

Appendix F – Existing Winter Resources

The following highlights many of Regina’s existing Winter Resources that exist in a typical winter however is not an exhaustive list of every opportunity.

City of Regina Policy & Initiatives

All season policy: Several existing policy documents encourage a vibrant winter city including:

- The Transportation Master Plan indicates the transportation system will provide a greater range of multi-modal transportation choices for all seasons
- The goals outlined by Council’s motion support the City’s vision and the community priorities to “Create better, more active ways of getting around”, “Embrace built heritage, and invest in arts, culture, sport and recreation” and “Foster economic prosperity”
- *Design Regina: The Official Community Plan* has all-season policy statements within the environmental, transportation, land use and build environment, parks, recreation & open space, health and safety and social development policy sections.
- The Regina Downtown Neighbourhood Plan highlights the need for all season open spaces and public realms including a festival space, safety and extensive snow clearing to improve accessibility. It also speaks to all season options for the Central Library block and climate controlled pedestrian linkages.
- Both the North Central Neighbourhood and Westerra Neighbourhood Plans call for park spaces being designed for year-round use
- The Recreation Master Plan includes the need for all-season sport and recreation opportunities

Outdoor Winter Sport & Recreation Amenities: Regina currently features many outdoor spaces for residents and visitors to enjoy including:

- 51 outdoor rinks in 36 locations. The City has plans to add two additional rinks sites and a small skating loop over the next two to three years
- Over 40 km of multi-use pathways. As of 2018, all paved paths are cleared after a snowfall
- Open space (parks, playgrounds and cemeteries) are available year-round
- Speed skating oval
- Two existing “city-wide” toboggan hills (Mount Pleasant and Douglas Park). There are local options in several neighbourhoods. A toboggan hill is part of the Regent Park redevelopment

Indoor Arenas: The City owns and schedules eight arenas. Each City arena has weekly public skate times. Scheduling services are also provided for the six sheets of ice at the Cooperators Centre.

Indoor Year-Round Sport, Recreation and Arts Amenities & Programming: The City operates and programs the Sportplex, North West Leisure Center, Sandra Schmirler Leisure Center and Neil Balkwill Civic Arts Center. These facilities offer year-round programming with over 70 Arts & Culture, 170 fitness, 30 sport and 525 aquatic registered programs being offered from November – April in addition to several daily drop-in program options. The City also operates and programs the South Leisure Center, Cathedral Neighbourhood Center, Glencairn Neighbourhood Center and Core Ritchie Neighbourhood Center. These centers are also available for partner and public activities throughout the year.

Support for community initiatives: The Community Investment Grants Program provides funding of approximately \$30,000 to \$50,000 per year (amount dependent on applications) that supports winter activities in Regina. Some of this funding is part of core funding supplied to Community Partners and not

Appendix F – Existing Winter Resources

for a specific activity. The City also provides support for the Regina Greenhouse Association which offers public access and changing displays throughout the winter. Funds are provided to community associations to support the operation of the warm-up shacks at the outdoor ice rinks through an Outdoor Ice Program. The City stores Regina Ski Club equipment in a building at Douglas Park.

Light the Lights at City Hall – Lights are put on the trees in front of City Hall and Council holds a “Light the Lights” evening with programming in early December. Winter themed lights (e.i. snowflakes) are hung on streetlamps in the downtown and warehouse areas in December (funded through the Business Improvement District budgets).

Community Safety: The City works with community partners to enact the Cold Weather Strategy each year between November 1 and March 31. When a cold weather alert is in place, any frontline service provider who encounters an individual in need of shelter is encouraged to take the extra step of ensuring that person has safe lodging arranged for the night as per the Strategy. Taxi Licenses are increased 37% (October-April) to ensure residents have reliable transportation to move about the city when the weather is colder. Pay-by-phone parking helps to support parking options when the weather is cold. Emergency Preparedness and Citizen Experience send notifications when an Extreme Cold Weather Warning is issued.

