

# Ward 1 Report

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## Dear Ward 1 Residents:



I was proud to join Cowessess First Nation Chief Cadmus Delorme at the pre-launch of the first-ever Miyo-wîciwîtowin Day to be held Sept. 29 at Mosaic Stadium. This event will mark the first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation in Regina. Go to [wewalktogether.ca](http://wewalktogether.ca) to register for this free event

There are many reasons to feel optimistic in Regina these days. It's spring, people have planted gardens, watched the trees bloom and leaf out, and are enjoying the outdoors. It's also construction season, and many residents in Ward 1 will see their streets, sidewalks, water or sewer lines repaired.

For the third year in a row, Regina was named one of 138 'Tree Cities of the World' by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN. Our city prides itself on our beautiful trees – each one

planted by hand. On June 1, Arbour Day, the City offered 1,000 free tree saplings at Victoria Park to residents.

In April, Regina was also designated a Bird-Friendly City by Nature Conservancy of Canada.

Who is not excited to see tourism and major events coming back to our city? In addition to many of our favourites like QCX and Agribition, Regina will shine this fall as we host the Grey Cup.

And we are seeing the largest economic investment in our city in decades: Viterra's plan to build a canola crushing plant, Federated Co-operatives Ltd/AGT Food & Ingredient's plans to build a renewable fuel plant, and Red Leaf's project to convert wheat straw to recyclable products will generate \$4 billion in direct capital investment, 4,000 construction jobs and 1,500 permanent jobs in the Greater Regina Area over the next five to 10 years.

I am going to share more information about Council activities in my upcoming E-newsletter so sign up to keep up to date on issues that affect you! **Visit [regina.ca/ward1](http://regina.ca/ward1) to sign up for my E-newsletter. Then look for an email from me in your inbox!**

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# Energy & Sustainability Framework

In April, City Council unanimously approved an Energy and Sustainability Framework that will guide our city on how to become a renewable city by 2050. Actions associated with the Framework are expected to reduce Regina's emissions by 52 per cent and cut energy use by 24 per cent by 2030. They will also bring major economic benefits, generating an estimated \$12.5 billion in financial returns for the community by 2050 and an average net growth of more than 4,000 jobs per year.

## The framework has seven bold moves:

- 1) Building retrofits
- 2) Clean heating
- 3) Net-zero new construction
- 4) Renewable energy generation
- 5) Low-emissions vehicles
- 6) Increase active transportation and transit use
- 7) Clean and re-energize industry

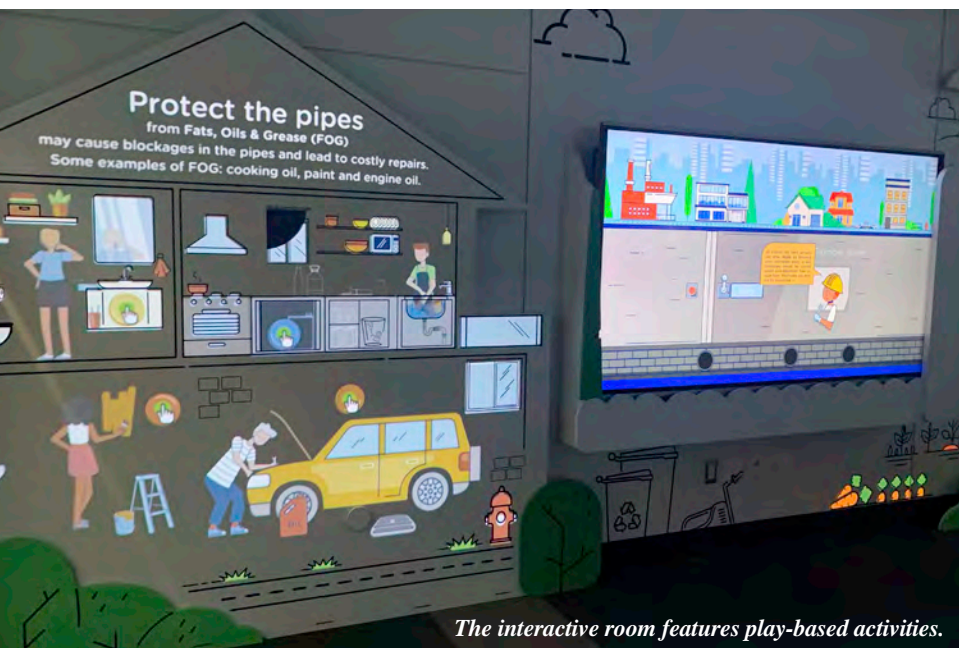
Visit [Regina.ca/renewable](https://regina.ca/renewable) to learn more about Regina's renewable goal. Follow the Renewable Regina 2050 project at [beheard.regina.ca](https://beheard.regina.ca) to get updates and learn about future community engagement opportunities.

# Waste Reduction

Did you know that the average Regina household produces 12 more garbage bags each year than the average household in North America? Some other facts:

- About 50 per cent of waste in the garbage bins is food or yard waste.
- Regina set a goal to divert 65 per cent of household waste from the landfill (recycling, reuse or composting are key ways).
- Currently we are diverting only 20 per cent of waste from the landfill.
- The cost to develop a new landfill is \$50-100 million.

City-wide introduction of green carts for food and yard waste in 2023 will divert about 24,000 tonnes per year, reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 10,820 tonnes and extend life of the landfill by two and half years.



