



Executive Committee

**Wednesday, September 2, 2026
9:00 AM**

Henry Baker Hall, Main Floor, City Hall



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**Public Agenda
Executive Committee
Wednesday, September 2, 2026**

Approval of Public Agenda**Adoption of Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held August 19, 2026

Administration Reports

EX26-85 Canada Public Transit Fund Baseline Funding

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Delegate authority to the Deputy City Manager, City Operations or designate to negotiate and approve the funding agreement between the City and the federal government for the Canada Public Transit Fund Baseline Funding as further described in this report, any amendments to the agreement, if required, that do not substantially change what is described in this report, and any ancillary agreements or documents required to give effect to the agreements;
2. Authorize the City Clerk to execute all agreements with the federal government upon review and approval of the City Solicitor; and
3. Approve these recommendations at its meeting on September 9, 2026.

EX26-86 Provincial Approach to Homelessness Funding

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Delegate authority to the Deputy City Manager, City Planning and Community Services or designate to negotiate and approve Contribution Agreements between the Government of Saskatchewan and the City of Regina to provide funding for extreme weather and community-led outreach projects for up to five years and any amendments to the Contribution Agreements



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and any ancillary agreements or documents required to give effect to the Agreements.

2. Delegate authority to the Deputy City Manager, City Planning and Community Services or designate to negotiate and approve Funding Agreements for up to five years to operate extreme weather spaces or community outreach teams with the ultimate recipients of the funding and any amendments to the Funding Agreements.
3. Delegate authority to the Deputy City Manager, City Planning and Community Services or designate to decide on what projects and the level of funding will be provided to recipients in the next five years if Government of Saskatchewan funding is provided to operate extreme weather spaces or community outreach teams and to adjust the funding levels for the projects described in this report if required based on the needs of the project and available funding.
4. Authorize the City Clerk to execute the necessary agreements after review and approval by the City Solicitor.
5. Approve these recommendations at its meeting on September 9, 2026.

Adjournment

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026

AT A MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD IN PUBLIC SESSION

AT 9:00 AM

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Present: Councillor Shanon Zachidniak, in the Chair
Mayor Chad Bachynski
Councillor Mark Burton
Councillor Victoria Flores
Councillor David Froh
Councillor Jason Mancinelli
Councillor Shobna Radons
Councillor Dan Rashovich
Councillor George Tskilis (Remote)

Regrets: Councillor Clark Bezo
Councillor Sarah Turnbull

Also in Attendance: Acting City Clerk, Amber Ackerman
Acting Deputy City Clerk, Martha Neovard
Acting City Manager, Jim Nicol
City Solicitor, Shannon Williams
Deputy City Manager, City Planning & Community Services, Deborah Bryden
Deputy City Manager, City Operations, Kurtis Doney
Acting Deputy City Manager, Communications, Service Regina and Tourism, Carole Tink
Acting Chief Financial Officer & Deputy City Manager, Jeff May
Director, Planning & Development Services, Autumn Dawson
Manager, Housing, Bill Neher
Senior City Planner, Jonathan Pradinuk

(The meeting commenced in the absence of Councillor Shobna Radons.)

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Councillor Victoria Flores moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the agenda for this meeting be approved, at the call of the Chair, with the addition of the registered List of Delegations.

Councillor Mark Burton moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the minutes for the meeting held on July 22, 2026 be adopted, as circulated.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

