

## Appendix B – Objectives for Community Engagement

Over time, practice has found successful, community-wide Energy & Sustainability Frameworks and Action Plans are anchored on community engagement. Most communities have engaged a wide range of organizations and provided opportunities for broad community participation throughout the process. Typically stakeholders in energy and sustainability planning include the general public, subject matter experts, consultants, electricity, natural gas and other utility/energy suppliers, as well as representatives from the building development and real estate sectors, non-profit and community organizations, institutional organizations, vulnerable populations, First Nations, business and industry communities and other local governments.

Administration's recommended objectives for engagement include:

- To gather diverse citizen and stakeholder views in developing and finalizing community-based guiding principles that will inform the Energy and Sustainability Framework.
- To gather citizen and stakeholder feedback on action plans and scenarios that will guide Regina to its 100 per cent renewable by 2050 goal.
- To ensure that the input is representative of the City's diverse population and interests.

Administration proposes a four-phased approach to meet the engagement objectives.

1. Broad engagement on the community guiding principles that will inform the Framework. Stakeholders and citizens will be engaged directly to ensure that concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered. This engagement would involve a commitment that concerns, and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives. Best practices from other municipalities will provide the baseline for developing the principles.
2. The creation of a community advisory committee to consult throughout the Framework's development. Membership will include residents from the community, nonprofit organizations, and business and industry. The committee will provide a voice for obtaining feedback on analysis, alternatives and decisions – particularly during action planning and evaluating alternatives during scenario planning. This engagement would involve a commitment that members are kept informed and provided feedback on how their input influenced decisions made in the Framework.
3. Input into the creation of the City's action plan. Engagement opportunities will invite idea generation for the action plan from stakeholders and citizens. In particular, the Administration will involve the community in the development of community-focused action items.
4. Feedback on the action plans in the Framework. Stakeholders and citizens will be engaged to obtain feedback on decisions and to keep those consulted informed of how their feedback is used. The community advisory committee will also be consulted on feedback from the broader engagement activities. The City's energy audit work as well as leading practices from other municipalities will be a key input into these discussions.