Dear Ward 1 Residents:

**Giving our ‘TIMELESS NEIGHBOURHOODS’ new life**

In the last six years, Council has been committed to build and rebuild Regina. We must factor in our community’s growth and envision its future while we, like other cities across North America, make progress in the infrastructure agenda facing us. The frustration of waiting for your road to be redone, your sidewalk to be rehabilitated or your water pipes to be relined can cloud the reality of the actual progress that has been made. This Bulletin focuses on some of these growth areas important to Ward 1: property standards, bylaw enforcement and land use zones which can open the discussion about infill guidelines. A visiting speaker at Council used the term ‘timeless neighbourhoods’- a beautiful description of Ward 1.

Significant growth in some areas flows from City asset management plans, Council priorities, difficult budget choices and scheduling work in a short construction season. Unfortunately, this cycle takes months and years, not weeks.

Here’s what’s been accomplished during the last six years since the Residential Road Renewal Program (RRRP) has been on my agenda:

- Eliminated the inequitable Local Improvement Program (LIP) that charged residents for concrete work on their property (curbs, gutters, sidewalks).
- Supported an RRRP designed to maintain and rebuild residential roads.
- Brought to a vote, a 1% mill rate tax increase for five years to provide $14+million annually to RRRP.
- Approval by Council of my motion to rethink RRRP maintenance taking priority over rebuilds, putting more dollars toward ‘poor’ roads.
- Approval by Public Works and Council of my motion to amend the RRRP to set a reasonable goal to eliminate ‘poor’ roads while maintaining residential roads and building capacity to address expected water break restoration in a shorter time frame.
- A report to address these concerns is due in November to begin in 2020. Stay Tuned.

**Let’s Talk**

I would enjoy having a conversation with you about the work the City is doing, answering questions you may have and hearing topics you want to raise. If you get a few or many neighbours together I would be pleased to join you and bring cookies!

Send your request to byoung@regina.ca

A new City of Regina website is almost ready. Regina.ca will have a link to each City Councillor. I will be able to provide information about Council decisions and share interesting information on a weekly basis. Look for this spring 2019.

Barbara Young
Councillor Ward 1

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Community Standards Bylaw

The Community Standards Bylaw outlines minimum maintenance standards for buildings and surrounding land on a property. The Bylaw applies to owned and rented properties. The property owner is responsible for meeting the requirements of the Bylaw. This bylaw describes various property issues that will be enforced by bylaw officers. It also has provisions for maintaining building interiors such as floors, stairways, walls, ceilings, moisture control and ventilation.

Property Standard Guidelines

Buildings

- Ensure that the inside and outside of your home is maintained so that it is watertight, secured from unlawful entry and free of rodents and insects
- Eavestroughs, gutters and downspouts are in good repair, carry drainage at least one meter away from your house’s foundation
- Replace or repair rotting or damaged materials
- Remove graffiti as quickly as possible to prevent it from reoccurring

Yards

- Keep grass trimmed to a height less than 15cm (6”)
- Keep yard neat and tidy, free of garbage or any health or safety hazards
- Materials stored outside such as firewood or building supplies should be stacked in neat piles, elevated off the ground so they won’t attract rodents or insects
- Store any vehicle that is derelict or inoperable inside a garage or in a carport with a properly-fitting vehicle cover
- Make sure outdoor lights are kept within the boundaries of your yard

Violators will receive a written or verbal warning with instructions to correct the problem. A formal Order to Comply may be issued giving 15 days to rectify the situation. Orders that fail to be carried out are rectified by City crews or contractors. Cost associated with the work will be invoiced back to the owner and legal action may be initiated. Property owners have the right to appeal an Order to Comply to the Regina Appeals Board. Complaints can be made to Service Regina, 306-777-7000, or by using the Regina.ca online service request form. Personal information you provide is confidential and not disclosed to the subject of the complaint.

