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October 2, 2017

To: His Worship the Mayor
Members, City Council

Re: Status of the Neighbourhood and Corridor Sequencing Plan

The following is an update on the Neighbourhood and Corridor Sequencing Plan which is being prepared to prioritize the creation of new neighbourhood and corridor plans for established areas of the City of Regina (City).

Background

Neighbourhood and corridor plans are secondary plans that provide more detailed land use, urban design and public realm policies than those found in *Design Regina: The Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2013-48* (OCP). Developed through extensive engagement with local residents and stakeholders adopted by City Council, these plans implement the OCP's goals and objectives by establishing specific policies, as well as direction for growth and change at a neighbourhood scale. By updating existing neighbourhood plans and establishing new neighbourhood and corridor plans, the City will enhance livability, maximize investments in city-wide and local infrastructure and services and contribute towards the creation of complete neighbourhoods.

Approved neighbourhood plans are in place for some of the city's older neighbourhoods; however, the majority of these plans were adopted in the 1980s and 1990s and need to be updated. In addition, the OCP establishes a number of intensification corridors that will require corridor plans to guide the use, urban design and infrastructure required to accommodate new growth. There are currently no approved corridor plans in the city.

On August 29, 2016, the City adopted Notice of Motion MN16-9 – Neighbourhood Plans that:

1. The City prioritize the completion of new corridor plans, updating existing neighbourhood plans and creating and implementing new neighbourhood plans to help achieve the vision of the OCP.
2. That City Administration provide a report back to City Council through Executive Committee in October 2017, on a plan that will contain the timelines on implementing these changes.

Purpose of a Sequencing Plan

Due to resource constraints, it is not feasible to prepare new corridor and neighbourhood plans concurrently for all established corridors and neighbourhoods in the city; therefore, creation of a Sequencing Plan is essential in strategically planning and allocating resources to provide direction for planning and development to neighbourhoods and corridors.

The Sequencing Plan will assess the characteristics and change occurring in established neighbourhoods and corridors through the collection and analysis of available data, including the 2016 census and construction data. In addition, the Sequencing Plan will review where the OCP directs additional growth through intensification. Generally, neighbourhoods that have experienced recent change or are identified in the OCP as being located where intensification is directed will be given higher priority under the Sequencing Plan. The Sequencing Plan is being prepared in-house.

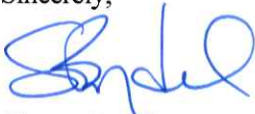
The Sequencing Plan will establish and provide a rationale for prioritized groups of neighbourhoods and corridors to enable City Council to make informed decisions around the timing of the creation of new neighbourhood and corridor plans over the short, medium and long term.

Scheduled Completion

In order to incorporate data being released through the 2016 Census National Household Survey, City Administration anticipates the Sequencing Plan will be completed in Q2, 2018. Once the Sequencing Plan is completed, City Administration will inform community associations of its findings prior to it being submitted to City Council. Note that the creation of new neighbourhood and corridor plans involves extensive engagement with the local community associations, stakeholders and residents.

Work is anticipated to begin on the first new neighbourhood or corridor plan in 2019. If you have any questions please contact me 306-519-1624 or sbzdell@regina.ca.

Sincerely,



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