

I want to touch on three areas, firstly,

On July 26, 2019 the City of Saskatoon introduced a comprehensive climate plan projecting billions of dollars in savings by 2050.

On August 27, 2019 the City of Edmonton joined Halifax, Vancouver and Kingston in declaring a climate emergency which by definition requires immediate action.

On May 08, 2019 Edmonton announced it was initiating the world's largest carbon neutral residential development.

Do you believe we have a climate emergency?

If you do than immediate action is required.

Regardless of what comes out of you May 2020 climate conference there are many initiatives you could take immediately in this budget that would fit into any longer term climate strategy.

1. Immediately stop purchasing any tools or vehicles that operate on nonrenewable resources. The city vehicle fleet's limited travel distances make the use of electric vehicles ideal.
2. Immediately start installing solar panels on city owned buildings. Regina is situated in the 2nd best solar potential location in Canada and it is unconscionable that we don't have one building on solar power
3. In July the city issued a bulletin advising residents to let their grass grow to a height of 3". Using the internationally accepted 1/3 rule this would mean the grass would be cut when it reached a height of 4 ¼". There is not a park in Regina where the grass is allowed to grow to 4 ¼". If it was we could reduce the mowing budget in half and use those funds to plant thousands of more trees, which is one of the best ways to mitigate the effects of climate change. The city should form partnerships with schools,

community groups, organizations and individuals to increase the number of trees planted to 25,000/year.

4. The city should follow Edmonton's lead and legislate that any residential or commercial development that has not started must be carbon neutral.
5. Update the OCP to assess every initiative, process, procedure or program against the carbon emissions produced.
6. Amend your motion to make Regina 100% renewable by 2030 rather than 2050.

Secondly, on May 3, 2019 the Winnipeg Sun published an article describing how a group of private residents hired a private investigator to look at the operations of the City of Winnipeg permits inspection and planning division. The residents took this unprecedented action after years of having their concerns ignored or minimized the city administration and council. The report found that the city inspector's did little for their generous salaries of between \$75,000 and \$150,000. On Sept. 17, 2019, after the city verified the conclusions of the private investigator 8 city workers were fired and another seven suspended for slacking off and theft of time and money while on the on the job.

The city of Winnipeg admits they broke the trust of the public and of the elected officials. City Administration department heads now concede this is almost certainly a systemic and wide spread problem requiring intensive external review.

Winnipeg already had a fraud and waste hotline where complaints could be anonymously made and reviewed by an independent auditor.

I call on the city to immediately follow Winnipeg's lead and create an anonymous fraud and waste hotline both for private residents and employees.

Immediately undertake an external review of:

- a) Roadways Winter and Summer road maintenance and construction programs,
- b) Parks operations particularly the mowing program,
- c) misuse of fleet vehicles particularly investigating how many city employees get in their white city trucks every day and do little but drive around the city.
- e) city employees leaving their vehicles running for extended periods of time when they are not in them.

The ultimate goal would be to start to identify and correct the inherent culture of waste, excess, inefficiency, entitlement and mismanagement within city operations and use those resources for more worthwhile city initiatives or to stabilize property tax increases.

I have cited dozens of examples of this inexplicable waste to the city administration and council and as occurred in Winnipeg have largely been ignored or have had the problem rationalized or minimized.

Perhaps the residents of Regina have to engage the services of a private investigator and make the National news before this issue is taken seriously. Like the lead levels in the water.

In the long term the city should incorporate appropriate external oversight to prevent this culture from developing in the future.

Finally, I want to express my extreme disappointment respecting the consultation process for the Wascana Pool project. From the start it was clear the city administration wanted nothing but an Aquatic

destination facility in the park. I've had my name on their list for public consultations for 1-1/2yrs and tonight would have been my first opportunity to express my opinion. However they are now down to three variations of the same option and they all are premised around the Aquatic Destination Facility proposal. No costs are provided nor environmental impacts identified and no impact on the footprint of the park provided. The first survey was formatted in a way where the appropriate questions were not asked and the answers to the questions that were asked were manipulated to get the response they wanted. Not only were individual residents ignored, so were swim groups and frequent users of the pool. None of the options provided detail costs which in itself is totally irresponsible and now I recently heard they were giving the second survey to kids at the leisure centers.

I ask you to immediately review what has transpired in the consultation process for this project and start over asking the following question?

Do you want an indoor or outdoor Aquatic Destination Facility?
Providing costs for each and impact environment and property taxes.

Once we have legitimate answers to these questions we can then look at viable alternatives.

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