*The interactive room features play-based activities.*

## Register to Visit the new Education Room:

This spring, the City unveiled an Education Room at the Waste Management Centre (at the Landfill) for school-aged children to learn about waste management and the water and sewer systems. School and community groups can submit a request to tour the Education Room at [Regina.ca/educationroom](https://regina.ca/educationroom) Tours focus on the 3Rs – reduce, reuse and recycle, and how Regina gets our water and where it ends up when it goes down the drain.

# Infrastructure Projects in Ward 1

The City invested \$118 million in 2022 construction projects involving transportation, water, wastewater, and drainage infrastructure. There are dozens of construction projects taking place in Ward 1 this year – more than can be printed on one page. If you received a letter from the City indicating your street will be worked on and you have questions or any special needs, please call the number in your letter for assistance.

This year's infrastructure improvement calendar in Ward 1 includes: upgrades to Murray Balfour Arena, replacement of Lakeview outdoor rink, and continued construction of Wascana Pool.

Visit [Regina.ca/roads](https://regina.ca/roads) for a full list of major construction projects. Visit [Regina.ca/constuction](https://regina.ca/constuction) and scroll down for more details of projects in Ward 1, including water and sewer line replacements.



## Here are some projects planned or underway in Ward 1 this year:

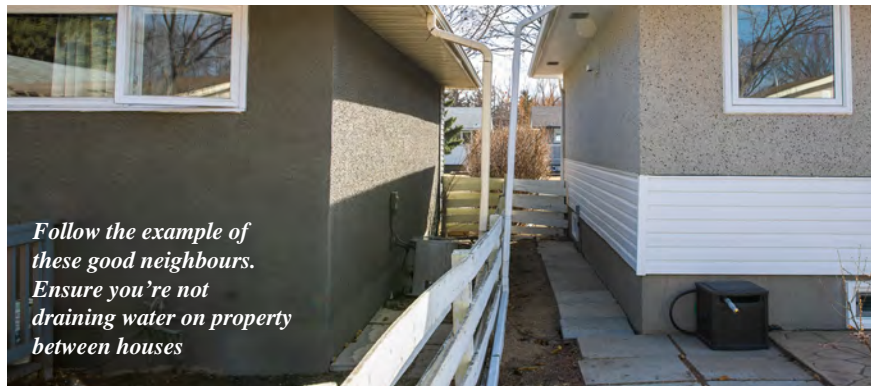
- 12 road renewal or road rebuild projects
- 7 water infrastructure renewal projects
- 40 sewer infrastructure renewal projects
- 3 pedestrian safety upgrades

## Drainage and Lot Grading:

### Residents cannot negatively impact neighbours

Everyone needs to properly grade their lot and use downspouts to move water away from their house, but we also have to be good neighbours. We've updated The Wastewater and Storm Water Bylaw so the City can enforce grading on private and business property, and work with neighbours if they can't resolve drainage issues.

The Bylaw is now in effect. More information on drainage rules can be found at [Regina.ca/drainage](https://regina.ca/drainage). Report drainage issues at [Regina.ca/servicerequest](https://regina.ca/servicerequest) or contact Service Regina at 306-777-7000.



### Quick checks to make sure you comply:

- Make sure downspouts are a minimum of 1.0 m away from foundations of buildings by using a proper downspout extension.
- If a downspout extension cannot be used, a splash pad can direct water a minimum of 1.0 m away from the foundation.
- Do not drain your downspout or sump pump onto your neighbour's property.
- Ensure you understand lot grades and that your yard is graded according to your approved lot grading plan.
- Do not alter or block a storm drain or any other publicly owned infrastructure.

# What's coming up at City Council

## Hillsdale Neighbourhood Land Use Plan

City planners held public consultations with residents in Hillsdale about a new Neighbourhood Land Use Plan. The Plan will guide future development decisions in the neighbourhood as Regina continues to grow. This is the second Land Use Plan after the Al Ritchie neighborhood. Through the consultation process, planners have tweaked certain elements of the Plan to address concerns from the community.

The Plan will go to the Regina Planning Commission and then to City Council this July. Residents can speak at either meeting. If passed by Council, the Plan goes to the Province for final approval to become a part of the Official Community Plan.

You can view the plan at [Regina.ca/hillsdale](https://Regina.ca/hillsdale)

### Stunting, Speeding and Excessive Vehicular noise enforcement

As summer arrives, I have received multiple complaints about excessive noise from vehicles that are speeding, doing stunts, or have been modified to be noisy. Administration brought a report to City Council on Stunting & Noise in May 2021 in response to Council Motion MN20-17. The actions coming from the report were:

- A \$250 fine for vehicle noise was added to City's Noise Bylaw.
- City Council to advocate via letter to Minister responsible for SGI regarding equipment standards and stricter measures regarding inspection polices etc.
- Administration will report back in fall 2022 on success of changes and whether escalating fines are warranted.
- Administration work with Provincial Authorities on awareness and education campaigns regarding stunting/noise.

The Province has also introduced amendments to The Traffic Safety Act that will allow police to immediately suspend a drivers' license or impound a vehicle, rather than simply issuing a ticket.



On June 15, Council approved a motion to bring a report back in 2023 on how the City could improve the lives of LGBTQ people. Ward 6 Councillor Dan LeBlanc brought the motion forward and it was unanimously passed.

#### Got a City-related problem?

Start with Service Regina:

306-777-7000 or [Regina.ca/servicerequest](https://Regina.ca/servicerequest)

#### Didn't like the results? Drop me a line:

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