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Privately-owned Light Aircraft Hangar = Property Tax Privilege!

March 23, 2024 | Other City Issues

In 2004, under Mayor Don Atchison and Councillors Gord Wyant and Bev Dubois, a special tax rate for private aircraft storage hangars was approved. The request had been brought forward by Carl Bunnin of the Canadian Owners and Pilot Association. In his presentation to the City, Mr Bunnin likened a hangar to a garage for aircraft.

*Submitted to A1F
Rtue Dec 8/2003*

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PRESENTATION TO CITY OF SASKATOON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

REQUEST: Reduction in tax rate on private aircraft storage hangars at the airport.

Presented by: C.O.P.A., Canadian Owners and Pilots Association
R.A.A., Recreational Aircraft Association

Objective: Work with the City of Saskatoon in developing a tax rate for private aircraft storage hangars at the Saskatoon airport. Currently all hanger facilities are taxed at a commercial tax rate. This tax policy places the option of private hanger storage well outside the financial means of most owners. Private aircraft cannot be used for commercial activity; therefore owners have no opportunity to cover expenses through aircraft revenue. A reduction in taxes would allow the construction of a meeting place for members and safe storage for aircraft. (Hangers = Garages for aircraft)

Location: Our association requires:

- Access to Airport apron and taxiway
- Parking within walking distance of hangars
- Electrical service
- We do not require business frontage

Structure: The hangars and meeting area could be built as individual units or as modular units. It is unlikely the hangars would be heated. Any structure would meet the City and Airport Authorities building code.

Economic:

Saskatoon Airport Authority: The Authority supports our proposal seeing it as a benefit to the overall health of the Airport.

- Stimulate commercial interests at the airport
- Increase sale of locally taxed aviation fuel
- Increase airport movements (landing and takeoffs), the level of use has an impact on Federal funding and service levels.

Commercial Interests at Airport: Private hangars would only have a positive influence on commercial interests in the airport area. Current storage space is geared for high-end commercial customers who require services well above those available from private hangars. Increased private aircraft activity would require the services of the airports business community.

- Use of aircraft maintenance services
- Pilot training
- Purchase of aviation materials

[Presentation to City re reduction in tax rate for hangars](#)

The current tax rate for this special sub-class is the lowest of all the property tax rates.

BYLAW NO. 9888

The Saskatoon Property Tax Bylaw, 2023

- (i) “**privately-owned light aircraft hangar**” means land and improvements designed and used exclusively for the storage and maintenance of non-commercial, privately-owned aircraft and which meet the following conditions:
- (i) the aircraft must be operated for recreational or non-profit purposes only;
 - (ii) the aircraft must be operated by the owner of the aircraft only;
 - (iii) the property must contain minimal services only;
 - (iv) the hangar must not exceed 280 square metres in area;
 - (v) the property must be situated entirely within the legal boundaries of the land of the Saskatoon Airport Authority;

7. (1) The tax rate for the classes and sub-classes of property established under section 5 for the City are:
- (a) Agricultural property class 0.0109983;
 - (b) Residential property class, excluding condominiums and multi-unit residential 0.0075612;
 - (c) condominiums sub-class of the Residential property class 0.0075612;
 - (d) multi-unit residential sub-class of the Residential property class 0.0075612;
 - (e) Commercial and Industrial property class, excluding privately-owned light aircraft hangars 0.0114813;
 - (f) privately-owned light aircraft hangar sub-class of the Commercial and Industrial property class 0.0071165.

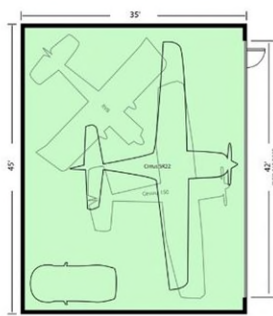
Property Tax Bylaw

Have you seen the latest privately-owned light aircraft hangars? Apparently, a car fits in nicely with the aircraft!

ENTREPRENEUR HANGAR (A)

SQUARE FEET 1,604 / DOOR SIZE 42'-0" WIDE X 14'-0" HIGH

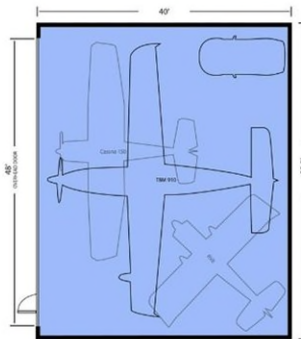
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TYCOON HANGAR (B)

SQUARE FEET 2,056 / DOOR SIZE 48'-0" WIDE X 16'-0" HIGH

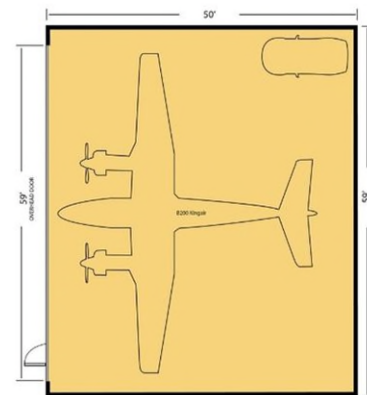
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EXECUTIVE HANGAR (C)

SQUARE FEET 2,960 / DOOR SIZE 59'-0" WIDE X 16'-0" HIGH

8 Available



[YXE Club - available hangars](#)

Letters: Soccer stadium the latest item on Saskatoon spending list

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SASKATOON STARPHOENIX

Letters



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Readers offer their opinions on a parking study connected to the proposed downtown Saskatoon arena and a disappointing trip to Alberta.

Reader Letters

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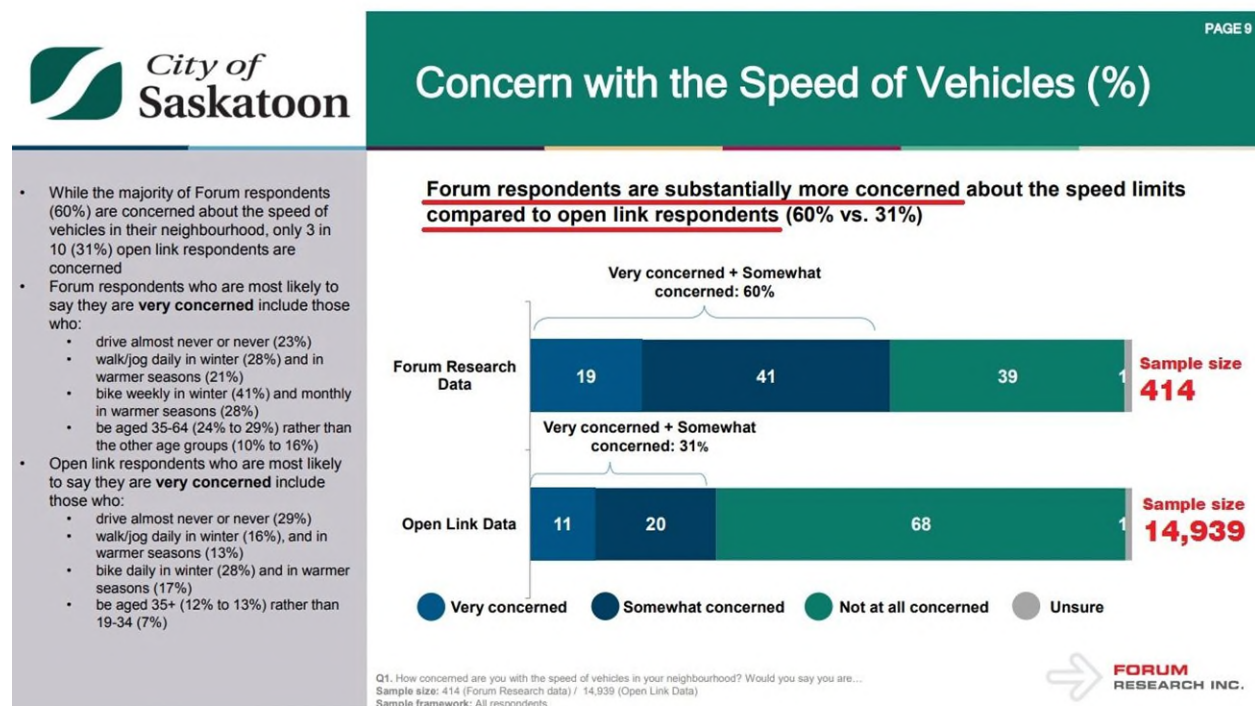
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Where does Mayor Clark get his speed limit survey info from?

September 7, 2021|Safety

On [CTV Morning Live](#) this morning, Mayor Clark indicated that "when there was a survey done, 53% of residents said they wanted to see some lower of speed limits and 47% said they didn't." **Where is he getting these numbers from?**

Two surveys were completed to obtain opinions on revising speed limits in residential areas of Saskatoon: 1) a representative survey was completed [sample size of 414]; and 2) an open public survey was available online [sample size of 14,939]. Where is the support of 53% to lower speed limits? Does he have another survey somewhere?



SPEED LIMIT REVIEW SURVEY 2021

How concerned are you with the speed of vehicles in your neighbourhood?

	<u>Representative</u>		<u>Open Public</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Total Sample</u>
	<u>Survey</u>	<u>Sample size</u>	<u>Survey</u>	<u>Sample size</u>	<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Size</u>
Not at all concerned	39%	161	68%	10,159	67%	10,320
Somewhat concerned	41%	170	20%	2,988	21%	3,158
Very concerned	19%	79	11%	1,643	11%	1,722
Unsure	1%	4	1%	149	1%	154
	100%	414	100%	14,939	100%	15,353

Action is needed NOW in Pleasant Hill

July 10, 2021 | Other City Issues

By Sherry Tarasoff

The boarded buildings and vacant lots in Pleasant Hill are an important issue!

In response to a video that was released earlier this year, called [THIS IS SASKATOON](#), that highlighted how perfect our city is, I created a video called [THIS IS ALSO SASKATOON](#), to highlight the boarded buildings and vacant lots in Pleasant Hill.

Since this video was compiled, [a fire happened at one of the boarded up homes on June 30th](#). According to CTV, "...Due to structural loss from the fire and the structure's unstable condition, the fire's cause could not be determined, the fire department said. It was brought down to the ground..." The property and the pile of debris is now fenced. As of July 10th, a demolition permit to remove the debris has not yet been requested.

According to the City, "The public [Vacant Lot Inventory 2021](#) is regularly updated following the internal update of the property use information as part of the property assessment cycle." Using the City's [Property Information Search](#), I have found demolition permits on most of the vacant properties, with one dating back to 1971!

