



Arborist Derek Barr addresses the media at the Queen Elizabeth II Gardens on Friday during an announcement that proclaims May 22-28 as Arbor Week in the province. KAYLE NEIS

City marks Arbor Day under urban canopy

A history that dates back more than a century was celebrated this week in Regina.

The province recognized Friday as Arbor Day, a tradition that involves planting trees. Wascana Centre in Regina is the site of an urban forest featuring more than 50,000 trees, including ash, birch, walnut, cedar, elm, maple, oak, spruce and willow. A public celebration was held Friday at the tree canopy.

“From our stunning boreal forest in northern Saskatchewan, which is a key economic driver for our province, to urban forests like in Wascana Centre that offer a beautiful environment for residents and visitors to enjoy, trees are part of the fabric of who we are,” Environment Minister Dana Skoropad said in a statement.

The province noted that the history of the tree canopy dates back to the turn of the 20th century.

George Watt and Amedee Forget brought more than 6,000 trees to Regina from the Banff area, while Watt helped procure 18,000 trees and shrubs for Wascana Park.

Each year, a team of forestry specialists maintain the Wascana Centre canopy while both the history and changes to the area are noted. Currently, the Wascana Centre canopy is undergoing what the province says is “a gradual transition to wood chip mulch around trees, which provides important nutrients back to the trees as it breaks down.” Crews each season also plant more than 200 new trees and shrubs.

“The trees of Wascana Centre create a natural space in an urban environment that fosters a healthy and diverse ecosystem,” Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission Don McMorris said.

Postmedia News

Half of environment ministers skip meeting on biodiversity loss

OTTAWA More than half of the provinces’ ministers have skipped out on a meeting with the feds and Indigenous leaders to discuss halting land and water loss in Canada.

Environment ministers from Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and the Northwest Territories attended the meeting.

The other provinces and territories sent their deputy ministers.

The Liberal government is leading a 2030 biodiversity strategy to protect 30 per cent of land and water by 2030, but it will be a difficult target to reach without the help of provinces and territories.

The federal ministry of environment and climate change says they have a critical role to play because they have significant authority over land use.


At the end of 2022 almost 14 per cent of Canada’s land and freshwater and almost 15 per cent of marine areas and coastline were under some kind of conservation protection.

The Canadian Press



Sask. Environment Minister Dana Skoropad was among those who met with feds. TROY FLEECE FILE

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REGINA

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Executive Committee

Wednesday, May 31

9:00 a.m.

Audit & Finance Committee

Thursday, June 1

4:00 p.m.

Citizens who want to address **Executive Committee** or **Audit & Finance Committee** may attend the meeting via teleconference or in person. To attend, you must register with the Office of the City Clerk by email to clerks@regina.ca or call 306-777-7262, no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday, May 29, 2023. If attending by teleconference you must also provide the telephone number you will be using to call into the meeting with, when registering. You will receive meeting details and instructions after you have confirmed your attendance for the meeting.

These meetings will be streamed live on [Regina.ca/meetings](https://regina.ca/meetings), [MyAccess.ca](https://myaccess.ca) and when community programming permits, televised on the AccessNow Community Channel.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEASE OF BUILDING/LAND

Pursuant to *The Cities Act Section 101(2)*, the Council of the City of Regina hereby gives notice of intention to lease without a public offering and at less than fair market value two buildings located on the property legally described as:

- Blk/Par B-Plan K1416 Ext 0

Particulars of this lease proposal will be considered by City Council at its Wednesday, June 7, 2023, meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Citizens who want to address **City Council** may attend this meeting via teleconference or in person. To attend, you must register with the Office of the City Clerk by email to clerks@regina.ca or call 306-777-7762, no later than 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2023. Details on what should be included in the written submission are available on [Regina.ca](https://regina.ca) or by calling 306-777-7262. If attending by teleconference you must also provide the telephone number you will be using to call into the meeting with when registering. You will receive meeting details and instructions after you have confirmed your attendance for the meeting.

Dated at the City of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, this 27th day of May, 2023

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSIDER

LONG-TERM DEBT FINANCING TO

FUND THE EASTERN PRESSURE

SOLUTION PROJECT

The City of Regina hereby gives notice, pursuant to sections 101 and 102 of *The Cities Act* and *The Public Notice Policy Bylaw*, Bylaw No. 2020-28, of its intention to consider long-term debt financing to fund a portion of the Eastern Pressure Solution (EPS) Project. The EPS Project is required to provide a long-term plan for the City’s water distribution network to accommodate growth. The implementation of the EPS Project will allow the City to continue to meet the needs of current and future customers and target levels of service goals for development, safe and reliable service, regulatory compliance and environmental stewardship.

The particulars of the report will be considered by **City Council** on June 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Citizens who want to address **City Council** may attend the meeting via teleconference or in person. To attend, you must register with your written submission to the Office of the City Clerk by email to clerks@regina.ca or call 306-777-7262, no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023.

If attending by teleconference you must also provide the telephone number you will be using to call into the meeting with, when registering. You will receive meeting details and instructions after you have confirmed your attendance for the meeting.

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