



List of Delegations

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CR26-38 Early Adopter Incentive Enhancements Program Update

DELEGATION

DE26-38 Jeff Campbell, Canadian Condominium Institute - South Saskatchewan Chapter, Regina, SK

MN26-4 Expediting the Renewal of Asbestos-Cement Water Pipes

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DE26-39 Julian Branch, Regina, SK

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COMMUNICATION

CP26-22 Dale Johnson, Regina, SK

We are in favour of this update to agenda item CR26-38 Early Adopter Incentive Enhancements Program Update and wish to advise Mayor Bachynski and City Council members of the tremendously positive impact this will have on those condominiums most affected by having their waste pickup discontinued.

The positive vote by the mayor and council to approve this update not only aids in removing practical and financial barriers, but supports different building and resident needs, and enables inclusive and early participation in food and yard waste diversion.

This positive move in aligning multi-family requirements with existing residential food and yard waste services helps ensure that residents in apartments and condominiums have similar opportunities to participate in diversion, regardless of housing type.

It is a step in the right direction towards working with our taxpayers in arriving at solutions to challenges that benefits all stakeholders

Submitted By

Jeff Campbell, Canadian Condominium Institute - South Saskatchewan Chapter, Regina, SK

April 22, 2026

Your worship, members of council.

This marks my fifth time appearing before Regina city council on the topic of asbestos cement water pipe.

I am pleased to see Councillor Zachidniak's motion. It makes sense, and is long overdue. If council is taking steps to accelerate the replacement of lead service connectors, it should be doing the exact same for asbestos cement water pipes.

The city says there are 500 kilometres of old asbestos cement water pipes in Regina. We know that the expansive clay soil breaks the pipes. There were at least 145 asbestos cement water pipe breaks in Regina last year. The water was tested for asbestos at five of those locations after the pipes were repaired. The city maintains that no fibres were detected in the water.

The city refers to the remaining asbestos cement water pipes as "sound," while at the same time noting that the pipes have been breaking in high numbers since the 1980s.

There is so much asbestos cement water pipe in Regina, and it is breaking in such high numbers that two decades ago, the city contributed \$5-million toward a \$34-million national research facility at the U of R to study the pipes. Ten very detailed, very specific studies confirmed that the expansive clay soil is breaking the pipes, that the fibres are going into the water, and can cause cancer. In 2010, Scientists urged immediate steps be taken in order "to ensure a safe and clean drinking water supply" in the City of Regina. The city maintains there were 531 km of asbestos cement water pipe in Regina in 2010. That means 31 kilometres of pipe has been replaced or relined in the past 16-years. That's embarrassing.

This issue is not confined to Regina. The old pipes have reached the end of their useful lives, and are breaking with increasing frequency around the globe. Other jurisdictions are funding the accelerated replacement of asbestos cement water pipes. Malaysia, Scotland, Kenya, just to name a few. Kenya is doing so to "ease the high cancer burden."

Every member of council is well aware of this issue. Just last month there was another major asbestos cement water main break in Whitmore Park. Residents in Hillside are now urged to check their faucet screens for a sediment build up. What is the sediment in an old asbestos cement water pipe? Residents are told this sediment build does not pose a health concern.

The sad truth is we can expect more of this as the pipes continue to age, deteriorate and break. Councillor Zachidniak's motion is a good first step. We can no longer afford to ignore this issue.

It needs to be dealt with, and it should be addressed head on, by the city which once led the national research in this area.

I look forward to administrations response later this year.

I will close by quoting a Regina city councillor who said this when asbestos cement water mains were being discussed last fall. "In closing, there's nothing more important we do as a city than provide safe water. We have to prioritize the safety of our neighbours."

I couldn't agree more. It is time to start walking the walk.

I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Submitted by
Julian Branch, Regina, SK

Dear Council:

My name is Kelly Miller, I am a resident of North Central.

The biggest issue we have had in recent decades in Regina is delays as costs balloon. We now have a huge \$700 million infrastructure deficit. We need to address lead and asbestos pipes sooner rather than later. We need to stop lining asbestos pipes to save money and delay replacement with safe alternatives. Residents are being exposed to a carcinogen because of the deterioration of aging asbestos-cement pipes within drinking water distribution systems. Thousands of kilometres of A-C pipes are at the end of their lifespan.

Asbestos pipes account for almost all water main breaks, increasing the health hazard. City admits that water main breaks lead to sentiment build up in their warnings to residents when there are water breaks, and are told to remove it. We need to stop the present system of whack a mole when these pipes burst, causing a greater risk, and just replace them faster. We need to replace pipes when doing construction, like how 104 year old pipes were replaced in the Yards. Replacing instead of lining, and before they break, is more cost effective in the long term. It is also better for the safety of residents.

Regina has gotten federal funding to improve water infrastructure needed to build more homes faster. I believe we could get more federal funding for this as it is a health hazard & should also apply for it. Should also campaign for federal standards like in the US where the EPA has regulated asbestos in water. This would require the federal government to do more. Protecting the health of residents is important.

Submitted by
Kelly Miller, Regina, SK

April 22, 2026

To the members of Regina city council,

I write today in support of Councillor Shanon Zachidnik's motion (MN26-4) to expedite the renewal of up to 600 kilometres of asbestos cement water pipes in Regina. The current 60-year timeframe is completely unacceptable. Asbestos is a Group 1 carcinogen, and shouldn't be anywhere near our drinking water.

I understand that the World Health Organization and Health Canada maintain that there is insufficient evidence to show that swallowing asbestos is harmful. I am also aware that the United States Environmental Protection Agency has regulated asbestos in water since 1992. The reason given at the time was to protect against cancer.

I am also aware that the City of Regina contributed \$5-million toward a scientific research facility which produced no fewer than 10 studies. Those studies say the pipes are breaking in alarming numbers, the asbestos is entering the water, and can cause cancer when swallowed. What is the sense of paying millions of dollars for scientific studies, if we don't heed that science?

Other countries around the world are accelerating the replacement of old asbestos cement water pipes. It is time for Regina to follow suit. Asbestos cement water main breaks are costing the city millions in emergency repairs, and putting homeowners at risk.

Recently, residents of Hillside received a notice telling them to rinse faucet screens when their water came back on after work had been completed. The need to do so was blamed on a buildup of sediment in the water pipes. Hillside is known to have a great deal of old asbestos cement water mains. What is the sediment in the bottom of old asbestos cement water pipes?

Federal Green Party Leader Elizabeth May recently referred to the issue of asbestos cement water pipes in Canada as a "national emergency." It is time for the City of Regina to start treating them as such.

The federal government recently announced \$51-billion over the next decade to "support renewed public infrastructure." Let's take advantage of that funding, and get the job done.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Johnson, Regina, SK