The Pleasant Hill Community Association has presented to City Council many times. The most recent include:

[CALLS TO ACTION IN PLEASANT HILL](#) (Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services, August 12, 2019)

[June 2019 – January 2020 Boarded Up Properties and Empty lots in Pleasant Hill](#) (Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services, January 14, 2020)

There are also many reports and plans that have been generated by the City of Saskatoon regarding Pleasant Hill. They include:

[Pleasant Hill Local Area Plan](#) and [Amendments](#) (2002)

[Pleasant Hill Safety Audit Final Report](#) (2005)

[Junction Improvement Strategy](#) (2014)

[Pleasant Hill Neighbourhood Traffic Review](#) (2017)

[Pleasant Hill Village](#) and [the most recent update](#) (2018)

[Pleasant Hill Neighbourhood Profile](#) (2020)

After all of this, has the situation in Pleasant Hill improved?

During Cary's mayoral campaign, he wrote about safety through development. We both believe that a line needs to be drawn in the sand. Starting now, Pleasant Hill has to become a priority and changes have to be made to encourage development. Setting a time limit for fixing up boarded buildings and taking the title to the property if they are not fixed up. Same idea for development of vacant land. As Cary stated during the election, *"Infill development adds population. More people watching over things lowers the ability of criminals to operate. If the City put more effort into this area, disenfranchised people would feel pride. But too often, many view these neighborhoods as a dumping ground for anything and everything that the City wants to ignore."*

In [January 2020](#), the Saskatoon Fire Department designated boarded buildings as a Priority 1 concern and also provided an update in [September 2020](#). Has this helped improve the situation in Pleasant Hill? The only media coverage of a house being torn down has been located in [Haultain](#) (April 2021) or the luxury home in [Briarwood](#) that continues to hit the news with a possible demolition.

From the [Pleasant Hill Community Association letter](#) to Council in 2019 :

"The TRC's Calls to Action and UNDRIP that constitutes standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of Indigenous Peoples are documents that have been well published around Saskatoon. Saskatoon prides it's self on being engaged in Reconciliation and yet we are still living the deeply systemic issues that colonialism maintains in Pleasant Hill."

At the civic election in November, Pleasant Hill's polling station at the St. Mary's Wellness and Education Centre only had 63 ballots cast out of 3,791 registered voters. Perhaps more people had voted at the advance polls. Either way, a low voter turnout can indicate apathy - that it doesn't matter who is

elected, nothing will change. **We believe that it CAN change.** The residents of Pleasant Hill deserve to live in a neighbourhood that is safe, where homes and properties are kept in proper condition. Contact the [Mayor](#) and your [Councillor](#). Action is needed **NOW** in the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood.

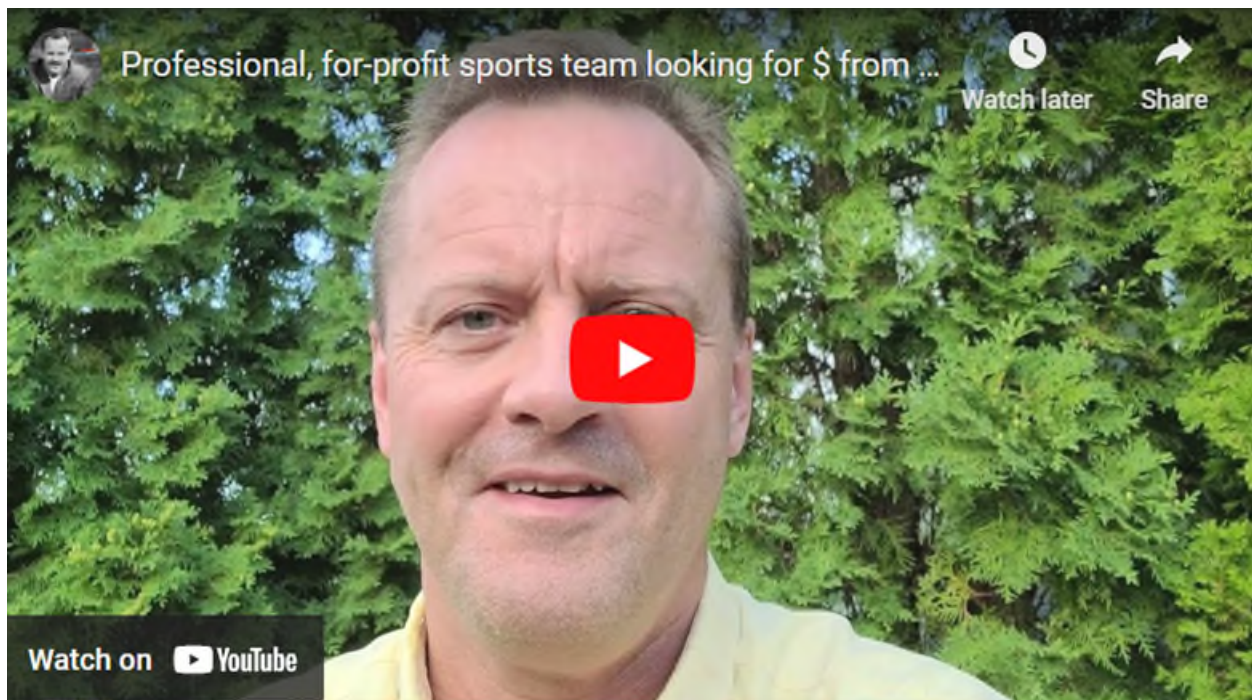


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Professional, for-profit sports team looking for \$ from the City

July 9, 2021|Prairieland Park

Living Sky Sports plans to approach the City of Saskatoon to help with some financing for their stadium. A stadium for a professional, for-profit sports team on tax-free City-owned land. Meanwhile, help for non-profit curling rinks has been deferred since 2018 and may finally get some relief in 2022. I wonder how fast the City will jump the queue and put soccer to the front of the line. I don't think we need to put in anything, do you?



https://youtu.be/HK5UqaB__jk

We need clarity not more diversion!

July 9, 2021|Prairieland Park

So it's 14 weeks and still neither the City Solicitor nor the Director of Planning and Development have given clear and concise proof that Prairieland Park is compliant with the legal Zoning Bylaw as written. Why the hell not!?



<https://youtu.be/vpqAzRceGNs>

City of Saskatoon Campaign spending limits are way too high!

July 9, 2021|Other City Issues

The 2021 Municipal Elections Committee Report to Council is heavily swayed towards the incumbent candidates. It openly ignores the dissenting opinions from other candidates about the excessive spending limits as compared to Regina. "...and successful candidates felt that the limits set were appropriate for the Cities' population size." Which is basically like asking the fox if hen house security is sufficient? The three top mayoral candidates spent more than 1/2 million dollars combined.



City of Saskatoon Campaign spending limits are way t... Watch later Share

Saskatoon Campaign spending limits are overly excessive!

Watch on YouTube

https://youtu.be/_eazfyfg3Hk

The Saskatoon organics program has serious flaws!

July 9, 2021 | Other City Issues

The proposed changes to the garbage schedule, as well as the year-round organics program, seems not well thought through. Please consider these points and make your own viewpoint known before it's too late!



https://youtu.be/YgfS0H_QjMo

67% property tax increase & it didn't even make the City's report

July 9, 2021|Organizations

So both Councillor Troy Davies and Mayor Charlie Clark have previously come out and said they would help curling rinks. Now that one curling rink is getting an astounding 67% tax increase just this year, Mayor Clark is talking about helping for-profit airports and hotels and lumping that into not-for-profit public service curling rinks. I don't think he's taking this very seriously, do you? Hopefully there will be a federal election called soon so that Mayor Clark can move onto his next best job and can leave us alone. We need a leader and whatever he is doing, it's not leadership. But even at that, he's done more than Councillor Troy Davies has since 2018. With his big press statement in January, Troy Davies still has not found time to meet even once with curling rinks in all these years. Perhaps the rinks could pretend to have a photo op with a ribbon cutting ceremony to get Councillor Davies' swift attention? After all, that is when his attendance record is at its best over the past years!



https://youtu.be/ZE1JNCM_UZQ

Unethical behaviour by the Chairman himself, Councillor Davies?

July 9, 2021|Prairieland Park

The Chairman should not be voting on things regarding a private club that he pays membership to and gets benefit from. Spin this as you want, but this unethical behaviour is getting out of hand.



<https://youtu.be/W499GdhcJgl>

City Hall and City Council need to be accountable to Saskatoon

July 9, 2021|Prairieland Park

So many things going wrong with so few people accountable. Why is that? City Council bends over backwards to repeatedly praise City Administration even when they fail to properly do their paid job. And since so few people at City Council are open, transparent or accountable, I guess it leaves a few of us who have had enough to keep pushing for change. Stay tuned.



https://youtu.be/_IQkMR_0M2M

FINALLY, a report on the Saskatoon Curling Organizations!

July 9, 2021|City Presentations, Organizations

I spoke at the City's SPC-PDCS meeting on June 14, 2021 on the following item: [7.3.2 Financial and Operating Sustainability of Saskatoon Curling Organizations](#). Watch the video below to see what I think of the report.



<https://youtu.be/NvyjEJ82xg4>

WEEK 12

July 9, 2021|Prairieland Park

In a dozen weeks now, the City of Saskatoon, Director of Planning, Lesley Anderson, can not give a straight answer to this simple question. Why is that?



<https://youtu.be/2FH09TcMpPU>

City of Saskatoon, where is our simple answer?

July 9, 2021|Prairieland Park

City of Saskatoon, Director of Planning and Development, Ms. Anderson, where is our answer to this very simple Zoning Bylaw question?






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Chamber of Commerce spreading non-factual information

July 8, 2021|Prairieland Park


Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce ignores pain of small business to prop up poor business activities of Prairieland Park, for whose benefit? Check out these four videos.

**Chamber of Commerce spreading non-factual informa...**Watch laterShare

12. Government assistance

In response to COVID-19, the Government of Canada announced the CEWS program in March 2020. CEWS provides a wage subsidy on eligible remuneration, subject to a maximum per employee, to eligible employers based on meeting certain eligibility criteria, including demonstration of revenue declines as a result of COVID-19. The Corporation has assessed its eligibility related to CEWS and determined it is qualified for the subsidy. Government assistance in the amount of \$2,592,825 is included in corporate income on the statement of operations. The Corporation will apply for the CEWS in subsequent application periods, subject to continuing to meet the applicable qualification criteria.

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Watch on  **YouTube**

<https://youtu.be/c7v9GzqWJhs>



Chamber of Commerce spreading non-factual informa...

Watch later

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There has been much discussion in recent weeks surrounding Prairieland Park and their announcement to bring a Canadian Premier League soccer team to the city. Confusion over the validity of the lease agreement with the City and prescribed zoning have been called into question. In the attached letter Prairieland Park clarifies all of these concerns.



As stated in the correspondence, the City Council's office has confirmed multiple times that the organization is not in breach of the lease agreement which is consistent with that of other fair grounds across Canada allowing for activities outside of agriculture. However, Prairieland Park has reaffirmed its commitment to the agriculture industry indicating the intention to continue to host hundreds of ag related events annually.

Watch on



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here.



