

Ward 1 Report

Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk



February 2024

Dear Ward 1 Resident,

Happy New Year! I hope that 2024 brings everyone good health, wellbeing and success.

2024 will be a busy year for Regina City Council. Along with the high number of reports and motions that we consider at our meetings, this is an election year for municipalities and school boards. The election will be held on **Wednesday, November 13, 2024**.

There will be new ward boundaries in Regina established for the election. Ward 1 will no longer cover Lakeview, Normandy Heights and River Heights: those neighborhoods will become part of Ward 3. Ward 1 will continue to cover Whitmore Park, Hillsdale, Badham Blvd/Broadway area and will expand to include Boothill and part of the residential area in the downtown core.

I will mail a newsletter to Ward 1 residents in May with the map of current and new ward boundaries. Watch for it in your mailbox!

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Sincerely,
Cheryl Stadnichuk
Ward 1 Councillor

Get ready for the festival where winter comes to life! From Jan. 26 to Feb. 4, [Regina Frost](#) offers unique and outdoor experiences. Regina is, after all, a [Winter City](#). So bundle up! You can take free Regina Transit transportation to the four hubs: Wascana Centre, Regina Downtown, Warehouse District and REAL. Learn more at [Frost Shuttles](#)



Highlights of 2024 City of Regina Budget

City of Regina 2024 Budget Highlights

On December 18, 2023, after four days of discussion, City Council passed the 2024 budget.

Some of the highlights of the budget include:

2.85 per cent increase to mill rate for 2024

3 per cent increase to the base utility rate (was reduced from 4 per cent)

The average homeowner with a property assessed at \$315,000 will experience an increase of \$19.79 per month between their property tax (\$5.57), utility rate (\$5.70) and waste services costs (\$8.52).

Inflation and rising construction costs have put major pressures on our City's finances, as well as other cities across the country. I am happy to report that we have been able to keep the property tax increase lower than other major cities such as Saskatoon implementing a 6.04 per cent increase, Edmonton increasing its mill rate by 6.6 per cent and Calgary's mill rate going up 7.8 per cent.

We'll have some construction this spring and I will share details with you when they become available.

Go to [Regina.ca/budget](https://regina.ca/budget) for more information.

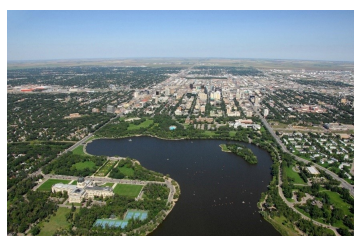
City Operations at a Glance



New Warming Centre at Carmichael Outreach

The City of Regina provided \$100,000, in addition to \$200,000 from the Province to Carmichael Outreach in the Heritage neighborhood for the operation of an overnight warming centre. The City provided a warming bus in that area from January 10 to 18. The warming centre opened January 19.

The funding comes from the City's Cold Weather Strategy budget, which also funds the warming centre Awsiw at All Nations Hope in North Central neighborhood.



Regina was recognized as a Tree City of the World by the United Nations for the fourth year in a row.

Wascana Park/credit Ron Garnett

Tourism back under City of Regina

On November 8, City Council approved changes to our Unanimous Members' Agreement with Regina Exhibition Association Ltd. (REAL) to transfer Tourism to the City of Regina. Tourism is now part of the City administration and falls under the direction of our new Deputy Manager, Jennifer Johnson.

I am looking forward to a fresh approach to tourism that celebrates our wonderful city. Our city is known for its museums and art scene, parks and green spaces, for receiving designation as a Tree City of the World, and also for our creative and innovative business sector.



What's Coming Up in Regina

- Jan. 26 to Feb. 4: [Frost Regina Festival](#). Go to Frost Regina and find out more details about all the fun to be had.
- March 1 - 10: Montana's Brier Men's Curling Championship at the Brandt Centre
- April 14 - 17: Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Convention

City Council is waiting for news about our federal funding application for the new Indoor Aquatics Centre and geothermal facility, the Accelerated Housing Fund application, and presentation of a Parks Master Plan.

Questions?

If you have a City-related service problem, contact Service Regina at 306-777-7000 or submit an [online service request](#).

If the response is not satisfactory, contact me at 306-552-5617 or by email at estadnic@regina.ca

You can also follow me on [Facebook](#) for more current updates.



Close to 1,200 residents enjoyed the 2023 Light the Lights on December 5, hosted by City Council. Councillor Stevens (Ward 3), pictured here, and I couldn't have asked for better weather.



Balfour Arts Collective performed a scene outdoors from the spectacular musical Beauty and the Beast at Light the Lights.



City Hall courtyard lit up with colours reflected on various ice sculptures like the ice couch pictured here.



I spoke to the 85th Anniversary of the University of Sask College of Nursing on October 17.



I brought greetings to the Sri Lankan and Chakma Cultural Festival on October 15.



On October 14, I brought greetings from the City to the Champions of Mental Health Dinner and Fundraiser. Here I am with guest speaker, Mitch Bourbonniere, founding member of the Bear Clan Patrol in Winnipeg.



On August 24, I attended the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation's Friendraiser. In the photo: me with Councillor Shanon Zachidniak (Ward 8) and CEO of the MacKenzie Art Gallery, John Hampton.

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