Transportation & Snow Clearing: Snowplowing (and removal in many areas) of roads, alleys and sidewalks and ice control of roads, alleys and sidewalks are provided as per the Winter Maintenance Policy. Enhancements to the existing policy were considered at the September Public Works Committee meeting and 2021 Budget Process.

The City provides reasonable sidewalk access during winter events including: Agribition, CFL games, entertainment events, holiday shopping, etc. The City contributes to the downtown pedway system by clearing the BMO/Cornwall/11th, Fredrick Hill Mall, and TD/Gilmore linkage.

Business and Downtown sidewalk access is encouraged through the *Regina Clean Property Bylaw*; however, there are no tools in place to enforce residential snow clearing. All properties in Regina’s downtown are to clear ice and snow from the sidewalk adjacent to their property within 24 hours of a storm. Businesses, apartments and vacant lots outside of downtown are to clear ice and snow from sidewalks within 48 hours.

A Snow Angels program was piloted in the winter 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons with three community-based organizations. The program is a volunteer-led snow removal programs for residents that experience a disability or other mobility challenges that prevent them from clearing their sidewalk. The City is currently working with groups to evaluate the results of the pilot project to determine the best way to make the program work long-term.

The City also manages the snow storage site.

Positive Winter Communications: Share community winter events from the City of Regina partner’s social media accounts on the City social media. The City also uses social media to highlight the opening of skating rinks, the number of pathways in the city, the Light the Lights event and many other fun winter activities and events. There is also an integration with Tourism Regina’s calendar feed on

Appendix F – Existing Winter Resources

Regina.ca. Winter images are used in social media posts, Regina.ca and marketing campaigns that focus on people enjoying winter activities.

External Initiatives

All season sport, recreation, culture and entertainment: Regina offers many year-round sport, recreation, culture and entertainment activities that residents can take advantage of in all four seasons. These opportunities are typically not dependent on the weather. In many cases Regina has seen an increase in the number and variety of these types of activities. A small sample includes:

- The Community Associations and Zone Boards offer over 600 indoor Sport & Recreation programs and over 100 Arts & Culture programs between the months of November and April. Activities range from Zumba to Painting to Read & Rhyme to Family Fun Nights and provide opportunities for all ages
- There are many non-profits, some of whom are community partners with the City, that offer no-cost or low-cost opportunities. Examples include Government House, RCMP Heritage Centre, Royal Sask Museum, McKenzie Art Gallery and Saskatchewan Science Center
- There has been an increase in the number of fitness centers and gyms in Regina in recent years to help ensure residents can stay fit and healthy. A range of options and prices exist for residents to choose from
- A wide variety of active child and/or family indoor options within the private and non-profit sector exist in Regina. This includes everything from organized sport activities to art classes to one-time drop-in opportunities. These activities have increased over the last several years as Regina's population has grown. Additional sports opportunities have been added to meet increasing demand and changing resident tastes. More drop-in recreational opportunities such as trampolining, rock climbing and air park opportunities have been added recently
- There are also several arts and culture opportunities for all abilities and ages. These activities include galleries and studios as well as programming options such as the U of R Continuing Education and 4 Cats Arts Studio
- Finally, there are many entertainment options if residents are looking for an afternoon or night out. These include opportunities like movie theaters, the Brandt Centre, the Globe Theater, Casino Regina and shows at the Conexus Arts Center

Ice Sports: There are many indoor and outdoor opportunities for residents to enjoy the ice in the winter.

- Community Association and Zone Boards offer approximately 60 skating programs. These programs vary from learn to skate to power skating and are offered at arenas around the city
- Regina Exhibition Association Ltd. (REAL) offers free drop-in skating, including special times for hockey and figure skating, at the Cooperators Arena
- Ten Community Associations operate warm-up shacks so residents can enjoy a place to get warm while enjoying the outdoor rinks. One Community Association also offers a lower cost outdoor hockey program

Appendix F – Existing Winter Resources

- Regina Downtown Business Improvement District (RDBID) operates a warm-up shack for residents who want enjoy skating on the Plaza. Wascana Center also offers an outdoor ice surface and warm-up shack
- Curling is provided by two non-profit organizations and one Community Association.