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Century Downs casino opens, horse racing begins this month



Complex located north of Calgary near CrossIron Mills
CBC News - Posted: Apr 01, 2015 6:21 PM MT | Last Updated: April 2, 2015



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to-be finished racetrack at the Century Downs Casino north of

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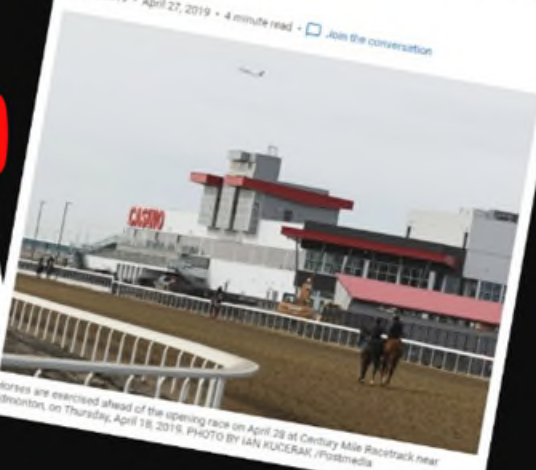
Terry Jones

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Horses are exercised ahead of the opening race on April 28 at Century Mile Racetrack near Edmonton, on Thursday, April 18, 2019. PHOTO BY IAN KUCERAN / Postmedia

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PrairieLand Park agreed to pay horse owners \$1,000 per horse that ran three or more races in 2019. The financial compensation is to help transition horse owners to alternate tracks throughout the country even though there was no legal obligation to do so. The total payout for this was \$184,000;

We are very excited that the Canadian Premier Soccer League (CPL) has set its sights on Saskatoon and we look forward to providing you with further updates about this as we proceed with those plans.

With over 40,000 players playing the "beautiful game" in Saskatchewan alone – with 8,400 kids and over 5,600 adults playing in Saskatoon – we are certain that a professional team in Saskatoon will be successful in our city. Plans and details are still being worked on, but we hope you, the people of Saskatoon, will help us to celebrate this opportunity.


The day the announcement was made about CPL coming to Saskatoon, there were 750,000 Tweets made across Canada showing just how much enthusiasm there is for Saskatoon being a part of this league.

Our Pledge

We have always sought ways to provide a place for people to gather and add to the economic viability of the city. We have done so since 1886 and will do so into the future.

See you at the Pitch in 2023!



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Time for an outside legal opinion!

July 8, 2021|Prairieland Park

Time for someone outside of the City of Saskatoon to review the Solicitor's opinion!

Maybe get someone who isn't so vested with Prairieland Park to look into this. The City has no problem consulting out engineering and snow removal work. Time to get an outside legal opinion.



<https://youtu.be/MWgTQ1Pc0Ag>

The City Solicitor continues to hide

July 8, 2021|Prairieland Park

8 weeks since I asked for proof about the Zoning Bylaw. How many hours have you spent finding ways to help Prairieland Park?



<https://youtu.be/DBooYs12aGQ>

Accessory uses at Prairieland Park

July 8, 2021|Prairieland Park

Prairieland Park receives special consideration by the head of Planning for the City of Saskatoon, Ms. Anderson, that is not founded in fact. Why is that?



<https://youtu.be/Y-7K5EaD5X8>

City of Saskatoon bends or ignores all rules for Prairieland Park

July 8, 2021|City Presentations, Prairieland Park

I presented to the [Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services on May 10, 2021](#), in support of Bill Webster Jr's item regarding the City of Saskatoon Lease Agreement with Prairieland Park Corp.

Council needs to represent average taxpayers as it is clear that our COS Solicitor and head of Planning constantly give extra benefit to Prairieland Park that ordinary citizens would not receive.



<https://youtu.be/0a8KO6L9RV8>

Chemical Buffer Safety is still lacking!

July 8, 2021|Safety

Why is City of Saskatoon Administration not ensuring public safety in the known Chemical Buffer by the Chief Mistawasis Bridge?



<https://youtu.be/h0G7CgTS3t0>

Clips from Council re Chemical Buffer safety

July 8, 2021|Safety



<https://youtu.be/EhJdkBTZ7nE>

[7.1.3 Development in Limited Intensity Light Industrial Zoning District – HVAC Systems](#)

[8.1.5 Development in Limited Intensity Light Industrial Zoning District – HVAC Systems](#)

There is a real threat to public safety in the Chemical Buffer

July 8, 2021|Safety

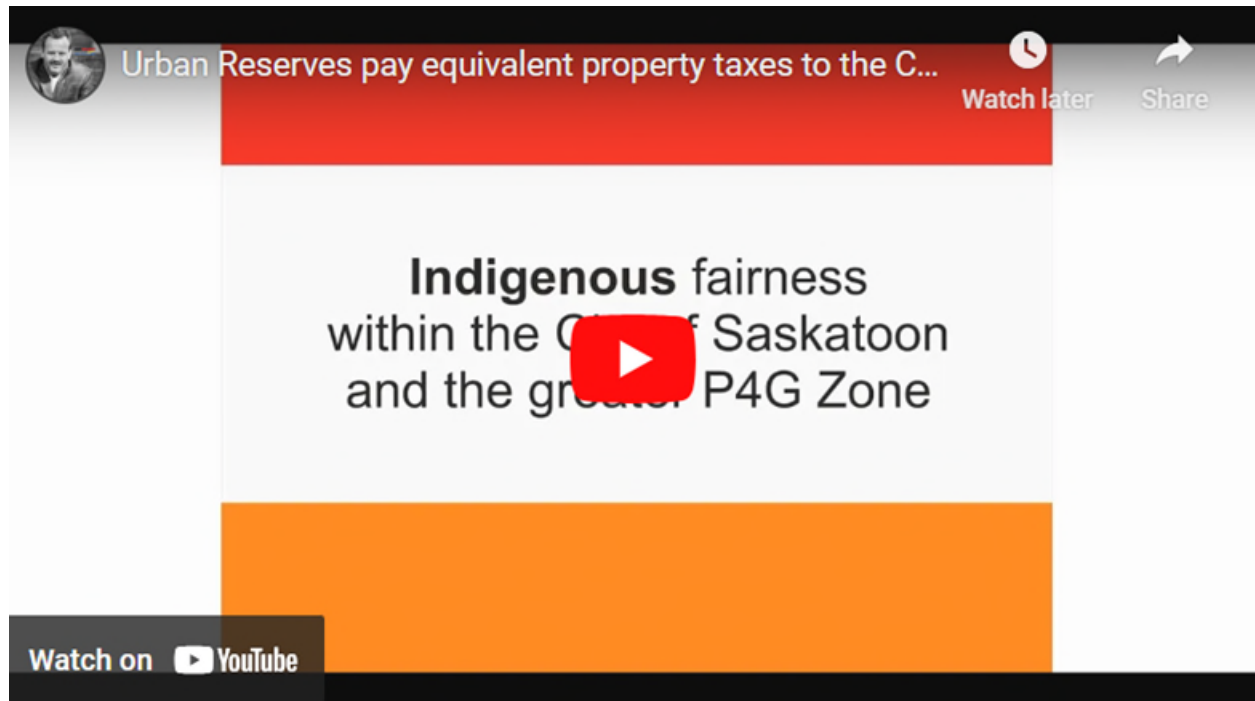
If you find yourself within 1 km of the Chief Mistawasis Bridge, you should ensure that you are fully informed and have the basics of training and equipment to save your life, if required, during a Shelter In Place emergency.



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Urban Reserves pay equivalent property taxes to the City

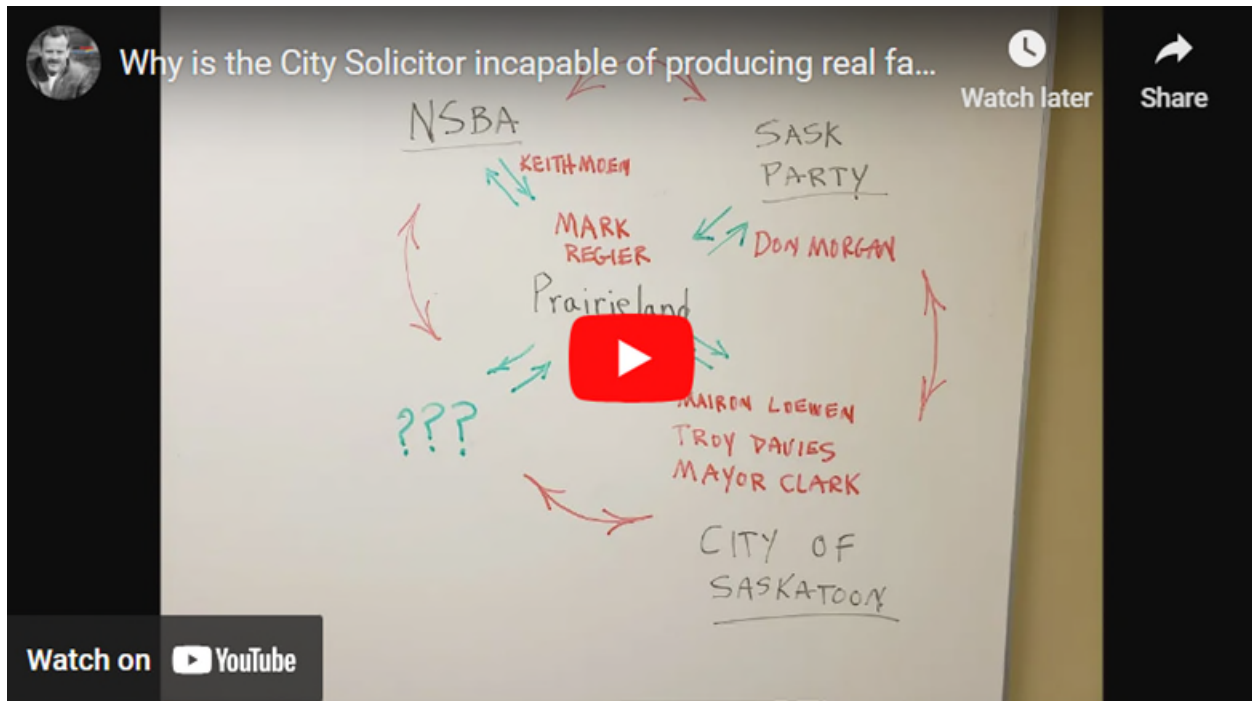
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Why is the City Solicitor incapable of producing real facts?

July 8, 2021|Prairieland Park



<https://youtu.be/KogzFPhH5KU>

Prairieland Park AG use

April 27, 2021|City Presentations, Prairieland Park

I presented to the [Public Hearing Meeting of City Council](#) on April 26, 2021.

I support the removal of Prohibited Uses in the AG District. It is redundant. If a use is not Permitted or Discretionary, it should not be allowed. Prairieland Park has taken at least 14 permits out where the use was neither Permitted nor Discretionary. Even a change of use on more than one occasion with no approval process. How do they get such special treatment?

