

Ward 4 Report

Councillor Lori Bresciani



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Residents of Ward 4 - We will get through this **Together!**



I sincerely hope this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and well during these unprecedented times. COVID-19 has impacted the way we work, socialize, educate, support local business, and enjoy our parks and recreational facilities. As our province reopens, we need to remain vigilant and follow the guidelines established for the prevention and control of COVID-19; the health of our families, community and economy depends upon it. The City of Regina encourages residents to visit the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health's website at

you to the City Administration and support staff for the endless hours spent reviewing budgets and looking for creative solutions to balance fiscal relief needs created by this pandemic against all other projects, plans and expenditures.

[Saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus](https://saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus) for tips on how to stay healthy and to learn the most up to date information from both the province and the Public Health Agency of Canada. Residents can also visit [Regina.ca/coronavirus](https://regina.ca/coronavirus) for updates on City services and programs.

Regina Front Line Workers Thank you!

To the citizens of Regina who are on the front lines – health care providers, gas attendants, police officers, grocers, waste collection workers, cashiers, public servants, drivers, fire fighters, volunteers and all other essential workers – we extend our most heartfelt gratitude. Thank you for putting yourselves at risk to care for and serve the residents of our city. A special thank



Regina is a Community of Kindness

Challenging times can bring out the best in people. Residents have shared with me many stories of goodwill: youth helping seniors use technology to stay connected, neighbours purchasing groceries for at-risk individuals, families spreading joy with drive-by birthday greetings, and children writing notes of hope and inspiration on sidewalks and hearts on windows.



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Have you witnessed an act of kindness in our community?

Please share it with me online at

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**We Are All in
This Together**
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Congratulations!

City of Regina receives Tree City designation



It's a proud moment when your city receives a 'Tree Cities of the World' designation by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Especially proud considering the life of our community's urban forest began with hand planted seedlings in the treeless landscape of what was pretty much a bald prairie. Just look in Victoria or Wascana Park. Planting started in the early 1900s and clearly good things do come to those who wait.

The vision of the program is to connect cities around the world in a new network dedicated to sharing and adopting the most successful approaches to managing city trees and forests. A total of 59 cities have earned the international designation. Regina is one of nine Canadian cities to recently receive the designation.

The City has just over 179,000 trees in its street and parks, and continues work to increase that number to one tree per person in public spaces. This is a goal of our Official Community Plan (OCP), which lays out the framework of how our community will look in the next 25 years.

Pilot Butte Creek Pathway gets another 100 Trees

The City of Regina is receiving funding from Tree Canada and CN to continue planting 100 trees along the Pilot Butte Creek Pathway.

This new grant continues on with the planting project started last year. *As a result of this program, the Pilot Butte Pathway will have a beautiful tree line along both sides of our multi-use pathway.*

Recreation Master Plan

The Recreation Master Plan guides the City's decisions on delivering recreation programs and services and building infrastructure to accommodate recreation programs in Regina.

A Key to the future quality of life for all residents in Regina is the provision of good recreation opportunities. After extensive public input, consultants presented the City with a detailed Recreational Master Plan.

The average age of public recreation facilities in Regina is 43 years. It would cost \$199 million to replace all recreation facilities at current service levels and \$350 million at modern standards. The challenge was to find the financial resources to achieve this.

Investing In Recreation – How do we pay for it?

Council dedicated .5 per cent (i.e. one-half of one per cent) of any mill rate increase for the next five years to funding a recreation infrastructure program. This would yield \$1.25 million in 2020, rising steadily to \$6.76 million in 2024 and an equal amount every year thereafter without any further mill rate increase.

Ward 4 Construction Projects

Residential Renewal Program

Aster Crescent – Phillip Road to Phillip Road
Pederson Crescent – Phillip Road to Phillip Road

Residential Surface Treatment

Laval Drive – Dalhousie Way to University Park Drive
Wascana Estates – Wascana Circle to Wascana Circle

Maintenance Pave

Arcola Avenue – Woodland Grove to Chuka Creek Crossing

Bridges

Arcola Avenue and Pilot Butte Creek Crossing (pavement resurfacing only)

Traffic – Installation of traffic and pedestrian of signals

Chuka Drive and Green Apple Drive
Chuka Drive and Green Falls Drive

Multi-use pathway

Pilot Butte Creek to University Park Drive

Domestic Main Cleaning and Inspections

Arcola Avenue – Ring Road to Prince of Wales Drive

Creek and Channel Maintenance

Pilot Butte Creek – Truesdale Drive to East Arens Road

Forestry, Pests & Horticulture

Prince of Wales – Arcola Avenue to Arens Road (Tree Renewal)

Due to COVID 19 – Some Construction projects could be delayed.

New Ward 4 Boundaries for Civic Election – Monday, November 9

Boundary changes to ensure an even population distribution within the wards were recommended by an independent commission last year.

The size of Ward 4 is being reduced from 26,000 to 23,000 residents.

The red outline shows the current Ward 4 boundary. The block of red (Gardiner Park) will move to Ward 5 for the 2020 Civic Election.