Social Development: Community Associations and Zone Boards offer over 50 year-round social development programs. Many of these focus on access to food, learning and development and clothing banks. Regina also has many non-profit organizations that provide support, such as food, clothing and shelter for residents. These organizations and programs are essential in the winter as there can be less access to local food sources and the weather can be severe.

Indoor Winter Activities: Several winter activities that are part of our winter culture, lead to a vibrant winter city and/or celebrate winter currently exist for Regina residents.

- Several Community Associations and one Zone Board offer holiday-themed art classes, winter craft markets and hold special events celebrating winter indoors
- Regina residents can attend hockey games that showcase all ages and abilities including the Regina Pats
- Festivals or festival-type events such as Winterruption; Regina Restaurant Week; Taste of Cathedral; Beer, Bacon and Bands and Mid-Winter Blues Festival occur each year

Outdoor Winter sports, recreation, culture and entertainment: Many options exist for residents to get outside and enjoy the beauty of winter.

- Several Community Associations offer a winter carnival, holiday events such as caroling or light displays/tours, and sports such as snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and dodgeball
- Regina has over 13 km of groomed skate and classic ski trails for people of all ages and skill levels. Located at: Douglas Park, the Foothills, Saskatchewan Science Centre and Kinsmen Park
- Wascana Center Authority has expanded its winter programming to offer programs like Snoga, outdoor movies and fat bike demos
- Waskimo Winter Festival is an indoor and outdoor event. The event was restarted by a group of community volunteers in 2017. The event was cancelled in 2020 due to environmental concerns for the outdoor portion. A scaled back event with wagon rides was done in 2021 in response to the pandemic

Appendix F – Existing Winter Resources

City of Regina Policy

OCP - Citywide Policies	D5.2 City Centre: Maintain and enhance the City Centre as the primary civic and cultural hub.	In progress
OCP - Citywide Policies	D7.2 Access to Recreation Programs and Services: Ensure access to a variety of recreation programs and services in all neighbourhoods.	In progress
OCP - Citywide Policies	D8.2 Inclusion: Ensure learning opportunities, resources, and activities provided by the City are culturally inclusive.	In progress
OCP - Citywide Policies	D9.2 Health and Environmental Impacts: Minimize social and environmental impacts and improve the health and safety of the city and region.	Not started
OCP - Citywide Policies	D10.2 Economic Growth: Optimize the economic development potential of Regina, the region, and the Province of Saskatchewan.	In progress
OCP - Citywide Policies	D11.1 Social Sustainability: Promote and enhance social sustainability by recognizing that quality of life in a community depends on both its physical and community resources.	In progress
OCP - Citywide Policies	D11.2 Food: Increase access to healthy and affordable food.	In progress
OCP - General	OCP to Foster Development of Sustainable Community (i.e. OCP provides comprehensive policy framework to guide the physical, environmental, economic, social and cultural development of the municipality.	In progress
OCP - Growth Plan	C.2 Efficient Servicing: maximize the efficient use of existing and new infrastructure	In progress
Parks & Open Space Lighting Policy	Criteria for Lighting in Open Space. Areas for which lighting will be considered	In progress
Recreation Master Plan	Four season sport and recreation opportunities improve quality of life and make Regina a more vibrant and attractive place to live, work, and visit.	In progress
Recreation Master Plan	Value - Flexible, Multi-use, Multi-season, Multi-generational and Innovative Design	In progress
Recreation Master Plan	When contemplating future recreation service delivery and/or infrastructure development, the City should explore all opportunities to partner with neighbouring municipalities	Not started
Recreation Master Plan	When new facilities are built, or existing ones are retrofitted, repurposed or expanded, consider adding indoor playground spaces	Not started
Transportation Master Plan	Goal 2: The transportation system will provide a greater range of multi-modal transportation choices for all seasons.	In progress