Prairieland Park AG use

B5 District

- (1) Hotels and motels
- (2) Restaurants and lounges
- (3) Bakeries
- (4) Dry cleaners
- (5) Theatres
- (6) Commercial recreation uses
- (7) Photography studios
- (8) Service stations
- (9) Car washes
- (10) Motor vehicle, marine and trailer coach sales establishments
- (11) Public garages
- (12) Retail stores
- (13) Personal service trades and health clubs
- (14) Offices and office buildings
- (15) Medical clinics
- (16) Medical, dental and optical laboratories
- (17) Financial institutions
- (18) Private schools and educational institutions
- (19) Repair services restricted to the repair of household goods and appliances
- (20) Places of worship
- (21) Public halls and community centres
- (22) Private clubs
- (23) Libraries, art galleries and museums
- (24) Funeral and wedding establishments
- (25) Funeral homes

AG District

12.1.2 Permitted Uses

- (1) One-unit dwellings (OUD)
- (2) Two-unit dwellings (TUD)
- (3) Agricultural uses
- (4) Market gardens, nurseries and greenhouses
- (5) Zoos
- (6) Equestrian centres
- (7) Outdoor recreation uses, parks and playgrounds
- (8) Public parks
- (9) Golf courses and driving ranges
- (10) Horse and dog race tracks
- (11) Radio or television transmitters or receivers
- (12) Cemeteries and crematoria
- (13) Airports
- (14) Railroad stations, yards and facilities
- (15) Hospitals
- (16) Educational institutions
- (17) Places of worship
- (18) Fairgrounds
- (19) Boarding and breeding kennels
- (20) Animal hospitals
- (21) Funeral homes in conjunction with a cemetery
- (22) Accessory buildings and uses

12.1.4 Discretionary Uses

- (1) Child care centres and preschools
- (2) Camps
- (3) Agricultural research stations
- (4) Parking stations

10.8.3 Discretionary Uses

- (1) Special needs housing
- (2) Child care centres and pre-schools
- (3) Adult day care centres - Type I & II
- (4) Custodial care facilities - Type III
- (5) Night clubs and taverns

222/20 Jan 30, 2020 Addition/Alterations to Recreation Facility (Prairieland Park)

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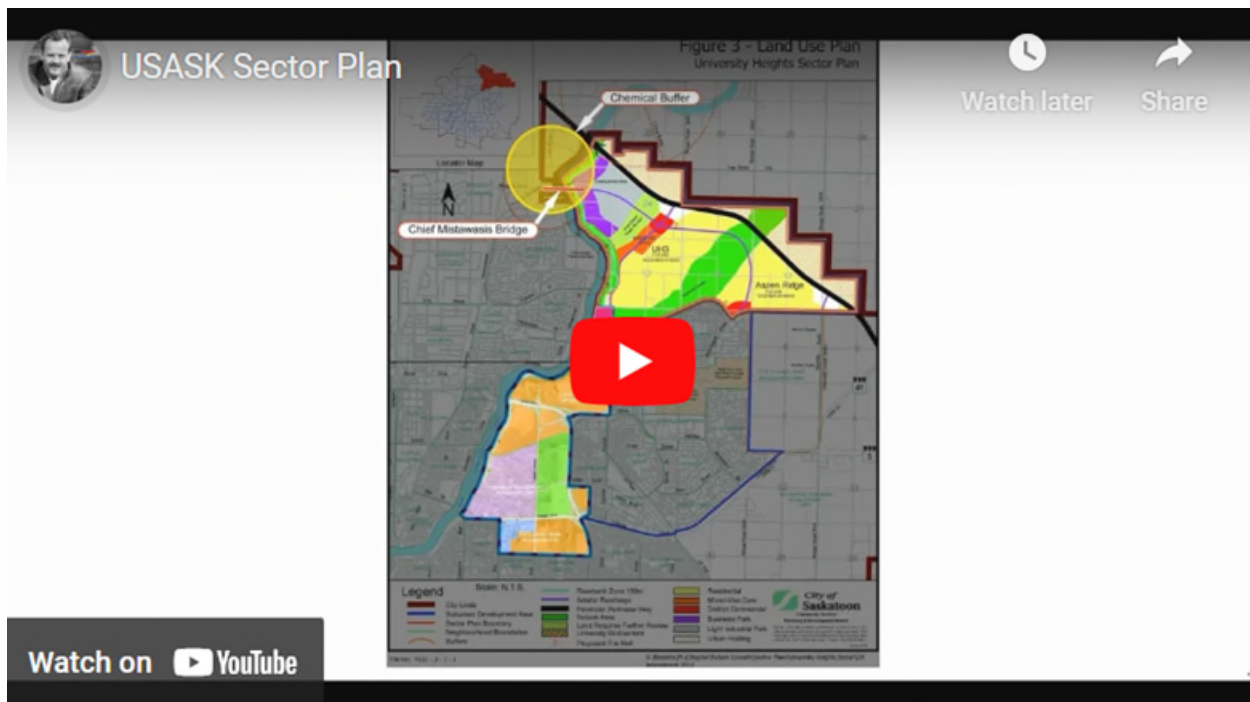
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USASK Sector Plan

April 27, 2021|City Presentations, Safety

I presented to the [Public Hearing Meeting of City Council](#) on April 26, 2021.

The USASK Sector Plan needs to properly address safety for the chemical buffer, starting now.



https://youtu.be/-Ew_mglyYZ4

Circle Drive West Functional Plan

April 27, 2021 | Cary Tarasoff

During my election campaign, some very good ideas were presented to me by others. I would like to share them with you. I welcome any comments that you may have.



<https://youtu.be/MY9fjTxI3ZQ>

Darren Hill - do you deserve exceptional status?

April 27, 2021 | Cary Tarasoff

Darren Hill, do you have to follow City of Saskatoon Bylaws like all other citizens or do you deserve exceptional status?

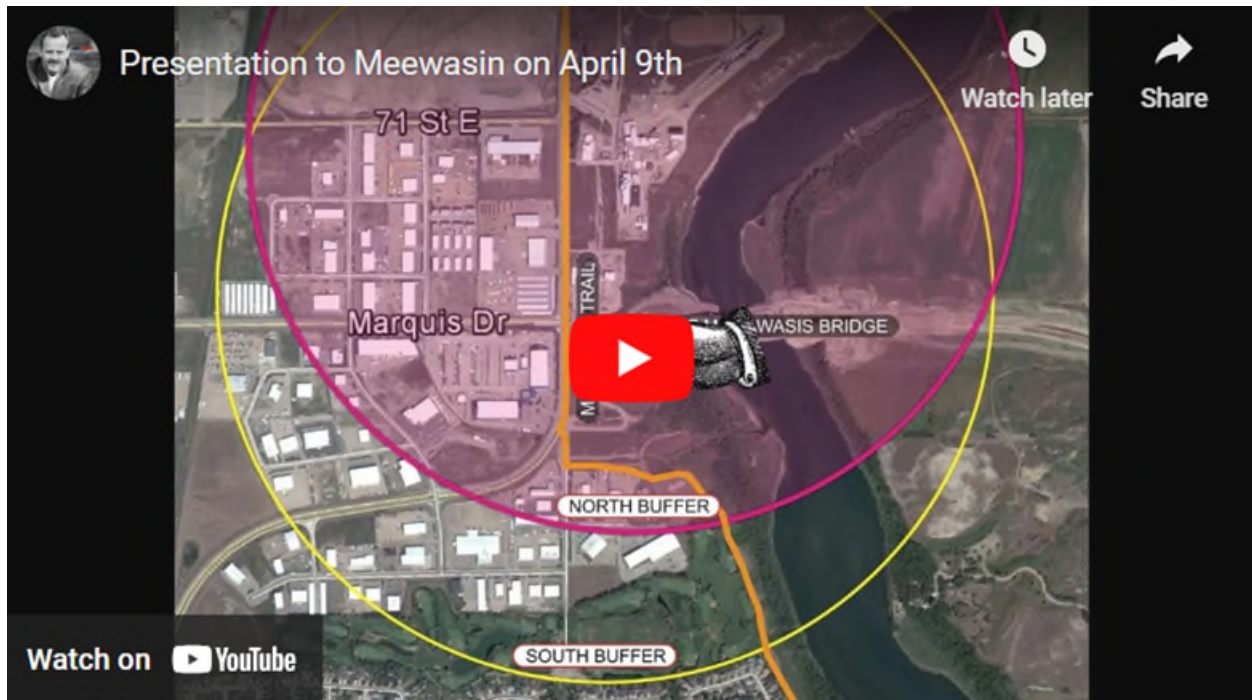


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Presentation to Meewasin on April 9th

April 27, 2021|City Presentations, Safety

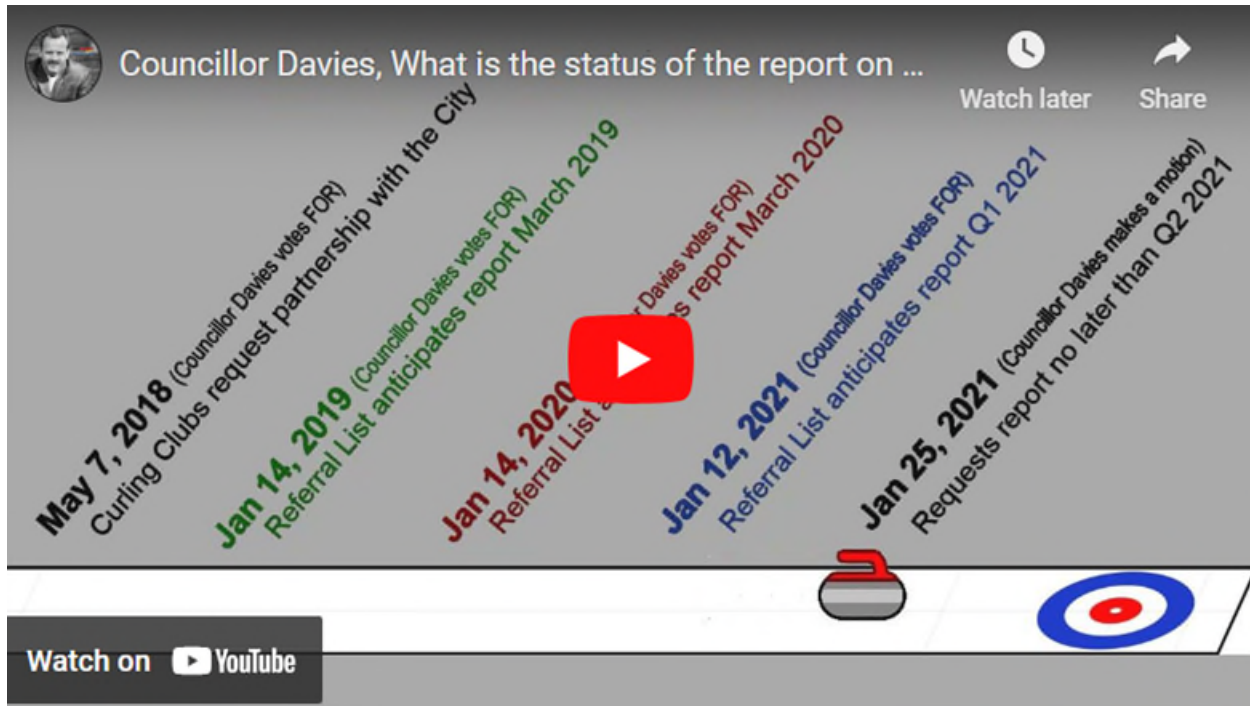
At the meeting today, I spoke about the USASK Sector Plan and this comment within it: "an important planned future connection will extend the trail from Circle Drive Bridge to Chief Mistawasis Bridge." I have serious concerns about safety when the trail is within a designated chemical buffer zone. Here is the video that I shared so you can learn about it, too.