EX26-82 Growing Young Movers Social Enterprise Facility

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the purchase of the property at 1202 Retallack Street from the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation for a nominal cost of \$1, consistent with the terms and conditions described in this report;
2. Approve the sale of the property at 1202 Retallack Street to the Growing Young Movers Youth Development Inc. for \$1 as a direct sale for development of its Building Futures Collective Hub facility that will serve as the permanent operational headquarters for its Building Futures Collective social enterprise and otherwise consistent with the terms and conditions described in this report;
3. Approve the allocation of a one-time grant of \$300,000 from the City of Regina's Housing Accelerator Fund's Housing Incentives Program Pilot Repair & Acquisition Grant to Growing Young Movers Youth Development Inc. for the purpose of development of the Building Futures Collective Hub facility;
4. Approve a five-year property tax exemption for the property at 1202 Retallack Street upon transfer of ownership to Growing Young Movers Youth Development Inc. subject to the Government of Saskatchewan approving the exemption or partial exemption of the education portion of the property tax levy if required, and authorize the Chief Financial Officer/Deputy City Manager or their delegate to apply for the approval of the Government of Saskatchewan on behalf of the property owner for any exemption of the education portion of the property tax levies payable to the Government of Saskatchewan that is \$25,000 or greater on an annual basis;
5. Authorize the City Clerk to execute all necessary and ancillary agreements thereto after review and approval by the City Solicitor;
6. Direct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary tax exemption agreements and bylaws to give effect to the recommendations, to be brought forward to a future meeting of City Council following approval of these recommendations and the required public notice; and
7. Approve these recommendations at its meeting on September 9, 2026.

Brian Lewis, representing Growing Young Movers, addressed the Committee.

(Councillor Shobna Radons arrived to the meeting.)

Councillor David Froh moved that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESULT:	CARRIED [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Councillor Froh
IN FAVOUR:	Councillors: Burton, Flores, Froh, Mancinelli, Radons, Rashovich, Tsiklis, Zachidniak and Mayor Bachynski

(Councillors David Froh and Jason Mancinelli left the meeting.)

EX26-83 Acquisition for a Municipal Purpose – 2704 Saskatchewan Drive

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council (Council):

1. Approve the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the City of Regina (City) acquire those lands described as:

Lot 7-Blk/Par B-Plan 94R41933 Ext 0; and

Lot 8-Blk/Par B-Plan 94R41933 Ext 0

(the Land).

The Land is required for the authorized municipal purpose of construction, expansion, improvement and maintenance of municipal roadways, sidewalks and utility infrastructure consistent with the City's *Design Regina: The Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2013-48 (OCP)*, the *Saskatchewan Drive Corridor Plan OCP Part B.21*, the *Transportation Master Plan (Saskatchewan Drive Corridor Plan)* and as further described in this report.”

2. Delegate authority to the Chief Financial Officer & Deputy City Manager (or their designate) to negotiate and approve land purchase agreements for the acquisition of the properties identified within this report for the authorized municipal purposes noted.
3. Authorize the City Clerk to execute any agreements approved further to recommendation 2, after review and approval by the City Solicitor; and
4. Approve these recommendations at its August 26, 2026 meeting.

Mayor Chad Bachynski moved that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

(Councillor David Froh returned to the meeting.)

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESULT:	CARRIED [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Mayor Bachynski
IN FAVOUR:	Councillors: Burton, Flores, Froh, Radons, Rashovich, Tsiklis, Zachidniak and Mayor Bachynski
AWAY:	Councillor Mancinelli

EX26-84 Affordable Housing Lands Policy 2026 Amendments

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the amended Affordable Housing Lands Policy in Appendix A – Affordable Housing Lands Policy Revisions 2026 to:
 - a. Expand eligibility to purchase or lease City of Regina-owned properties through the Affordable Housing Lands Policy to for-profit builders, start-up housing providers, social enterprises, and Indigenous governments or economic development corporations;
 - b. Expand eligibility to adjacent property owners through a newly created Neighbourhood Side-Lot Program that provides an opportunity for current North Central Neighbourhood property owners to obtain property from the Housing Land Bank that is immediately adjacent to theirs;
 - c. Increase the appraised value of the property that may be sold or leased below market value without a public offering from \$60,000 to \$100,000 or less; and
 - d. Direct any income from the sale of lots to be returned to the Housing Land Bank budget for the property maintenance costs after the Housing Accelerator Funds have been expended.
2. Approve these recommendations at its meeting on August 26, 2026.