Providing support during COVID-19

The City took measures to help residents and business that could be facing financial strains during the pandemic. These measures included extending the property tax payment deadlines, suspending late payment fees on utility bills and cancelling utility disconnections until September 30, 2020. Transit operators provided essential bus service and transit and paratransit fees were waived. Parking enforcement was loosened except in areas where safety-related parking areas required it. The City also worked with local non-profit social service providers and the Province to address community needs, especially for the most vulnerable. Besides providing necessary shelter and safe housing, about 1,000 lunches a day, seven days a week were distributed to children and food hampers were collected for Regina Food Bank. The City also assisted agencies facing shortage in supplies such as masks, gloves and disinfectants, to secure access to additional materials.

Creeks Lift Station Project

Work is currently being done to expand the Creeks Pumping Station, located in the Creeks Subdivision.

What is the purpose of the pumping station?

Wastewater from bathtubs, toilets, sinks and washing machines moves through pipes by the force of gravity. Because Regina's landscape is so flat, we use neighbourhood lift stations to help continue the flow of wastewater all the way to the McCarthy Boulevard Pumping Station. It's then screened and pumped to the Wastewater Treatment Plant located just west of Regina.

Work should be completed end of August. The total cost of the Creeks Pumping Station Expansion is about \$12.3 million, which includes twinning the pressurized pipe (force main), pump upgrades and off-site storage tank expansion.

Southeast High School Feasibility Study

The City of Regina, Regina Public Schools, Regina Catholic Schools and the YMCA of Regina have partnered through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore the feasibility of a shared high school facility in southeast Regina. Each partner will contribute \$25,000 to the study. The vision is for it to be a campus-style space for educational, recreational and community services for all ages. I will provide more information as it comes forward.

Speed, Traffic Calming and Traffic Lights

Ward 4 is growing and with growth there are increased concerns with traffic and pedestrian safety. Your enquiries are sent to the City's traffic department who are continually reviewing traffic patterns to improve your safety. Speeding violations are directed to Regina Police Service.

Crime in our Community

Regina Police Service and many agencies work hard to combat crime and the root causes of crime. Southeast Regina remains to have one of the lower crime rates, but we are not exempt. Take action to become more aware about crime prevention and consider a Neighborhood Watch. Remember to lock your doors and vehicles. If you see something suspicious or have been a victim of a crime, big or small, it is **important to report it to Regina Police Service at 777-6500**. If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch for your block, please contact me.

Accessibility Matters!

The City of Regina Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACC) advises City Administration and City Council on strategies to improve the accessibility and inclusivity of services, programs, facilities and other infrastructure. ACC also identifies and removes barriers that hinder some Regina residents from fully participating in our community.

Rick Hansen Foundation Awards Mosaic Stadium the Highest Certification for Accessibility in Saskatchewan



Rick Hansen and Brittany Bresciani at Mosaic Stadium

Chuka Creek Business Park REGINA Intermobil Terminal CONNECTING SOUTHERN SASKATCHEWAN TO GLOBAL MARKETS

The Regina Intermobil Terminal is located in the Chuka Creek Business Park east of the Bypass. The Intermobil Terminal will connect Saskatchewan agriculture to the world by providing access to the CN rail intermodal network within North America and to the Port of Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Montreal and Halifax.




Murad Al-Katib, President and CEO of AGT Foods says, "The world's largest steamship line containers now stop in Regina to be filled with agricultural products and manufactured goods and bring to Regina critical supplies, consumer goods and components to our local chains. Connecting Regina to the world of export creates jobs and prosperity right here at home."

Stay Connected!

Sign up for my E-newsletter!

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Arcola East Community Association

Thank you to the volunteers who dedicate their time to organize the different activities, programs and family fun days for our vibrant community.



AECA Board Members Corinne Seiferling and Tonaya McGregor with me at the AECA Family Fun Day! - Photo Credit: Scott McGregor Photography

Thank you Residents of Ward 4

What an honour it has been to be your voice and advocate at City Council for almost four years. Together we made changes that will continue to build a strong community where businesses thrive and residents feel a deep sense of belonging.

Listening and Advocating on your behalf

I remain committed to improved communications concerning Ward and City issues and truly value enhanced transparency and accountability. I listen and ensure your voice is heard. I work hard to provide updates on important issues, which have been communicated in many ways: public meetings, newsletters and e-newsletters, Regina.ca, Facebook and Twitter.

Communication is Key

Committing to improving communication has always been my priority. It's been a pleasure to organize more than 20 community meetings and put forward many motions to Council on your behalf. Mobilizing change requires everyone's input, attention and cooperation. City staff were always present to address concerns, take back your comments and look for ways that could address our challenges. The wide variety of topics included discussions on: Safety, Crime, Parks, Recreation, Traffic, Arcola Ave, Transit, Building and Development, City Budgets, Recycle and Waste and Vision for our City. Together, we have made progress, we've had engaging discussions and we've collaborated with others to make change happen.

As my last communication before the fall election on **November 9**, I just want to say 'thank you'. I have appreciated working with you to build the community we want to see right here in Ward 4. Regina is a great city to live, work and play – a place I am proud to call my home. Thank you for working with me and together we are making a difference.

I wish you all the best and stay healthy.

Lori Bresciani, Councillor Ward 4