<https://youtu.be/re2tZfURWV8>

Councillor Davies, we're still waiting...

March 31, 2021 | Organizations



Presenting at the Municipal Planning Commission

March 30, 2021|City Presentations, Prairieland Park, Safety

I had an opportunity to present at the Municipal Planning Commission meeting on March 30th on the following items:

[7.2 University Sector Plan](#) (about the chemical buffer in the [University Heights Sector Plan](#))

[7.3 Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Review – Amendment Package Two](#) (about the permitted/discretionary uses vs the prohibited uses within the AG District Zoning)

For more information on the dates that I presented to City Council about the safety concerns in the chemical buffer, please check these out:

[Standing Policy Committee - Planning, Development and Community Services, September 5, 2017](#) [TIMESTAMP 04:32](#)

[Standing Policy Committee - Planning, Development and Community Services, January 14, 2019](#) [TIMESTAMP 02:15](#)

[Standing Policy Committee - Planning, Development and Community Services, June 11, 2019](#) [TIMESTAMP 34:31](#)

[Regular Business Meeting of City Council, June 24, 2019](#) [TIMESTAMP 20:25](#)



https://youtu.be/YKXLC_MJujI

Dear City Solicitor,

March 26, 2021 | Prairieland Park

Where do the uses of Sports on Tap and the World Trade Center fit within AG zoning?



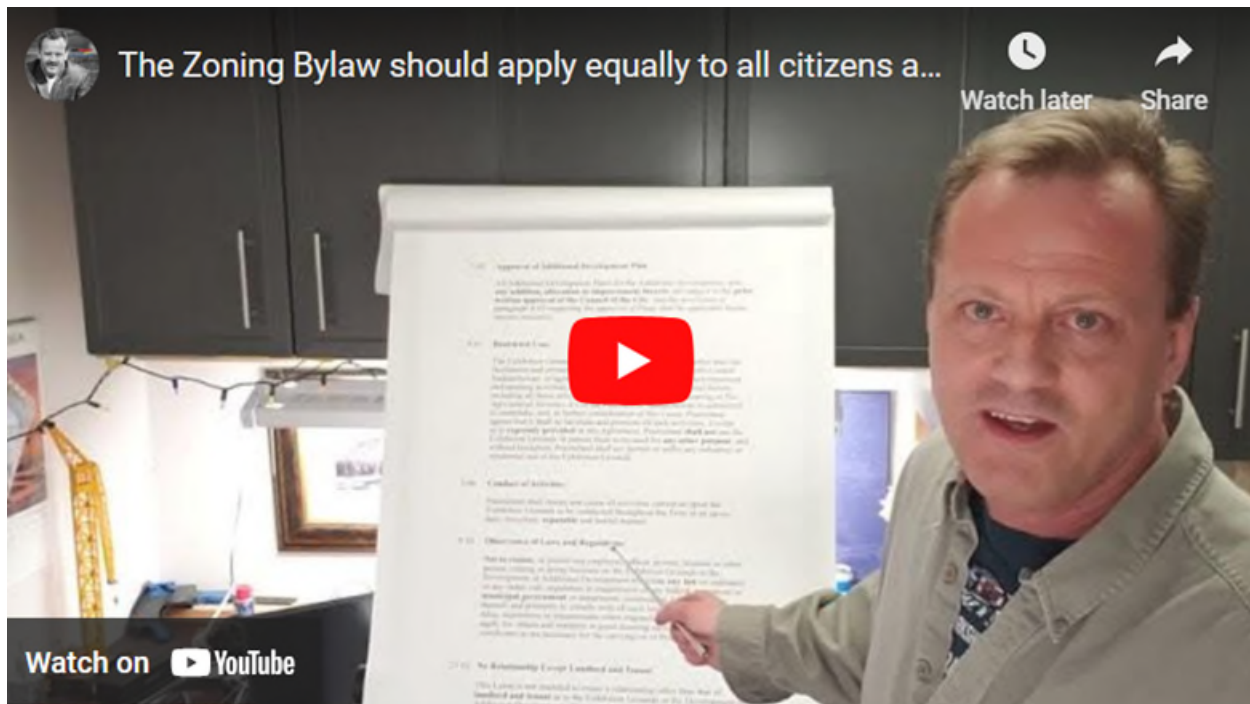
<https://youtu.be/Y4WsWwNnaiM>

The Zoning Bylaw should apply equally to all, shouldn't it?

March 22, 2021|Prairieland Park

Let's have a discussion.

- 0:00 Crash course in a few things
- 0:50 Marquis Drive and the Chemical Buffer Zone safety issue
- 2:52 [March 22, 2021 - News Release from City of Saskatoon Solicitor](#)
- 6:14 [Lease Agreement between The City and Prairieland](#)
- 9:55 [Additional Development at Prairieland Park](#)
- 13:16 Undated letter from Curtis Gulka, Prairieland Board Chair, to Valued Prairieland Park Members
- 15:53 [City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw, AG-Agricultural District](#)
- 18:23 Conclusion



<https://youtu.be/mZlmgQ1ZUyo>

Conflict of interest, or not?

March 19, 2021|Prairieland Park

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March 19, 2021

Cary Tarasoff

Dear Cary Tarasoff:

Re: Perceived Conflict of Interest

Thank you for your letter of March 3, 2021.

Declaration of conflicts of interest are an individual member of Council decision and our office does not provide advice to individual members of members regarding conflicts of interest. However, in the present instance, members of Council are appointed to the Saskatoon Prairieland Park Corporation as a representative of the City of Saskatoon and not in a personal capacity. On that basis I am responding to your letter.

Saskatoon Prairieland Park Corporation is a non-profit corporation. It is **not** created by the City of Saskatoon and is an external third party corporation. Currently, the bylaws of the corporation allow for the City of Saskatoon to appoint 1 person to the Board. Historically, Council has appointed a member of Council to sit on the Board.

Appointments by Council are a matter of public record. At all times material to this discussion the members of Council on the board of Saskatoon Prairieland Park Corporation were appointed as representatives of Council.

The Cities Act contains conflict of interest provisions. The Act specifically states that a member of council does not have a financial interest so as to create a conflict of interest in the following situations:

- By reason of being appointed as the representative of the council on another body; or
- That the member may have by being a director of a non-profit organization.

Cary Tarasoff
March 19, 2021
Page 2

These provisions of the Act are applicable to your complaint. It would not be our intention to take any further action with respect to your complaint.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



Cindy Yelland
City Solicitor

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<https://youtu.be/axWX5-ObqjY>

Is Prairieland Park CEO, Mark Regier, honest or not?

March 17, 2021|Prairieland Park



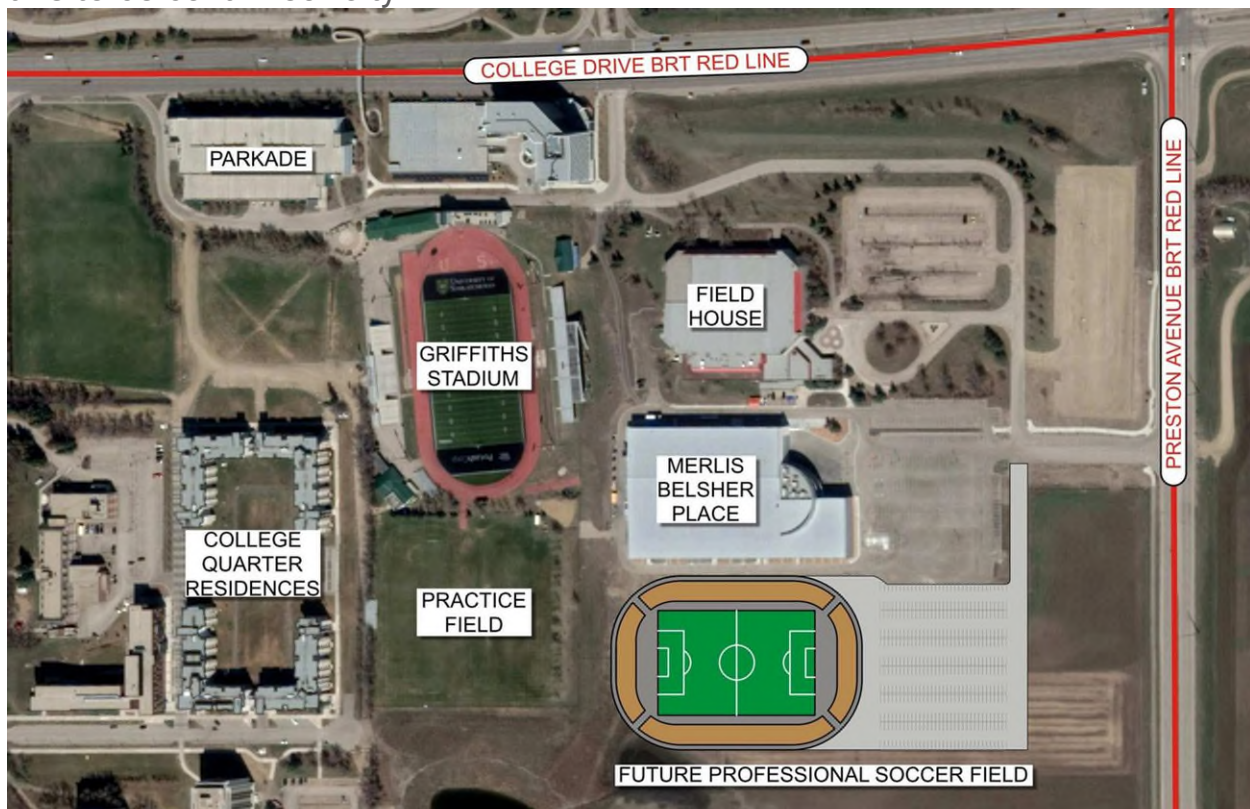
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Best location for professional soccer in Saskatoon?