(Councillor Jason Mancinelli returned to the meeting)

Councillor Victoria Flores moved that the Executive Committee recommend that City Council:

1. Approve the amended Affordable Housing Lands Policy in Appendix A – Affordable Housing Lands Policy Revisions 2026 to:

- a) **Expand eligibility to purchase or lease City of Regina-owned properties through the Affordable Housing Lands Policy to for-profit builders, start-up housing providers, social enterprises, and Indigenous governments or economic development corporations;**
- b) **Expand eligibility to adjacent property owners through a newly created Neighbourhood Side-Lot Program that provides an opportunity for the following:**
 - i. **current North Central Neighbourhood property owners to obtain property from the Housing Land Bank that is immediately adjacent to theirs; and**
 - ii. **once sufficient inventory is available, current Heritage Neighbourhood property owners to obtain property from the Housing Land Bank that is immediately adjacent to theirs;**
- c) **Increase the appraised value of the property that may be sold or leased below market value without a public offering from \$60,000 to \$100,000 or less; and**
- d) **Direct any income from the sale of lots to be returned to the Housing Land Bank budget for the property maintenance costs after the Housing Accelerator Funds have been expended.**

2. Approve these recommendations at its meeting on August 26, 2026

RECESS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 33(2.1) of City Council's *Procedure Bylaw No. 9004*, a 15 minute recess was called.

City Council recessed at 10:36 a.m.

City Council reconvened at 10:56 a.m.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESULT:	CARRIED [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Councillor Flores
IN FAVOUR:	Councillors: Burton, Flores, Froh, Mancinelli, Radons, Rashovich, Tsiklis, Zachidniak and Mayor Bachynski

RESOLUTION FOR PRIVATE SESSION

Councillor Shobna Radons moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that in the interest of the public, the remaining items on the agenda be considered in private.

Councillor Shobna Radons moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Committee recess for 15 minutes.

The Committee recessed at 11:35 a.m.

Chairperson

Secretary



Canada Public Transit Fund Baseline Funding

Date	September 2, 2026
To	Executive Committee
From	City Manager's Office
Service Area	Sustainability, Performance & Service Improvement
Item No.	EX26-85

RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Delegate authority to the Deputy City Manager, City Operations or designate to negotiate and approve the funding agreement between the City and the federal government for the Canada Public Transit Fund Baseline Funding as further described in this report, any amendments to the agreement, if required, that do not substantially change what is described in this report, and any ancillary agreements or documents required to give effect to the agreements;
2. Authorize the City Clerk to execute all agreements with the federal government upon review and approval of the City Solicitor; and
3. Approve these recommendations at its meeting on September 9, 2026.

ISSUE

The City of Regina has been conditionally approved to receive up to \$2,403,483 per year for ten years, totalling \$24,034,830, through the federal government's Canada Public Transit Fund (CPTF) Baseline Funding.

As per Section 35.11 of Bylaw No. 2003-69 *The Regina Administration Bylaw*, Administration requires City Council approval to negotiate and enter into revenue agreements where the value of the agreement on an annual basis is more than \$1 million.

IMPACTS

Financial Impact

The recommended option would see the City receive up to \$2,403,483 annually for the next 10 years for a total of up to \$24,034,830. This funding can be used to support transit-related capital investments. The Baseline Funding provides up to 40 per cent of total eligible expenditures with the City contributing the remaining 60 per cent. That means the City must contribute \$3.6 million annually to comply with the agreement and receive the maximum Baseline Funding.

Policy Impact

The recommendations in this report align with the goals outlined in the Regina Transit Master Plan by supporting the expansion of our fleet and the purchase of new accessible bus stop amenities. Additionally, the agreement requires that cities who have transit systems that are considered high-frequency or high-order to adhere to specific commitments intended to help unlock housing supply. As the City of Regina does not have high-frequency or high-order transit, this section does not currently apply. However, if in the future the City's transit system becomes high-frequency or high-order then these requirements would become applicable. This includes:

- Concentrating more housing development near transit by allowing high-density housing as-of-right within 800 metres of high-frequency or higher-order transit.
- Eliminating mandatory minimum off-street parking requirements within 800 metres of high-frequency or higher-order transit stations, excluding accessibility requirements.