City of Regina Initiatives

Department Lead	Activity/ Event/ Initiative/ Program/ Work	Indoor/ Outdoor
Citizen Experience	Crosslinking, posting and sharing on social media and Regina.ca community winter events from partner's social media accounts. Integration with the Tourism calendar feed on Regina.ca	N/A

Appendix F – Existing Winter Resources

Department Lead	Activity/ Event/ Initiative/ Program/ Work	Indoor/ Outdoor
Citizen Experience	Images on City's social media posts and Regina.ca and marketing campaigns that focus on people enjoying winter.	N/A
Citizen Experience	Social media posts highlight the opening of skating rinks, the number of pathways in the City, the Light the Lights event and many other fun winter activities and events.	N/A
Citizen Experience	Images used for various marketing campaigns (i.e. Pay by Phone, Light the Lights) focus on people enjoying winter activity.	Outdoor
Clerks	Light the Lights at City Hall event	Outdoor
Emergency Preparedness	Cold Weather Strategy	Outdoor
Emergency Preparedness	Emergency Preparedness and Citizen Experience will notify when extreme cold weather warning issued.	N/A
Facilities Services	Indoor pedway system downtown maintained and operated	Outdoor
Licensing and Parking	Increase in Taxi Licenses in winter	Outdoor
Licensing and Parking	Parking - Pay by Phone, drivers do not need to be outside with coins	Outdoor
Parks, Recreation & Culture	Operate 3 indoor major recreation centres (Sportplex, NWLC, SSLC)	Indoor
Parks, Recreation & Culture	Deliver the following "4-season" programs from Nov - April. Arts & Culture - 71, Fitness - 174, Sport – 33, Aquatic - 532	Indoor
Parks, Recreation & Culture	Provide space and booking for indoor neighbourhood centers (Cathedral, South Leisure, Glencairn, Core)	Indoor
Parks, Recreation & Culture	CIGP - Community Investment Grants Program. \$30,000-\$50,000 provided to organizations and community groups for events that support activity in winter	Indoor/ Outdoor
Parks, Recreation & Culture	Support the Regina Greenhouse Association Greenhouse and activities	Indoor
Parks, Recreation & Culture	Outdoor ice rink program - Maintain and operate 51 boarded and un-boarded sites throughout the City	Outdoor
Parks, Recreation & Culture	37 outdoor ice warm up shacks operational and maintained	Outdoor
Parks, Recreation & Culture	Adding 2 additional outdoor rinks in 2020 - South east and north	Outdoor
Parks, Recreation & Culture	Pathway maintenance program - all paved park pathways cleared as of 2019	Outdoor
Parks, Recreation & Culture	Toboggan hill at Mount Pleasant and other sites maintained	Outdoor
Parks, Recreation & Culture	Open space (Parks, playgrounds and cemeteries) are maintained to be available and accessible year-round	Outdoor
Parks, Recreation & Culture	Cross country ski trails at Douglas Park and in other City open space provided to community groups to maintain	Outdoor
Parks, Recreation & Culture	Public skate times at indoor skating areas, scheduling indoor ice time	Indoor

Appendix F – Existing Winter Resources

Department Lead	Activity/ Event/ Initiative/ Program/ Work	Indoor/ Outdoor
Roadways & Transportation	Operate citywide Winter Road Maintenance Program from mid October to mid April - More detail in Winter Maintenance Strategy	Outdoor
Roadways & Transportation	Holiday lighting on light poles downtown for RDBID	Outdoor
Sustainable Infrastructure	TMP action - building multi-use pathways	Outdoor
Sustainable Infrastructure	TMP action - building bike lanes	Outdoor
Transit & Fleet	Safe bus program - Transit drivers will pick up or drop off passengers outside of regular stops to reduce the walking distance. They will also provide a ride free of charge in emergency circumstances.	Outdoor
Transit & Fleet	Heated, lit and accessible bus shelters improve accessibility. Transit has installed six heated bus shelters, activated at -10 C.	Outdoor
Transit & Fleet	Emergency shelter. Transit works with our emergency partners and social services to provide transportation and shelter to residents in extreme circumstances such as: extreme cold, fire, police action etc.	Outdoor
Transit & Fleet	Para Transit operates a dispatched system that offers pre booked door to door service, improving accessibility in winter.	Outdoor
Transit & Fleet	Transit Live, social media communications. Enhances safety, accessibility. Make customers aware of delays and service levels. Combined with the Transit Live program citizens can see the exact location of their buses to minimize exposure to the weather and plan their trips more efficiently.	Outdoor

Community Initiatives

Please note: many businesses provide entertainment options and those were considered as well.