March 15, 2021|Prairieland Park

What Saskatoon needs is a synergy of uses. Something aligned with the BRT lines where the greatest population of young adults frequent. A place that has many connection points for all types of travel. Look at this location that I was reminded of today. It takes advantage of shared resources and it will bolster great activities between many spaces like Griffiths Stadium, the Field House, and Merlis Belsher Place. Can't you just see the University benefiting from such a location and arrangement? Since some want us to quickly ignore obvious facts of this situation, how about we look at what the real benefits are for our city if professional soccer does come here? And remember that City Council has to approve any and all construction and demolition on the Prairieland Park site and they are under no obligation to do so if not in the absolute best interests of the City of Saskatoon. So, if you have your choice, and your Councillor is listening to you, where would you prefer a facility like this to be built in our city?



City Solicitor's Office responds to Prairieland questions

March 15, 2021|Prairieland Park

A concerned citizen of Saskatoon posed some legitimate questions to his City Councillor, who then involved the City Solicitor. This citizen then forwarded the response to me. I have provided the complete response by Cindy Yelland, City Solicitor, below.

Ms. Yelland's response of "**that decision is really something that is under the direction and control of Prairieland Park**" is NOT NECESSARILY TRUE. Per the lease between The City of Saskatoon and Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation :

"5.02 Approval of Additional Development Plan *All Additional Development Plans for the Additional Development, and any addition, alteration or improvement thereto, are subject to the prior written approval of the Council of the City, and the provisions of paragraph 4.02 respecting the approval of Plans shall be applicable hereto mutatis mutandis."*

Now paragraph 4.02 does say "*All Plans for the Development, and any addition, alteration or improvement thereto, are subject to the prior written approval of the Council of the City. Provided the Plans comply with paragraph 8.01 hereof, the City agrees that such approval shall not be arbitrarily or unreasonably withheld. In the event that Prairieland disputes any decision of the City pursuant to this paragraph, it is expressly agreed that such dispute shall be settled through arbitration pursuant to the provisions of The Arbitration Act of the Province of Saskatchewan, and that settlement in such fashion shall be final and binding upon the City and Prairieland.*"

And paragraph 8.01 does say "*The Exhibition Grounds shall not be used for any purpose other than the facilitation and promotion in the City of Saskatoon, and North-Central Saskatchewan, of agriculture, industry, education, culture, entertainment and sporting activities, and all things necessary and incidental thereto, including all those activities which a society within the meaning of The Agricultural Societies Act of the Province of Saskatchewan is authorized to undertake, and, in further consideration of this Lease, Prairieland agrees that it*

shall so facilitate and promote all such activities. Except as is expressly provided in this Agreement, Prairieland shall not use the Exhibition Grounds or permit them to be used for any other purpose, and, without limitation, Prairieland shall not permit or suffer any industrial or residential use of the Exhibition Grounds."

But approving the soccer stadium is at the detriment of Marquis Downs. So technically, it goes against **"Prairieland agrees that it shall so facilitate and promote all such activities."** THERE IS ROOM FOR A SOCCER STADIUM WITHOUT TOUCHING MARQUIS DOWNS.

And then you know all about the zoning issues. Plus the fact that a business licence was likely granted to Sports on Tap (or even the World Trade Center) while they were in violation of zoning. Per the [The Business Licence Bylaw, 2021](#):

"14. (1) A licence will not be issued pursuant to this Bylaw for any business or any premises occupied by a business that does not comply with all zoning, building, plumbing and other City, provincial and federal requirements."

On [Thu, Mar 11, 2021](#) at 7:49 AM Yelland, Cindy <Cindy.Yelland@saskatoon.ca> wrote:

Good Morning,

I am not sure what your specific questions were but we have had a number of questions from others and I can offer the following information.

The City understands that the horse racing community is upset with the decision of Prairieland Park to cancel the 2021 Marquis Downs season and we can understand your concern in that regard, but that decision is really something that is under the direction and control of Prairieland Park. We would suggest you reach out to them to discuss the specifics of their decision.

With respect to the zoning of Prairieland Park the City is not aware of any contraventions of the zoning bylaw at Prairieland Park. In addition, the allowed uses under the Lease are quite wide and the City is not aware that any activities are taking place at Prairieland Park in contravention of the Lease.

If you have additional questions please contact me. Thank you.

Cindy Yelland | tel 306.975.3270
City Solicitor, City Solicitor's Office

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Perceived Conflict of Interest regarding Councilor Davies

March 4, 2021|Prairieland Park

The City Solicitor has previously written to me about possible serious ethical breaches to say that they consider the matter closed and will not be commenting further. So just in case that happens again over this new issue with Prairieland Park, I have asked for a review.

3 March 2021

City Solicitor
City of Saskatoon

Re: Perceived Conflict of Interest regarding Councilor Davies

Dear Solicitor,

It appears that Councilor Troy Davies was part of the Board of Directors for the **Private Corporation** of Prairieland Park from 2016-2019 inclusive.

Please explain why Councilor Davies appears to be legally conducting his role as a Councilor on Prairieland Park business while concurrently a member of that private corporation Board of Directors for the same?

I would ask that you review the following dates where Councilor Davies did not indicate a "Conflict of Interest" and still proceeded to vote on Prairieland Park topics.

1. 21 July 2016 Regular Council Meeting – 8.5.2 – Endorsement of Prairieland Park Corporation Application to the Federal-Provincial Growing Forward 2 Program [File CK 277-1].
2. 14 August 2017 Planning and Development Committee – 7.2.3 – Additional Development at Prairieland Park [File No CK 4225-3 and PL 4225-2]
3. 5 November 2019 Planning and Development Committee – 7.2.4 – Concept Plan Amendment – Prairieland Park [File CK 4225-3 and PL 4225-2]

I would expect that city taxpayers will want clear and concise justification for these things in the effort to maintain accountability and transparency at City Hall.

I await your response.

Sincerely,

Cary

Cary Tarasoff, B.Sc., A.Sc.T., MCIP, RPP

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**IS BEING A CITY COUNCILLOR ON THE BOARD OF A PRIVATE CORPORATION THAT COMPETES
WITH TAXPAYING CITY BUSINESSES A CONFLICT OF INTEREST?**

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Good Morning,

Your letter has been forwarded to me for response. I will consider it and respond in due course. Thank you.

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Dear Solicitor,

Please review the enclosed document and give comments.

Thank you

Cary

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Prairieland Park gets special treatment

March 4, 2021 | Organizations, Prairieland Park

Prairieland Park gets special treatment while other not-for-profits (such as curling clubs) wait for any kind of consideration.



<https://youtu.be/J79INniLiqk>

Mayor Clark has a grand vision for electric vehicles

February 28, 2021|Cary Tarasoff

The Mayor keeps pushing his limited scope agenda without clearly indicating the large pitfalls that exist around his plan. Our infrastructure needs major updating to support his goals yet he constantly skirts that discussion.

[Driving.ca article - Motor Mouth: Too many Teslas, February 12, 2021](#)



<https://youtu.be/94kRyXANwyc>

What is ethical for Marquis Downs and Prairieland Park?

February 28, 2021|Prairieland Park

The Mayor and City are avoiding the implication of Conflict of Interest regarding Councillors who actively vote on City motions involving their direct connection to the Board at Prairieland Park.

[Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services, August 14, 2017 \(timestamp of 1:55:00\)](#)

Chairman Hill should also be concerned about Councilors who are on the Prairieland Board of Directors but still actively voting at City Council on Prairieland Park issues! [CBC article, City councillor 'baffled' by Prairieland Park's decision to cancel 2021 horse-racing season, March 1, 2021](#)



<https://youtu.be/syUq7DRcEhE>

An OFFICIAL Complaint Against Prairieland Park's Zoning

February 27, 2021|Prairieland Park

In my 19-minute video that I posted last week, I outlined what I learned about Prairieland Park and where I feel that they do not comply with the City Zoning Bylaw.

I also took the next step and submitted a formal zoning bylaw complaint to the City of Saskatoon. The City has acknowledged receipt of such and has assigned my concern to a Zoning inspector for further review.

Just like the City, I believe in transparency. With that in mind, I have provided my complaint [HERE](#) for you to read for yourself.

Is Prairieland Park in the public's best interest?

February 21, 2021|Prairieland Park

The World Trade Centre exists where AG used to be and Marquis Downs is pushed aside. In this **19 minute video**, I explain what I have learned and urge you to ask questions for yourself.



<https://youtu.be/FemOMghDWYg>

[No. 8770, Zoning Bylaw, 2009 – AG-Agricultural District](#)

[No. 8770, Zoning Bylaw, 2009 – B5-Inner-City Commercial Corridor District](#)

[Building Permit Records – 503 Ruth St W](#)

[Prairieland Park](#)

[Shaw TV Saskatoon – Connect: Mark Regier, CEO, Prairieland Park](#)

[Prairieland Park – Annual Reports](#)

[Prairieland Park – Organization Overview](#)

[Prairieland Park 2019 Annual Report – Message from the Chair of the Board](#)

[Regular Business Meeting of City Council, August 28, 2017 – Item 9.1.1](#) Recommendation that the Administration provide a report on what the equivalent of property tax would be specifically for the Sports on Tap component of the Prairieland Park

[Saskatoon StarPhoenix, November 7, 2018 - City hall's vision includes possible new downtown arena/convention centre](#)

[650 CKOM, February 4, 2021 - City of Saskatoon eyes vacant downtown property for future 'Imagine Idylwyld' redevelopment](#)

[503 Ruth St W – property assessment value](#)
[Marquis Downs - Race Calendar](#)

We need smart decisions, not grand designs

February 18, 2021|Cary Tarasoff

Charlie Clark campaigned that he is a caring and inclusive leader focused on Indigenous issues. Yet as Mayor, he has closed the vibrant farmers market and now ignores that the City is poised to abandon the 2015 Rec and Parks Master Plan with **1.06 million dollars** to upgrade Victoria Park into a large festival site for over **10,000 people**. Instead, the Mayor wants to spend **12 million dollars** on a site that will barely fit **7,500 people**, which is now outside of Riversdale. What happened to "**leave no one behind**"? Charlie Clark, finally stand up and show real caring for the poorer multicultural Riversdale area or acknowledge your failure.

If **Plans** and **Budgets** are developed to indicate intent, then Victoria Park has been the festival site of choice by the City since 2015. **See for yourself below**. If Victoria Park is now not the choice, what is the point of Plans and Budgets?

Amenity Type	Demand Indicators	Future Needs and Considerations
Sports Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Strongly supported" or "supported" by 86% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The provision of new grass sports fields of high quality
Festival Venue/ Amphitheater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Strongly supported" or "supported" by 81% of responding households. Kinsmen Park was utilized by 29% of residents at least 1 – 5 times per year. 79% of groups indicated that there is a need for more festival venues/amphitheaters. 21% of groups indicated that there is a need for upgrades to existing festival venues/amphitheaters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New festival venues/amphitheaters can create areas for community gathering and special events. These spaces should be considered for multi-district parks as well as to provide neighbourhood congregation areas.