Currently, the City actually meets these requirements through the Zoning Bylaw No. 2019-19 so this only becomes a concern if Council reverses its decision on these issues. Should that occur, the City would not be in compliance with the agreement and may not continue to receive funding for the remaining years.

Strategic Priority Impact

The recommended option to enter into a funding agreement helps ensure the City is financially responsible and provides cost-effective service delivery by maximizing non-property tax revenue sources. The recommended option also aligns with the Infrastructure Strategic Priority by investing in infrastructure that ensures transportation networks are accessible and connected, supporting diverse travel modes and increased ridership.

Environmental Impact

Supporting the transit system aligns with the Energy and Sustainability Framework by helping to ensure the continuation of active transportation (bikeways, bike racks, pathways) and transit use (bus fleet and associated infrastructure). While transit fleet and infrastructure do generate greenhouse gas emissions, they are expected to decrease the overall environmental footprint by

reducing personal-use vehicles on the road and their associated emissions.

Improved transit service and shelters also improve the City's climate resiliency. Having sheltered transportation helps improve the City's climate resiliency by allowing residents a safer way to engage the active transportation system during inclement weather.

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility

Continued investments into the transit system help to advance the accessibility recommendations and actions identified in the Regina Transit Master Plan and the Accessibility Plan. Specifically, consistent investment in modern low floor buses allows customers with low mobility to have transportation choice. Having accessible shelters and walking paths ensures equitable use of the transit system in Regina. These investments remove barriers, improve safety, and connect residents looking to move throughout our community.

There are no labour or Indigenous impacts respecting this report.

OTHER OPTIONS

Option 1 (Recommended) – Approve all recommendations listed in this report.

This option is advantageous as it provides additional funding for transit capital purchases; however, it does require the City to continue to spend approximately \$3.6 million annually over the next 10 years.

Option 2 (Not recommended) – Do not approve Administration negotiating a funding agreement.

City Council can choose not to approve the recommendations in this report. Without City Council approval, the City will be unable to enter into a funding agreement and will not receive the \$24,034,830 from the federal government over the next 10 years.

COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

There has been no Communications or Engagement with respect to this report.

DISCUSSION

The CPTF Baseline Fund is a federal program that provides predictable, long-term funding for public transit and active transportation. Regina is approved to receive up to \$2,403,483 per year for 10 years, totalling \$24,034,830. This amount was determined based on a combination of ridership and population data.

As part of the funding agreement, the City must submit a five-year Capital Plan that outlines the eligible capital expenditures that will be funded with the Baseline Funding. Eligible capital investment categories are:

- rolling stock (e.g. buses). *It is important to note that diesel and diesel-hybrid buses will not be eligible expenditures after March 2029.*
- fixed assets (e.g. transit shelters, maintenance facilities, bicycle racks)
- active transportation (e.g. bikeways, sidewalks, non-paved trails)

The City's CPTF Baseline Funding Capital Plan will reflect the capital investments approved through budget and the City's five-year capital plan.

The funding agreement also stipulates that to remain eligible for funding, buses purchased with the funding after March 2029 must be zero emitting. In 2025, City Council directed Administration to purchase diesel-hybrid buses rather than battery-electric buses. If direction remains unchanged, Administration will bring a report prior to 2029 that reviews the most up-to-date financial, environmental, and operational information surrounding bus options. If Regina continues purchasing non-zero emitting buses, Administration will direct CPTF funding towards the other eligible capital investment categories (fixed assets and active transportation). If it becomes necessary, Administration would work with the federal government to revisit the funding agreement and look for alternative options.

