



List of Delegations

**Tuesday, September 8, 2026
1:00 PM**

Henry Baker Hall, Main Floor, City Hall

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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CM26-8 2027 Preliminary Forecast - Potential Service Enhancements

DELEGATIONS

DE26-78 James Elliott, Regina, SK

DE26-79 Sarah Longmire, Regina, SK

CM26- 08 2027 Preliminary Budget Forecast – Potential Service Enhancements

Dear Mayor & Council,

My name is Jim Elliott, live in Regina and see significant flaws with the current budget meeting process and thus do not reflect the opinions of most of Regina residents.

I say this because the public have not been asked or allowed to provide concrete advice on the outcomes of the budget process and ultimately influence the budget outcomes that will be presented in December 2026 for the 2027-2028 budgets, the budgets they will be asked to pay for each year.

This preliminary budget forecast is simply a request from your and our administration. There are absolutely no indications about whether these were requested by the residents of this city. We currently have a survey being taken on the transportation master plan where it is unclear whether this survey will be done prior to the budget meeting or whether their responses will be taken into account on the budget for the next two years.

I say this as I have talked to several organizations and/or residents. Firstly, they were not even aware of the Be Heard survey identified in the past meeting. Secondly, the organizations that work with the city on a variety of community services have not been consulted on any of the budgets that they may be aware of or receive funds from and there is no clear mechanism to do that consultation especially in times of double digit increases in taxes and program costs.

What I would recommend to you and your administration is to engage in what would be described as participatory budgeting.

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a democratic process in which community members decide how to spend part or all of a public budget. It gives people real power over real money. This, in some cities, goes as far as the citizens prepare the budget and it is their suggestions and recommendations rather than the civic administration that are presented to council. Some of these have been seen as alternative budgets, mostly at the provincial and federal levels.

In our case, I would suggest that 30 people, 3 equally distributed from each ward and/or 1 from each community association area and as representative of the city's diversity as possible. They would have the opportunity to inform themselves about the budget and its structures, be told about the various projects or programs done by the city and most importantly be given the opportunity to put forward their own recommendations on any or all of the budget items before this council.

A supplementary no-cost action that was utilized in the Design Regina discussions were the use of **Citizen Circles** in which small groups of 5-15 people would self-select, spend time answering a series of relevant questions and produce answers based on the responses of those present. It would be facilitated by citizens or community-based

organizations and supplied to both Council, the city administration and/or the Participatory Budgeting Committee (See Appendix A).

The process would include some time from your administration to be the educators not unlike what was done with the Council Summer Camp this past month. It also implies that this body of individuals will be working on behalf of all residents, not just their ward or their community association area. They will wherever possible come to the recommendations by consensus, not a simple majority.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Elliott

Design Regina
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Appendix A – Citizen Circles



OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

Citizen Circle Worksheet

This worksheet is intended as an outline of the Citizen Circle workbook to be shared with all members of the Circle to follow along with.

The City's Vision imagines ***Regina as Canada's most Vibrant, Inclusive, Attractive, Sustainable community...where people live in Harmony and Thrive in opportunity.*** Share your Thoughts. Shape our city.

The City of Regina is in the process of creating a new, long-term plan. This official community plan will guide growth and change in Regina for the next 25 years. Creating this plan means having some important conversations and hearing from all citizens.

Notes:

The Citizen Circle booklet begins with Focussing the Discussion, and then progresses through five stages:

1. Brainstorming the Issues
2. Shared Goals
3. Opportunities and Constraints
4. Linking Goals to the Vision
5. Designing Your Booth

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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Design Regina and Citizens Circles
3. What do you like about Regina? What do you want changed?
4. What are your goals for Regina?
5. Opportunities and Constraints
6. What is your vision for Regina?
7. Ideas Fair and Booths
8. Conclusion and Comments

Jim Elliott,



What is Design Regina?

Design Regina is a process to create a new long-term community plan for the City of Regina. This plan will guide growth and change in Regina over the next 25 years. Citizens Circles were created to allow residents to participate in the creation of the official community plan. What is happening this year is just the beginning of the process and will continue into next year and beyond.

What issues or topics does it cover?

- Land use and transportation planning
- Built and natural environment
- Tourism and economic development
- Parks, sport and recreation
- Social development
- Arts and culture
- Heritage
- Infrastructure
- Protecting water supply

What is the current vision of the City of Regina?

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Citizen Circle

July 29, 2011
Carmichael Seniors

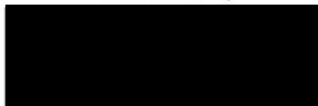
Rationale:

- Concern over children's and grandchildren's future
- Some measure of quality of life

What is your vision for Regina?