[Recreation & Parks Master Plan - December 2015](#)

Space Amenity Type	Priority Ranking	Project	Lifecycle Growth New Initiative ¹	New or Existing Capital Project	Project Description	Estimated Project Cost	Delivery – Partnership Framework
Outdoor Priorities							
Trail Network/		MVA Expansion			Trail will complete	\$50,000 – \$500,000	Partner owned/operated
		Site		(Unfunded)	the Festival site at Kinsmen Park.		
Festival Venue/Amphitheatre	#2	Victoria Park Upgrades	Lifecycle and New	Existing #2471 (Unfunded)	Upgrades outlined in the Victoria Park Program Plan and include formalizing a special event site.	\$1.06 M	City owned/operated.

[Recreation & Parks Master Plan - Implementation Plan - October 2015](#)

Amenity	Current Inventory	Demand Indicators and Trends	Current Requirement	10 Year Requirement
Festival Sites and Venues	City owned: approximately 17 at existing parks (no dedicated, appropriate site)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 festival venue/amphitheatre—priority #3 • Kiwanis Park is oversubscribed • City-wide, there are 441 events and 3,772 event days • Approximately 465,000 participants at the various special events in 2016 • Partnership opportunity to upgrade existing facilities exists • Festivals are growing in number and in scale in the city • Winter City initiative involves events • Significant economic impact of events has been experienced in the city 	Victoria festival site upgrades; and 1 additional festival venue/amphitheatre if partnership opportunities arise	1 additional festival/ event site with amenities (servicing, water, sewer, electricity, etc.)

[Recreation & Parks Master Plan - Facilities Game Plan - October 2017](#)

10-Year Expected Investment 2019 to 2028

Amenity	10-Year Vision	\$ Millions Required by Year										
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Indoor Ice	1 additional ice sheets	\$2.00						\$2.00				
	Year 10											
Festival Sites and Venues	Victoria festival site upgrade; and 1 additional festival venue/amphitheatre—with consideration for partnership lead; 1 additional festival/ event site and amenities (servicing, water, sewer, electricity, etc.)			\$0.45	\$0.40	\$0.33					\$2.00	

[Recreation & Parks Master Plan - Facilities Game Plan - October 2017](#)

2114 CY-VICTORIA PARK - UPGRADES

Project Status	Open	Year Identified	2009
Project Type	REJUVENATION	Manager	Brad Babyak
Asset Type	Parks and Open Spaces	Est. End Date	-

Project Description

This project involves Victoria Park upgrades as outlined in the Victoria Park Program Plan, adopted by City Council in June 2004. This upgrade is planned to be an extension of the River Landing Phase II development, which will connect Victoria Park to River Landing.

Public and stakeholder consultation occurred in 2009 on the program plan for the City Gardener's Site and to confirm the program plan requirements originally approved in the 2004 Victoria Park Program Plan. Through the Recreation and Parks Master Plan, festivals and parks were both ranked highly in residents' opinions. Of the residents surveyed, 79% felt the need for more festival space was a high priority. The development of Victoria Park will address this need and provide residents with adequate parking for festivals, recreational activities, and better linkage for pedestrian traffic.

General Comments

The 2020 plan includes a feasibility study, complete functional design concepts and identify the potential location for a Permanent Outdoor Festival Site. Also planned is the development of an expanded parking lot which will address existing and future parking needs (such as overflow parking during large special events and festivals).

The 2021 plan includes pathway linkages to improve pedestrian circulation within the park. This pathway system will give pedestrians access along Spadina Crescent and better connectivity to the existing site amenities.

The 2022 plan involves the addition of site furniture and pathway lighting. This project was approved in principle, by City Council on March 26, 2018 through the Recreation and Parks Master Plan Facilities Game Plan Proposed Funding Plan, subject to budget approval.

Operating Impacts

2021 to 2023 - Operating costs to be determined during design phase.

Prior Budget Approval

\$513,000 Design and construction of the City Gardener's Site (1.13 acres) and approximately 5 acres of Victoria Park, including the festival site.

Project Detail Expenditure/Funding (000's)	Budget 2019	Plan 2020	Plan 2021	Plan 2022	Plan 2023
GROSS COST DETAILS					
Construction - Park	0.0	450.0	400.0	330.0	0.0
Permanent Outdoor Festival Site - Study & Design	0.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	0.0	525.0	400.0	330.0	0.0

Victoria Park Capital Project in 2019 Budget

Highlights of City Council - January

February 5, 2021 | Cary Tarasoff

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY

- No Emergency Air Shut Off Switches for Chemical Buffer Properties
- Many Years of Deferral by City Council on Curling Club Partnership
- No Push for the Province to Legislate Conversion Therapy

For more information, visit www.carytarasoff.ca/blog

Below are some of the "highlights" by City Council in January.

No Emergency Air Shut Off Switches for Chemical Buffer Properties

There are no emergency air shut off switches for chemical buffer properties sold by the City of Saskatoon but somehow Mayor Clark is now concerned about building code issues around carbon monoxide detection. Time that the Mayor and Council look at things consistently, even about things they are trying to hide from.

Many Years of Deferral by City Council on Curling Club Partnership

After many years of deferral by the City and Council, now Troy Davies thinks that City Administration should finally talk to curling rinks. He puts forward this motion just as the City of Saskatoon greatly increased the property tax for all the curling rinks in Saskatoon which will make their life even harder.

No Push for the Province to Legislate Conversion Therapy

Council should be pushing the province to write significant legislation about conversion therapy. This bylaw is poorly conceived regardless if it was well meaning.

Faded Street Signs

February 5, 2021 | #ICYMI_YXE

In case you missed it, Saskatoon, there are faded street signs all around the city. They have been faded for so long that it is surprising to notice them now. How long, you ask?

Using Google Street images, the 200 block of Ontario Ave demonstrates that the fading has been happening for over 10 years.

Is a No Parking zone still enforceable if the sign does not have a red circle with a line through it? It would make for an interesting argument.

If this important to you, contact the Mayor and your Councillor. Discuss with other taxpayers. Share on social media. **It is time for action!**



<https://youtu.be/98RpI73QBwo>

Is rail relocation a City priority, or not?

January 26, 2021 | Cary Tarasoff

Mayor Clark recently asked for permission to even talk to the rail companies, in this, his second term as mayor. Now the City Administration admits that it has no current plans for relocation of rail lines from our city. Is anybody leading on Council? We are waiting!



<https://youtu.be/WG3isH-qMmE>

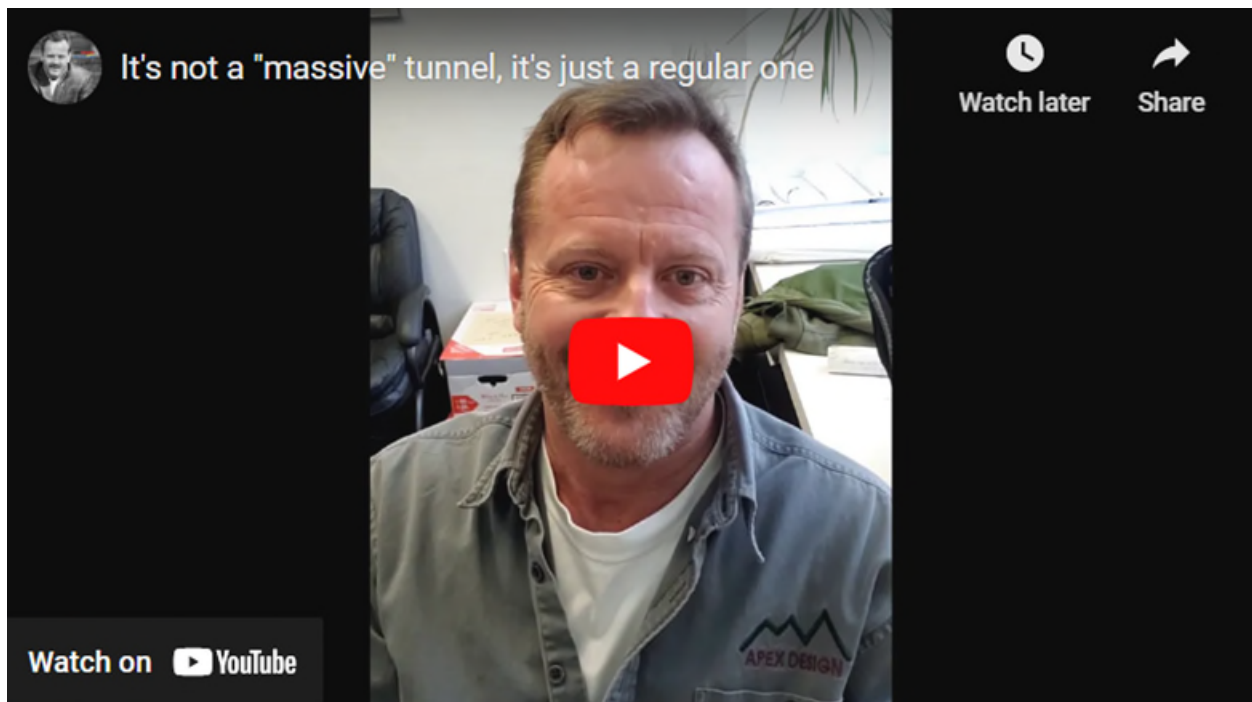
[StarPhoenix article](#)

[Mayor Clark's comments at SPC-Transportation meeting of January 11, 2021 - timestamp of 51:05](#)

It's not a "massive" tunnel, it's just a regular one

January 14, 2021|Cary Tarasoff

Again, the StarPhoenix has misrepresented my idea. This time it was Phil Tank. It is a regular railway tunnel that I am proposing, not massive. Perhaps it is a massive undertaking to you, so you should say it that way. Don't try to quote that I've said it.



<https://youtu.be/1eAyEpow5jY>

[StarPhoenix opinion article, by Phil Tank](#)

Saskatoon, your neighbours need help

January 12, 2021|Prairieland Park

Curling rinks and Prairieland Park - look at the numbers, decide for yourself.



<https://youtu.be/x87v8Ld3GnI>

For your reference:

[Lease Agreement Between The City of Saskatoon and Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation](#), effective the 1st day of March, 1995

[Granite Curling Club - Tax Information](#)

[Nutana Curling Club - Tax Information](#)

[Sutherland Curling Club - Tax Information](#)

[CN Curling Club - Tax Information](#)

Still no sidewalks on 23rd Street West

January 10, 2021 | Cary Tarasoff

90 years of property taxes paid and counting

Mayor Clark's attention is now on the 31st Street bikeway, leaving the 23rd Street people in the lurch. All of his focus is on people with bicycles and not on poorer people who can only afford to walk. No one is supposed to be left behind. Start making things happen, Mayor Clark...we're waiting.



<https://youtu.be/xEYoQe-3LYo>

Saskatoon curlers left in the cold

January 10, 2021 | Cary Tarasoff

Mayor Clark is ineffective. Curling rinks need attention now. Their request from May 7, 2018 for assistance has yet to be addressed. Mayor Clark's inability to act has not been helpful. There's work to be done.