DECISION HISTORY & AUTHORITY

As per Section 35.11 of Bylaw No. 2003-69 *The Regina Administration Bylaw*, Administration requires City Council approval to negotiate and enter into revenue agreements where the value of the agreement on an annual basis is more than \$1 million.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jim Nicol
Interim City Manager

Respectfully Submitted,



Ryan Gray
Manager, Government Relations

Prepared by: Chrisy Dezotell, Senior Policy & Grants Consultant



Provincial Approach to Homelessness Funding

Date	September 2, 2026
To	Executive Committee
From	City Planning & Community Development
Service Area	Recreation & Cultural Services
Item No.	EX26-86

RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Delegate authority to the Deputy City Manager, City Planning and Community Services or designate to negotiate and approve Contribution Agreements between the Government of Saskatchewan and the City of Regina to provide funding for extreme weather and community-led outreach projects for up to five years and any amendments to the Contribution Agreements and any ancillary agreements or documents required to give effect to the Agreements.
2. Delegate authority to the Deputy City Manager, City Planning and Community Services or designate to negotiate and approve Funding Agreements for up to five years to operate extreme weather spaces or community outreach teams with the ultimate recipients of the funding and any amendments to the Funding Agreements.
3. Delegate authority to the Deputy City Manager, City Planning and Community Services or designate to decide on what projects and the level of funding will be provided to recipients in the next five years if Government of Saskatchewan funding is provided to operate extreme weather spaces or community outreach teams and to adjust the funding levels for the projects described in this report if required based on the needs of the project and available funding.
4. Authorize the City Clerk to execute the necessary agreements after review and approval by the City Solicitor.

5. Approve these recommendations at its meeting on September 9, 2026.

ISSUE

The Government of Saskatchewan has approached the City of Regina (City) about annualized funding as part of their provincial approach to homelessness. Specifically, the Government of Saskatchewan will be allocating funding to support the operation of extreme weather spaces and community-led outreach initiatives in support of community members experiencing homelessness. The Government of Saskatchewan will provide \$2,039,445 for extreme weather and community-led outreach priorities within the City in 2026 for 2026 and 2027 operations. Pending an annual review, this funding may be renewed.

IMPACTS

Financial Impact

The Government of Saskatchewan will provide \$2,039,445 in 2026 which may be renewed annually, subject to reporting and review. Administration will allocate this funding to the projects as described in this report.

Legal Impact

If proceeding with the recommendations laid out in this report, the City would enter into a Contribution Agreement with the Government of Saskatchewan and Funding Agreements with the recipient organizations.

Policy Impact

This policy aligns directly with the Council report *CR25-144 City of Regina's Role in Well-Being and Homelessness* which was brought to Council on November 19, 2025. This report endorsed a support/outreach-based model to encampment response that prioritizes a person-first approach allowing the ability for Administration to negotiate and approve funding agreements for warming center initiatives funded through the contribution received from the Government of Saskatchewan.

The recommendations in this report align with the City's CSWB Plan which includes these recommended actions:

- increase supports for current after-hours services, as well as the expansion of 24-hour, drop-in services, and programming spaces, and
- explore and implement a community-based social navigation program to engage in street outreach and connect individuals to services for priority neighborhoods.

The recommendations in this report also align with the Government of Saskatchewan's direction.

Note that the report references the term "extreme weather spaces" synonymously with the previously used term "warming spaces" as it is all encompassing of the potential situations we would use the space for.

Strategic Priority Impact

The recommendations in this report align with the strategic priority of Vibrancy, specifically that public safety and community wellbeing is addressed through proactive actions by the City and partnerships with community organizations.

The recommendations also advance the Strategic Plan's overall statement "Welcome home. Canada's most livable city – more time, connection, and opportunity. You belong." If the City does not advance approaches to support unsheltered community members then there is a group of people left extremely marginalized who are excluded from this statement.

Environmental Impact

The recommendations in this report are anticipated to have limited direct impacts on energy consumption and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The most direct impacts relate to renovations and energy used to heat or cool and power buildings; however, these impacts cannot be quantified at this time.

Climate change is increasing the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. Our unsheltered population is more directly exposed to the impact of these hazards. Investing in extreme weather spaces improves our ability to provide safe shelter and respond to these extreme weather events, improving our climate resiliency and how Regina adapts to a changing climate.

Indigenous Impact

The proposed funding agreement with the Government of Saskatchewan to support extreme weather spaces and community-led outreach initiatives has the potential to positively impact Indigenous peoples in Regina. Indigenous individuals are disproportionately represented among those experiencing homelessness and housing instability, and investments in emergency supports, culturally responsive outreach and pathways to housing can help address barriers that many Indigenous community members face. Given this, it remains critical that Indigenous owned and operated organizations are at the forefront of a response to homelessness and have the resources they need to meet the unique needs of this community.