- Mobility
 - o Greater access to transportation
 - o Buses on holidays
 - o More paratransit buses
 - o Secure waiting or drop off spots at buildings and stores
 - o Cleaning of snow off sidewalks
 - o Better snow clearing of bus stops
 - o Programs for seniors through community associations to have snow cleared
 - o Walk lights at Victoria Avenue & Halifax Street and Albert Street & 3rd Avenue
- Programming
 - o Daycare backup for programming
 - o Family friendly programming
 - o Walking tours and programming in local parks
 - o School programming both for children but after hours for adults and children

Jim Elliott,



Other Points:

- More enforcement of traffic laws
- Water fountains in public parks

Citizen Circle

August 10, 2011

Carmichael General Residents

Rationale:

- Lack of affordable housing and options for homeless especially in the winter
- Concerns about availability of detox centres and what controls are put on residents
- Sense of not being welcome and/or racism in the city by the police and other authorities
- When there is a boom in the city, we should be addressing the issues of the needy and the homeless
- There is a growing gap between the rich and the poor and it will only get worse if not tackled now. People are only going to get more desperate.

Vision for Regina:

- Good price for discount transit pass
- Wascana Park
- Walkability of the city, especially in the winter
- More affordable housing and rental apartments
- More drop in locations and places for people (poor, bored, restless, lonely, single, fixed income, desperate) to socialize or get information especially after 5 pm and on weekends
- Extended transit schedule for Sundays and holidays

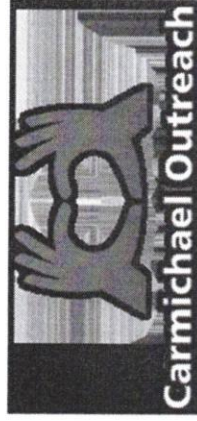
- Decreased cost for recreation programs
- All year long flea market or farmer's market, indoor in the winter
- Need a food security strategy and a consistent food policy for programs across the city
- More intentional upgrading, training of teenagers and young adults to help them be productive citizens. There needs to be additional supports for those as they come to the situation with a lot of barriers to success.

General Comments:

- There are missing links that are in Regina that I didn't see in Winnipeg as it relates to homelessness, low income and core issues. Regina needs to be more connected. Economics of scale help in bringing resources to the issues. Perhaps it is the loss of connection between those that have the academic degrees and the real practical world on the street.
- The resources for homeless or unemployed are hard to find and do not deal well with the baggage that comes from the street. The control over resources needs to be determined by the people they serve and work for the client rather than the other way around. It may need to be very much hands on counseling and going with the client to social services or other locations. Less talk and more action. Help has to be neutral and not attached to politics or religion.
- Not sure that many of the problems in the downtown will ever get addressed because the suburbs are dealing exclusively with getting potholes in the street fixed. They get so fixated on their issues that they don't hear about other's issues.
- The current complaint-based system of getting attention put to an issue does not work as those that have significant barriers to participating in the system never get the opportunity to complain about how bad the

system is. How do you complain about a pothole if you don't have a home?

- We need to heal the community system first.



Hands to help. Hearts to hope.

Carmichael Outreach Citizen's Circles

Seniors - July 29th , 2011

General - August 10th , 2011

What is Carmichael Outreach?

- Carmichael serves the marginalized of Regina by advocating on their behalf and by providing a range of programming that includes preventative measures and harm reduction. An open door policy ensures a non-judgmental environment where all are treated with respect and dignity.

Carmichael Seniors

Reasons for Concern

- Concern over children's and grandchildren's future
- Some measure of quality of life

Vision for Regina

- Greater affordable access to transportation and more paratransit buses
- Clearing of snow off sidewalks
- Family friendly programming
- More use of schools after hours for community programming
- Walking tours and programming in local parks
- Support for seniors with disabilities
- Regular daily programming in Wascana Park especially for seniors
- More and closer programming in neighbourhoods

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Subject: Formal Protest Against the Removal of Bus Shelters and the Neglect of Vulnerable Residents

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the recent removal of bus shelters in our city. It is my understanding that these structures are being dismantled to deter unhoused individuals from using them for warmth and shelter. I believe this policy is discriminatory, short-sighted, and represents a severe neglect of the city's obligation to address the root causes of homelessness. Bus shelters provide an essential public service. Removing them disproportionately harms everyday commuters, the elderly, disabled individuals, and families who rely on public transit and are now left exposed to harsh weather conditions. Punishing the entire transit-dependent public to displace a vulnerable population is an unacceptable approach to city management.

Furthermore, this action targets unhoused individuals for simply trying to survive. Sweeping people out of sight by removing basic infrastructure does not solve homelessness; it merely forces individuals into more dangerous, less visible conditions. It is a reactive measure that prioritizes optics over human dignity and real solutions. Rather than dismantling public infrastructure, the city must invest its resources into comprehensive support systems, including accessible emergency shelters, transitional housing, and robust mental health and addiction services. True community safety and well-being are achieved by lifting people up, not by making public spaces intentionally hostile.

I urge the City Council to immediately halt the removal of bus shelters, reinstall the structures that have already been taken down, and redirect city efforts toward compassionate, evidence-based solutions for homelessness.

Thank you for your time, your leadership, and your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your response and to seeing a shift toward a more inclusive city policy.

Respectively,

Sarah Longmire, Regina SK