<https://youtu.be/rGDfkL5B-z0>

The City's priorities are clear. Do they reflect your priorities?

December 10, 2020|Cary Tarasoff



4 more things to know

about the City's 2021 Adjusted Budget
City Council approved December 3, 2020

- ✗ the **snow & ice management budget was not increased** due to the difficulty in predicting snowfall
- ✗ the **operating plan for the Saskatoon Public Library was approved** as originally presented on November 25, 2019, allowing a \$4,630,000 contribution to the reserve for the new central library
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More financial liability for taxpayers?

December 4, 2020|Library, Press Release



[Exterior view of Victor Service Station, 349 2nd Avenue North at 25th Street. Imperial Station sign on corner of lot. Adjacent is Hotel Patricia, 345 2nd Avenue North. In background are Tees and Persse Building \(331 1st Avenue North\) and John Deere Plow Company \(69 25th Street East\) - 1941](#)

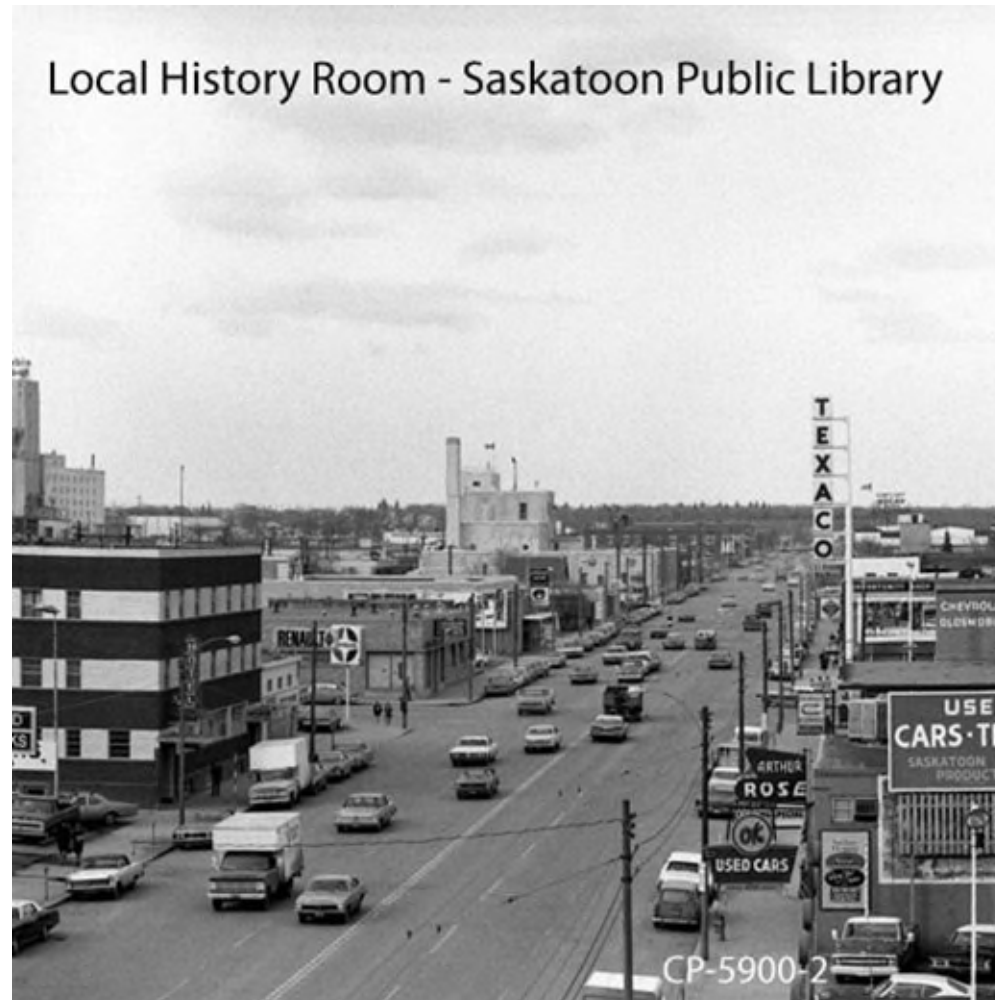
The new Saskatoon Main Library is proposed to be situated on lands that were negotiated by the City of Saskatoon Land Branch on behalf of the Library Board. In my view, they overpaid for this property purchase but perhaps there was added benefit to this purchase that was not previously disclosed?

For more than 30 years, there was a gas station on the corner of 2nd Avenue and 25th Street before it was levelled for a parking lot for the Patricia Hotel. I have found no record of reclamation for this after demolition was completed.

On the corner of 2nd Avenue and 24th Street was the former Merlin Motors site. I have been told that this site had its own fueling station located on the property but again no record of reclamation has been found. Perhaps the sellers of these locations had promised to fully reclaim these properties prior to construction commencement at their own expense?

I think that it is good civic accountability that should drive the City of Saskatoon and the Library Board to disclose if both or either site have been reclaimed prior to this expensive land purchase.

Or has the City of Saskatoon and the Library Board just 'accepted' this property 'as is where is' transferring all future costs onto the taxpayers of this city?



[View of 2nd Avenue North looking north from 24th Street East - April 13, 1970](#)

Snow Management - City of Winnipeg VS City of Saskatoon

November 16, 2020 | Cary Tarasoff

Snow Management is very different between the City of Winnipeg and the City of Saskatoon. Let's compare.

Winnipeg

Winnipeg has a [Snow Clearing & Ice Control Policy](#). Plowing on their **Priority 3 (residential) streets** usually begins following a **10 cm snowfall** accumulation. Crews will clear **7,200 km of roadways** during an all-out city-wide snow clearing operation. It takes approximately **2.5 days (or five 12-hour shifts)** to clear all residential streets during a residential plowing operation, with crews working around the clock.



By the Numbers: Snow Clearing & Ice Control



\$30-40 million

The City spends approximately **\$30 million to \$40 million** on snow removal and ice control annually, depending on weather conditions.

We operate four snow disposal sites with a combined capacity of **1.7 million cubic feet**.

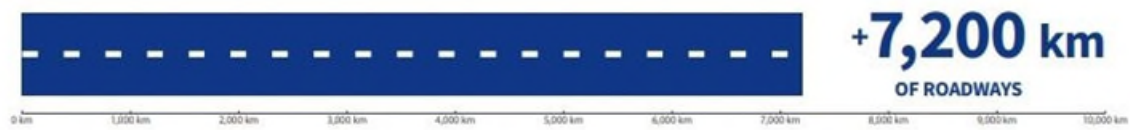
1.7 million CUBIC FEET

300
PIECES OF HEAVY
EQUIPMENT

An average city-wide snow clearing operation requires approximately **300 pieces of heavy equipment**.



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Crews will clear over **7,200 km of roadways** during an all-out city-wide snow clearing operation.

+3,000 km
OF SIDEWALKS AND
PATHWAYS

Over **3,000 km of sidewalks and pathways** are cleared by crews during an average city-wide snow clearing operation.

+930 km
OF BACK LANES

Crews will clear over **930 km of back lanes** during an all-out city-wide snow clearing operation.



Spreaders will **switch from salt to sand** once the temperature falls to **-7 degrees Celsius**.

**SALT
&
SAND**

We use on average **26,000 tonnes of salt** and **60,000 tonnes of sand** each winter season to improve traction on roadways.



Approximately **100,000 litres of beet juice** is used each winter season for anti-icing operations.

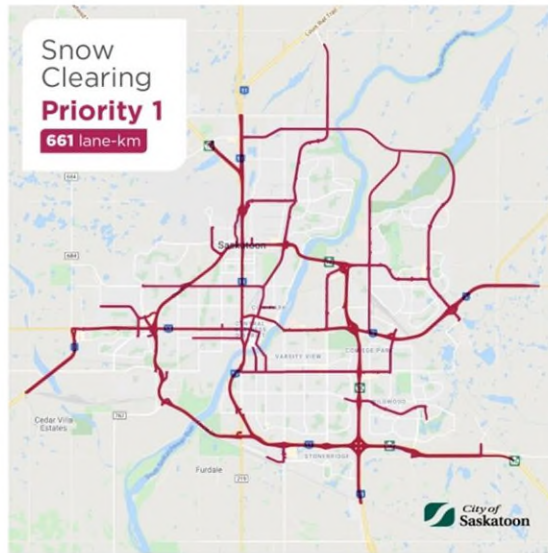
[By the Numbers: Snow Clearing & Ice Control](#)

Saskatoon

Saskatoon, in comparison, will grade **Priority 3 (local or neighborhood) roads** with severe rutting or an average overall snow pack of more than or equal to a **15 cm depth** when they are contacted by residents. An all-out city-wide snow clearing operation that we are seeing right now has **never been undertaken before**, according to City Manager, Jeff Jorgenson.

It is no surprise that snow and ice road management have been identified as **key weaknesses for 2015-2018** in the Civic Services Survey. And guess what! The City is not conducting an annual survey now. Likely because still nothing has changed!

Priority Roads




Priority 1: Highest traffic streets, bridges, intersections and access to emergency services


Priority 2: Rapid transit bus routes and busy streets

Priority 3: Main streets, school zones and residential pathways

Priority Roads

 Attachment 1 Created: 24/07/2017 			
Programs within Service Line	Service Attributes and Customer Values	Service Level Outcomes	Customer Performance Measures
Regular Maintenance	Safety, Quality, Efficiency, Environmental Responsibility, Quality of Life	Throughout the winter months citizen mobility is monitored and action is taken to ensure safety	<u>Roadway Snow Grading and Removal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local or neighborhood roads with severe rutting or an average overall snow pack of more than or equal to a 15 cm depth will be graded prior to snowmelt, taking into consideration impacts to on-street parking. No Parking signs will be posted no less than 36 hours in advance of

[Service Level for Snow and Ice Management](#)

 City of Saskatoon 	
<p>Respondents who indicated a service was average or below were also asked the priority of the service on a 10-point scale. The satisfaction and priorities were used to determine key weaknesses (high priority, low satisfaction), and key strengths (high priority, high satisfaction).</p>	
Key Weaknesses	Key Strengths
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance of major roadways and freeways Snow & ice road maintenance Traffic management Street maintenance in your neighbourhood Accessibility of infrastructure for people with disabilities***** Planning for growth and development Public Transit (Online – Panel only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliability of electrical services* Quality of drinking water Fire protection (Telephone only) Police services Garbage collection Speed of water main breaks repairs Recycling
<p>* 'Reliability of electrical services' is reported for Saskatoon Light & Power customers only.</p>	
<p>All key strengths and the majority of key weaknesses have remained the same for four years (since 2015). There are two new key weaknesses in 2018, the accessibility of infrastructure for people with disabilities (new wording in 2018) and public transit (online – Panel only).</p>	

[Civic Service Survey: Performance, Priorities and Preferences 2018](#)