Bylaw Enforcement provided some stats of their activities in WARD 1, Jan 1- Sep 18/18. These don’t represent all calls, just the main categories listed below:

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<td>Property Maintenance (GR, PM, UB)</td>
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<td>21</td>
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1. **Untidy Yards** – calls about junked vehicles, nuisance and untidy property
2. **Property Maintenance** – calls about graffiti, property maintenance and unsecured buildings
3. **Compliance** – number of property owners who took action upon receiving a notice or order to comply
4. **No Violation** – no violation found
5. **City** – number of properties that did not comply so City took action to remedy violations and charge back to property taxes
6. **Other** – balance of complaints in progress with Bylaw, or sent to other City departments for follow-up (Parks, Real Estate, Solid Waste, etc).

**Landscaping Regulations**

A report is being prepared for Council regarding Landscaping Regulations on new builds. Council included established neighbourhoods in the request. The discussion included concern about yards with bare dirt and flat weeds that do not violate the current Property Standards Bylaw but are unsightly and foster muddy streets and expansion of weeds in the neighbourhood. This report is expected to be up for discussion in Council in December.

The City is updating its Zoning Bylaw on land use to better support the Official Community Plan (OCP), which serves as our roadmap for the physical, environmental, economic, social and cultural development of our city for the next 25 years.

A technical review is underway with groups most impacted by zoning regulations—community associations, architects, engineers, realtors and developers—to get their input and feedback. A technical review of the proposed policy provides feedback that helps evaluate the revisions on regulations for land use in the Zoning Bylaw. The City will be providing time for public consultation when the draft is released in early 2019. The proposed Zoning Bylaw will then be presented for Council’s review and approval.
Ward 1 2018 Construction

Of the 68 projects planned for Ward 1, 35 have been completed, 8 carry forward to 2019 and 3 have been deferred. The remaining 22 projects are still active and are to be completed in 2018, pending weather.

Street Infrastructure Renewal
- Grant Rd - Chisholm Rd to McDougall Rd – 2018 Completion – pending weather
- Hillsdale St - Parker Ave to Kramer Blvd – Complete

Residential Renewal Program
- 17th Ave - Edgar St to Francis St – Carried Forward
- 18th Ave - Broder St to Reynolds St – Complete
- 19th Ave - Abbott Rd to Park St – Complete
- 19th Ave - Fleury St to Abbott Rd – Complete
- 19th Ave - McDonald St to McAra St – Complete
- Abbott Rd - 2729 Abbott Rd to 18th Ave – Complete
- Bagshaw Pl – 2018 Completion – pending weather
- Borden St - 2733 Borden St to 18th Ave – Complete
- Chinook Rd - Orchard Cres to Dufferin Rd – Complete
- Edgar St - 19th Ave/Douglas Rd to Holland Ave – Complete
- Holland Ave - Edgar St to McDonald St – Complete
- Lake St - Cowan Cres to Jubilee Ave – 2018 Completion – pending weather
- Lamont Cres - Jubilee Ave to Scott St – Complete
- Mackay St - Broadway Ave to College Ave – Carried Forward
- Manor Rd - Orchard Cres to Dufferin Rd – Complete
- McAra St - Broadway Ave to College Ave – Carried Forward
- Montgomery Rd - Orchard Cres to Dufferin Rd – Complete
- Reynolds St - 19th Ave to Broadway Ave – Complete
- Riddell Cres - Shannon Rd to Marsh Cres – 2018 Completion – pending weather

Expressway Lighting
- Highway #1 Bypass - Albert St S to Assiniboine Ave (east side) – 2018 Completion – pending weather

Maintenance Paving
- Flamingo Cres - Frontenac Dr/Falcon Bay to Frontenac Dr – Complete
- Ring Rd (south bound) - Victoria Ave E to Wascana Prkwy – Complete
- Wascana Prkwy - Saskatchewan Polytechnic/Park S to city limits – Complete

Paved Alleys Reconstruction
- Alley E of Francis St - 20th Ave to Douglas Ave – Complete
- Alley N of Douglas Rd - Douglas Rd to McDonald St – 2018 Completion – pending weather

Rebuilding Our Infrastructure: Relining Water Pipes

The City of Regina spent $85 million this year on infrastructure including roads, curbs, gutters and underground pipe relining. You couldn’t drive far this season without encountering City or contractor crews repairing infrastructure.