From a policy perspective, the proposed funding agreement also aligns with the intent of kâ-nâsihcikêwin, the City's Indigenous Framework, by advancing Treaty relationships through collaboration, shared responsibility and actions that support community wellbeing. The proposed

funding agreement directly reflects two of the Treaty Principles outlined in kâ-nâsihcikêwin:

- miyo-wîcêhtowin (good relations) which emphasizes working together in a respectful, reciprocal and collaborative manner to support the well-being of all peoples; and miskâsowin (finding one's sense of belonging and identity) recognizes the importance of reconnecting with self, culture, community and purpose as part of healing and wellness.

Additionally, the proposed funding agreement reflects the City's shared responsibility to work together to ensure the health, safety and dignity of all individuals and families living within Treaty 4 territory.

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility (IDEA)

Advancing this report supports one of the City's guiding principles which speaks to supporting an equitable environment, removing barriers to promote inclusion and success for all. The organizations delivering this programming all strive to provide low-barrier services that are accessible and inclusive to all community members.

There are no labour impacts associated with this report.

OTHER OPTIONS

Option 1: Approve all recommendations as proposed in the report. – RECOMMENDED

Advantages: This option allows Administration to accept the funding from the Government of Saskatchewan and negotiate funding agreements with the ultimate recipients in a timely manner to allow operation of extreme weather spaces to begin before winter. Further, the three proposed organizations have already been operating warming centres and are well suited to continue this work.

Considerations: The organizations and funding amounts listed in this report have been decided based on the expertise and community awareness of City employees in the Recreation & Cultural Services Department's Community Wellbeing Branch, in communication with the Government of Saskatchewan and taking into consideration the operational limitations of the organizations. This process is different than the City's usual process for distributing funding to community groups due to the expedited funding timelines and urgency of the need.

Option 2: Direct Administration to return with alternative projects to propose for funding – NOT RECOMMENDED

Advantages: Council has an active role in determining the funding allocations.

Considerations: This option is not recommended as it carries timing risks for the 2026/2027 winter season. It is possible that returning with new programs to consider may lead to a significant delay in distributing funding that could affect operational readiness of extreme weather spaces prior to cold weather. To properly plan for the winter months, organizations have indicated they need final confirmation of funding by early fall. In addition, the Government of Saskatchewan is in support of funding programs as described in this report.

COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

No communication or engagements are planned.

DISCUSSION

Homelessness continues to be a growing issue in the city. The most recent Point in Time Count (PiT Count) on October 2, 2025, estimated 767 individuals experiencing homelessness. As a PiT Count is a snapshot of a particular point in time, the number of individuals experiencing homelessness is typically assumed to be higher. Locally, there are several evidence-based and community-validated homelessness trends of note, some of which include:

1. Regina's Indigenous community experiences disproportionate rates of homelessness. In the 2024 PiT Count, 75 per cent of Regina's homeless population identified as Indigenous, compared to 10 per cent of Regina's general population (according to the 2021 Census by Statistics Canada). This disproportionality is reflected across all known data sources. For this reason, trauma-informed approaches, lived experience, Indigenous leadership and Indigenous-led programming are prioritized.
2. Causes of homelessness remain complex. Increases to cost of living, policy changes for social supports, the opioid crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic, rising instances of senior, immigrant and youth homelessness, intimate partner violence, racism and discrimination are all factors shaping the required diversity in homelessness response.

Administration understands there to be a range of current gaps on the housing spectrum, most notably with access to permanent supportive housing. This gap tends to intensify the pressures in shelters and extreme weather spaces, ultimately leading to an increase in entrenched encampment sites.

