodate 10 to 25 years of growth so other functions may later be there. Careful planning went into the facility to ensure efficient, cost-effective service delivery going forward. The Waste Management Centre will also have an education space to provide residents with opportunities to learn about waste diversion in order to extend the life of the Landfill.



## Winter/Spring 2019 Leisure Guide

We offer hundreds of affordable recreation and leisure programs for all ages and abilities. Visit [Regina.ca/recreation](http://Regina.ca/recreation) to find a program that's the right fit for you. You can also view a copy of the Leisure Guide at any of the City's leisure centres and at all public library branches.

## Organic Waste Curbside Pickup Pilot Project may be in neighbourhood near you!

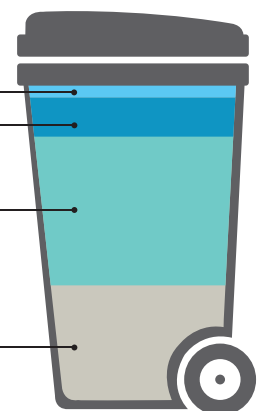
Banana peels, leaves, leftover meat, oils and grease will have a new destination other than your garbage. Council just approved a pilot project for a year-round organic waste collection pickup at curbside and a processing service. Ten neighbourhoods across the city will take part in the pilot. Residents have said loud and clear that you want and are ready for the City to offer this service. This 'scrape the plate' organic waste program will take things like pizza boxes and food materials that are not put in home compost. Organic waste makes up about 50 per cent of residential waste. And it's not garbage. It is a valuable resource that can be used to make nutrient-rich compost and energy. I'll let you know more about this as the pilot is underway.

## Average contents of a Regina garbage cart

Hazardous Waste 2%  
Recyclables 12%

Organics 50%

Garbage 36%



For information about City of Regina programs and services, visit [Regina.ca](http://Regina.ca), go to the City's Facebook page or call 306-777-7000