Community Partner	Activity/ Event/ Initiative/ Program Name	Categorization	Indoor/ Outdoor
All Community Associations	Over 56 Social Development programs	Social Development	N/A
All Community Associations	Over 605 Sport & Rec indoor programs	Sport & Rec	Indoor
All Community Associations	Over 116 Arts & Culture indoor programs	Sport & Rec	Indoor
Al Ritchie Community Association	Eggstravaganza	Event/Activity	Indoor
Al Ritchie Community Association	Learn to Skate/New to Skates	Sport & Rec	Indoor
Al Ritchie Community Association	WinterFest	Event/Activity	Indoor

Appendix F – Existing Winter Resources

Community Partner	Activity/ Event/ Initiative/ Program Name	Categorization	Indoor/ Outdoor
Al Ritchie Community Association	Craft & Trade show winter	Event/Activity	Indoor
Albert Park Community Association	Free Skate	Sport & Rec	Indoor
Albert Park Community Association	Learn to Skate	Sport & Rec	Indoor
Albert Park Community Association	Technical Power Skating	Sport & Rec	Indoor
Arcola East Community Association	Skating and Skills	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
Argyle North	Winter Break Family Fun	Event/Activity	Indoor
Casino Regina	Cold Weather Marketing Campaign	Event/Activity	Indoor
Cathedral Area Community Association	Holiday Craft Market	Event/Activity	Indoor
Cathedral Area Community Association	Just for Fun Hockey	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
Cathedral Area Community Association	Cathedral snow angels pilot program	Transportation/Mobility	Outdoor
Cathedral Area Community Association	Alice in Winterland	Event/Activity	Indoor
Cathedral Area Community Association	Holiday Potluck	Event/Activity	Indoor
Cathedral Area Community Association	Carolling	Event/Activity	Indoor
Cathedral Area Community Association	Light up the Village	Event/Activity	Outdoor
Cathedral Village Arts Festival	Taste of Cathedral	Event/Activity	Indoor
Dewdney East Community Association	Floor Hockey	Sport & Rec	Indoor
Dieppe-Westerra Community Association	Winter Wagon Rides	Event/Activity	Outdoor
East Zone Board	Skate: Learn to & Intermediate	Sport & Rec	Indoor

Appendix F – Existing Winter Resources

Community Partner	Activity/ Event/ Initiative/ Program Name	Categorization	Indoor/ Outdoor
East Zone Board	Skate: Parent & Tot	Sport & Rec	Indoor
East Zone Board	Skate: Tots - Learn to Skate	Sport & Rec	Indoor
Government House	Guided Museum Tours Daily	Event/Activity	Indoor
Government House	Museum Pieces Touch Event	Event/Activity	Indoor
Government House	Art Exhibit presented by Brandie Perkins – Fluid Movement	Event/Activity	Indoor
Government House	Family Day Festivities	Event/Activity	Indoor
Government House	Family Day Week Children’s Activities	Event/Activity	Indoor
Government House	Commonwealth Day	Event/Activity	Indoor
Government House	National Genealogy Day and St Patrick’s Day	Event/Activity	Indoor
Government House	Bump in the Night	Event/Activity	Indoor
Government House	Old Fashioned Victorian Christmas	Event/Activity	Indoor
Harbour Landing Community Association	Family Ice Skating Day	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
Lakeview Community Association	Family Free Skate	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
Lakeview Community Association	Hockey Skills & Development	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
Lakeview Community Association	Learn to Skate	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
Lakeview Community Association	Mini Mites Hockey	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
McNab Community Association	Christmas Craft Day	Event/Activity	Indoor
McNab Community Association	Skate Party	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
McNab Community Association	Sparkle Tour	Winter Culture	Outdoor
McNab Community Association	Craft day & tree decorating in park	Event/Activity	Indoor
McNab Community Association	Snowshoeing	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
Normanview Residents Group	Candy Cane Lane Holiday Light Festival	Winter Culture	Outdoor
North Zone Board	Parent-Tot Skating	Sport & Rec	Indoor
North Zone Board	Skating	Sport & Rec	Indoor