Some areas in Ward 1 have been part of the largest water main relining project the City has ever undertaken including 15 different locations and 6.5 km of renewed water mains. This work reduces the risk of water main breaks in the future and improves the reliability of the water service. While some residents expressed thanks for the project, some voiced concerns about length of time, site management and communications. The experience, for some residents, has taken longer and was compounded by the work on Grant Road that created a detour for City buses and traffic into the water relining areas.

The feedback from residents means the City will investigate options to compress future construction schedules that may result in an increased price but a higher level of customer service. I will be speaking in favor of customer service for this important work.

on the Water Pipe Relining Project

The City used an open, transparent bid process for water main relining work. Two companies submitted bids. The agreement with the contractor allowed for phases, with activity happening on seven to 10 sites at a time. The installation of hoses, relining of pipes, backfilling and restoration are all separate phases and each had gaps in activity on the sites.

While giving the contractor room to schedule work in sections it also allowed the City to relieve 6.5 km of pipes at a better price than a shorter schedule provides.

The extended time caused some work to stretch into fall where the temperatures dropped, requiring taps to be left on to avoid freezing. Some hoses did freeze despite running taps. While construction completion dates always vary, the water relining project has gone beyond the time some residents expected for completion.
Paved Alleys Reconstruction Continued....
- Alley perpendicular to Montreal Cres - Montreal Cres to Quinn Dr – Complete
- Alley S of Broadway Ave - Alley E of Montreal Cres to Alley W of Winnipeg St – 2018 Completion – pending weather
- Alley S of College Ave - McDonald St to McAra St – Complete
- Alley perpendicular E of Albert St - Albert St to Alley W of Richardson Cres – Complete
- Alley N of Gordon Rd - Alley W of Richardson Cres to Richardson Cres – Complete
- Alley E of Albert St - Alley N of Gordon Rd to Alley perpendicular E of Albert St – Complete
- Alley E of Albert St - Alley perpendicular to Spence St N of Etsey Pl to End (N) – Complete
- Alley perpendicular to Spence St and N of Estey Pl - Alley W of Spence St to Spence St – Carried Forward
- Alley perpendicular to Spence St S of Dunn Pl - Alley W of Spence St to Spence St – Carried Forward
- Alley W of Spence St - Alley perpendicular to Spence St, N of Estey Pl to Parliament Ave – Carried Forward
- Alley E of Douglas Rd - Douglas Cres to 19th Ave – 2018 Completion – pending weather
- Alley E of Montreal Cres - 18th Ave to Broadway Ave – 2018 Completion – pending weather
- Alley W of McAra St - 17th Ave to Alley S of College Ave – Complete
- Alley W of Wallace St - 18th Ave to Broadway Ave – 2018 Completion – pending weather
- Alley W of Winnipeg St - Quinn Dr to Broadway Ave – 2018 Completion – pending weather
- Alley S of 19th Ave - Rothwell St to Alley W of Lacon St – 2018 Completion – pending weather
- Alley S of Broadway Ave - Alley E of Montreal Cres to Alley W of Winnipeg St – 2018 Completion – pending weather

Water Infrastructure Renewal
Water Main Replacement
- Chinook Rd – Orchard Cres to Dufferin Rd – Complete
- Lamont Cres - Jubilee Ave to Scott St – Complete