Locally, Administration is committed to maintaining the safety, health and wellbeing of all its residents, including those experiencing homelessness. In alignment with direction from Council,

Administration plays a crucial role in coordinating with various agencies and service providers to manage and respond to homelessness. Through this approach, Administration better understands the complexities of homelessness and is better situated to discuss priority areas and the required funding to address these areas alongside the Government of Saskatchewan. Through a new commitment to annualized funding, the Government of Saskatchewan will be working alongside Administration to support the initiatives as described in Table 1. Table 2 highlights previous years funding from the Government of Saskatchewan.

Table 1 outlines Administration's proposed use of the extreme weather and community-led outreach project funding from the Government of Saskatchewan for 2026 but delegated authority is being requested to alter these amounts for 2026 if the funding needs of the projects change. Delegated authority is also being requested so that Administration is able to decide on future projects and future levels of funding for recipients for the next five years if the Government of Saskatchewan continues to provide funding for extreme weather spaces or community outreach teams.

Table 1: Government of Saskatchewan Extreme Weather and Outreach Project Funding

Community Led Responses	Details/ Financial Impact	Funding
Nēwo Yōtina Friendship Centre: Seven Fires extreme weather space	Funding will provide the operational dollars needed to carry out functions in the extreme weather space.	\$700,000
All Nations Hope: Awasiw	Funding will provide the operational dollars needed for Awasiw to carry out functions in the extreme weather space.	\$398,000
Carmichael Outreach	Funding will provide the operational dollars needed for Carmichael Outreach to carry out functions in the extreme weather space.	\$550,000
Community Outreach Team (Organization selected and in negotiation of Agreement stage) Note: This new team will replace the Regina Street Team, which will cease operations after August 31, 2026.	The City has selected an organization and is working on an agreement with them in advance of startup in the fall. The funding for this project will provide an outreach team that will offer community-based-outreach services as described in the City's Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan.	\$391,445
Total		\$2,039,445

The Government of Saskatchewan and the City have been collaborating to fund extreme weather spaces and community outreach since 2023. Previous funding from the Government of Saskatchewan is described in Table 2.

Table 2: Previous Government of Saskatchewan Funding for Extreme Weather Spaces and Outreach

<u>Project</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regina Street Team	2024	Operating funding for the Regina Street Team, provided to Regina Downtown Business Improvement District (RDBID) directly.	\$205,000
Extreme Weather Spaces	2024	Operating funding for extreme weather spaces.	\$200,000
Regina Street Team	2025	Operating funding for the Regina Street Team, provided to RDBID directly.	\$334,750
Extreme Weather Spaces	2025	Operating funding for extreme weather spaces.	\$1,100,000

While there is an ongoing need for extreme weather spaces and a dignified response to encampments, the ultimate goal of this work is that people are housed. The increase in individuals in large encampments highlights a prominent need for additional funding for supportive and affordable housing spaces to encourage movement out of shelters and extreme weather spaces along the housing continuum. Without increased and sustained funding from all orders of government, the gap between short-term supports and long-term housing solutions will remain.

DECISION HISTORY & AUTHORITY

At its meeting on November 19, 2025, City Council considered item *CR25-144 City of Regina's Role in Well-being and Homelessness* and adopted a resolution to delegate authority to the City Manager, or their designate, to negotiate and approve an agreement between the Government of Saskatchewan and the City of Regina under which the Government of Saskatchewan provided \$1,100,000 to the City for warming centre initiatives, and authority to approve any amendments and any ancillary agreements or documents required to give effect to the Agreement, and to approve a support/outreach-based model to encampment response that prioritizes a person-first approach, as described in this report and delegate authority to the Deputy City Manager of City Planning & Community Services, or designate, to develop an operational policy for implementation which includes terms of reference for a Community Action Response to Encampments Team provided that the Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Matrix and displacement protocols are developed in

consultation with Indigenous leadership, frontline service providers, and individuals with lived experience; and further, that the operational policy defines 'risk and vulnerability' in a way that is guided by a person-centered response to threats to human life and physical safety that cannot be reasonably mitigated through on-site support.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diana Burton, Director
Recreation & Cultural Services

Respectfully Submitted,



Deborah Bryden, Deputy City Manager
City Planning & Community Services

Prepared by: John Malyk, Evaluation Consultant