Appendix F – Existing Winter Resources

Community Partner	Activity/ Event/ Initiative/ Program Name	Categorization	Indoor/ Outdoor
North Zone Board	Skating (M)	Sport & Rec	Indoor
North Zone Board	Skating Skills	Sport & Rec	Indoor
North Zone Board	Skating Skills (M)	Sport & Rec	Indoor
North Zone Board	Skating: Parent & Tot	Sport & Rec	Indoor
North Zone Board	Trimming the Tree Mixed Media Canvas	Sport & Rec	Indoor
Queen City Eastview Community Association	Winter Carnival	Event/Activity	Indoor
RCMP Heritage Centre	Family Day Programing	Event/Activity	Indoor
Regent Park	Kids winter carnival	Event/Activity	Indoor
Regina Downtown BID	The Rink at City Square	Event/Activity	Outdoor
Regina Downtown BID	Regina Restaurant Week	Event/Activity	Indoor
Regina Downtown BID	Christmas Season Kick Off	Event/Activity	Outdoor
Regina Exhibition Association	Iceville	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
Regina Exhibition Association	Drop in Hockey	Sport & Rec	Indoor
Regina Exhibition Association	Free Public Skating	Sport & Rec	Indoor
Regina Exhibition Association	Drop in Soccer	Sport & Rec	Indoor
Regina Exhibition Association	Drop in Figure Skating	Sport & Rec	Indoor
Regina North End Community Association	Outdoor winter dodgeball	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
Regina North End Community Association	Snowshoeing	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
Regina North End Community Association	Outdoor winter carnival	Event/Activity	Outdoor
Regina North End Community Association	Cross country ski	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
Rosemont/Mount Royal	Family Winter Fun skate - horse wagon ride	Event/Activity	Outdoor
Rosemont/Mount Royal	Indigenous Story Telling Celebration (February Annually)	Event/Activity	Indoor
Royal Sask Museum	Story Telling	Event/Activity	Indoor

Appendix F – Existing Winter Resources

Community Partner	Activity/ Event/ Initiative/ Program Name	Categorization	Indoor/ Outdoor
Uplands Community Association	Curling League	Sport & Rec	Indoor
Uplands Community Association	Curling Shortie Spiel	Sport & Rec	Indoor
Uplands Community Association	Easter Party	Event/Activity	Indoor
Wascana Centre	Skating Rink	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
Wascana Centre	Cross-country Ski Trails	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
Wascana Centre	Walking/Running Trails	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
Wascana Centre	Snoga – Outdoor Yoga	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
Wascana Centre	Cross-Country Ski Weekend	Event/Activity	Outdoor
Wascana Centre	Outdoor Movies	Event/Activity	Outdoor
Wascana Centre	Fat Bike Demos	Event/Activity	Outdoor
Wascana Centre	Themed Skate Nights	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
Wascana Centre	Pumpkin Way	Event/Activity	Outdoor
West Zone Board	Learn to Play Hockey	Sport & Rec	Indoor
West Zone Board	Learn to Skate	Sport & Rec	Indoor
West Zone Board	Power Skating Level 1 – 1½	Sport & Rec	Indoor
West Zone Board	Power Skating Level 2	Sport & Rec	Indoor
West Zone Board	Power Skating Level 3	Sport & Rec	Indoor
Whitmore Park Community Association	Community Skate	Sport & Rec	Outdoor
Whitmore Park Community Association	Indoor skating @ Balfour arena	Sport & Rec	Indoor