Water Main Relining
- 17th Ave - Francis St to Arcola Ave – 2018 Completion – pending weather
- Bell St - Parliament Ave to 25th Ave – Complete
- Briarwood Pl - Shannon Rd – 2018 Completion – pending weather
- Cross Pl - MacPhearson Ave to Cowan Pl – Complete
- Davis Pl - Knowles Cres – 2018 Completion – pending weather
- Francis St - Broadway Ave to Arcola Ave – 2018 Completion – pending weather
- Haultain Cres – Jubilee Ave to Lamont Cres – Cancelled – replacement in 2019
- MacKay St - College Ave to Broadway Ave – Complete
- Massey Rd – Balfour Dr to Grant Rd – 2018 Completion – pending weather
- Munroe Pl – Bryant St – Completion pending weather
- Riddell Cres – Marsh Cres to Shannon Rd – Complete
- Shannon Rd – McDougall Rd to McDougall Cres /Norris Rd – 2018 Completion – pending weather
- Uhrich Ave – Newlands St to Hillsdale St – 2018 Completion – pending weather
- Woodlawn Pl – Shannon Rd – 2018 Completion – pending weather

Sewer Infrastructure Renewal
Domestic Main Relining
- Albert St - McCallum Ave to Regina Ave – 2019 Carried Forward – Year 1 of this 2 year project complete

Shoulder Grading
- Ring Rd – Victoria Ave to Wascana Prkwy – Complete

Ditch Drainage
- Ring Rd – Lewvan Dr to Courtney St – Complete

Development Engineering
- 2355 College Ave (Conexus Bldg) – Lorne St to Cornwall St – 2019 Carried Forward – Year 1 of this 2 year project complete

Recreation Planning & Partnerships
Playground Replacement and Restoration
- 4199 Castle Rd - Elsie Dorsey Park – Complete
- 4802 11th Ave - McNab Park – Complete

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. Councillor pages are also being redesigned to be more interactive. I’ll be able to post weekly and monthly information there of interest to Ward 1 residents. Can’t wait!

We’d love to have your input in the redesign. Sign up at Regina.ca/Redesign to get email notifications for upcoming consultation and testing opportunities.

The new Regina.ca is scheduled to launch spring 2019.
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.

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.

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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 for more information.

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. Licence plate numbers are added through the app. Parking enforcement officers then verify the payment. Pretty convenient. There would still be the option of paying with coin at a meter. The two hour parking rules would still apply.

Biweekly Garbage Collection Returns
After a successful pilot project, the City is permanently moving to biweekly garbage collection from November 5, 2018 to March 29, 2019. Some properties may require additional garbage collection service. The City is accommodating by offering a second garbage cart for an annual fee. Garbage collection will go back to being picked up weekly from December 24, 2018 to January 4, 2019. While the City is focused on waste reduction it’s important that we all continue to reduce, reuse and recycle to extend the life of our landfill.

Visit Regina.ca/waste to sign up for phone, text or email collection reminders.

Try the online tool, Waste Wizard, to help you properly sort your household waste items.

Organic Waste Curbside Pickup Project
may be in a neighbourhood near you!
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.
For information about City of Regina programs and services, visit Regina.ca, go to the City’s Facebook page or call 306-777-7000.

I have been appointed as a member to these Boards and Committees:

- Board of Police Commissioners
- Executive Committee
- Finance and Administration Committee
- Provincial Capital Commission
- Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
- Regina Appeal Board
- Regina Planning Commission
- Sherwood-Regina Regional Development Committee

Join me in the holiday spirit at Light the Lights on Tuesday, December 4 at City Hall, 6 to 8 p.m. Santa, wagon rides, ice-sculpting demonstration, hot chocolate and much more!

Inspectors examine new play structure at recently upgraded Elsie Dorsey Park, 4199 Castle Road.

We’re getting a new bus garage! The City, federal and provincial governments jointly funded the Transit Fleet Maintenance Facility. It’ll be next to the Transit Operations Centre at 333 Winnipeg Street and will have more space to fix more and bigger buses. This helps Transit be more efficient and better serve our growing community. The garage will replace the old one built more than 70 years ago to repair street cars. The 60,000 sq ft building should be completed in 2020.

I was pleased to join Council and City employees 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 continues to commit to fulfilling the Calls to Action, through a Community Action Plan, to inspire healing and hope for future generations.

Beautiful morning for the 15th Annual Saskatchewan Police and Peace Officers’ Memorial, Sept. 30. We came together to honour fallen officers. Always proud of our officers who pledge to serve and protect our citizens.