

2013 Annual Report Highlights



The Annual Report provides a summary of the numerous achievements throughout the year. In 2013, those included the approval of our new Official Community Plan, the creation of a Comprehensive Housing Strategy and another year of tremendous building activity. This year also featured a vote by residents to proceed with a public private partnership for a new sewage treatment plant, and progress on the Regina Revitalization Initiative, including the building of a new community stadium. We also showed the country our prowess in hosting a number of events. A snapshot of these achievements are highlighted below:

Regina Revitalization Initiative (RRI)

The RRI is the largest redevelopment project in our city's history and will bring neighbourhoods, facilities and people together in ways never before possible. It will create new opportunities for business and investment, and it will bring new life to our city's core with walkable connections between the sites and convenient links to major thoroughfares from Evraz Place.

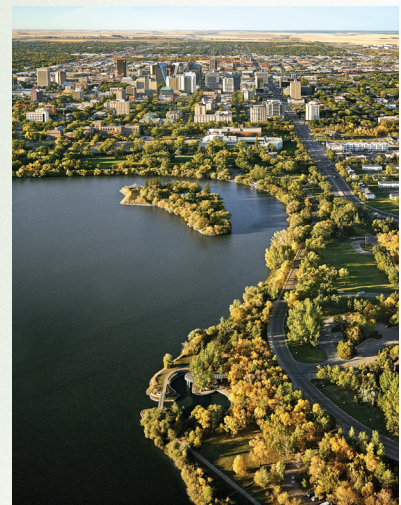
In 2013, the Regina Revitalization Initiative (RRI) focused on the Stadium Project; specifically, procuring the design, construction and interim financing for the replacement of Mosaic Stadium through a Public Private Partnership (P3) procurement process. This included working with our project partners and a team of experts to define the project outcome specifications and implement the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and a Request for Proposal (RFP) processes. In addition, the project team moved forward with demolition and utility relocation work required to prepare the site at Evraz Place for the replacement for Mosaic Stadium.



Design Regina, the City's new Official Community Plan

Design Regina contains a comprehensive policy framework that will guide the physical, environmental, economic, social and cultural development of the city, generating the new Official Community Plan. As such, it plays a key role in setting the long-term direction for Regina and is essential to managing future growth, development and change in the community. The new Official Community Plan has formed the basis of the City's strategic and business planning for the next four years, building the foundation for long-term implementation.

In 2013, Regina City Council approved a new Official Community Plan (OCP) for the city. This plan will guide the growth of Regina over the next 25 years in accordance with the priorities of Regina citizens such as economic prosperity and long-term financial viability.



Regina demonstrated its prowess at hosting a number of fantastic events in and around our community throughout 2013.

101st Grey Cup Festival

In November, Regina successfully hosted the week-long Grey Cup Festival in a variety of locations throughout the community. These events all led up to the finale – the biggest party in Canada – the 101st Grey Cup Championship game. This record-breaking event attracted 45,000 fans to Mosaic Stadium to witness the Saskatchewan Roughriders seal their fourth Grey Cup victory. It was a game that won't soon be forgotten.



Juno Awards

Canada's premier music awards show was hosted in Regina in April. During the week leading up to the awards, many events were held at a variety of venues throughout Regina and Moose Jaw. The final event was the Juno Awards, held at Regina's Brandt Centre which was transformed into a star-studded, glamorous facility. All the events surrounding the Juno Awards provided a terrific opportunity to show off our great community.

Paul McCartney Concert

Mosaic Stadium welcomed rock and roll royalty, Sir Paul McCartney, in August. Nearly 45,000 spectators witnessed a spectacular performance.

Road Renewal

In 2013, the City of Regina invested a record \$18.1 million to renew and maintain our major roadways, streets and bridges. Last year we produced 85,000 tonnes of asphalt and used 4,200 cubic metres of concrete to repair or replace sidewalks, curbs and gutters. In addition to the roadwork projects, the City fixes approximately one million potholes every year.

Regional Planning Summit

The City held a Regional Planning Summit to strengthen the commitment of communities to work together through a shared understanding of the need and importance of regional planning. Stakeholders engaged in productive discussions based on best practices, innovation, information sharing and interaction for the purpose of contributing to economic growth and development in southern Saskatchewan.

Managing Growth

The City and RM of Sherwood signed a Memorandum of Understanding and established three committees to collaborate managing growth in the region: Governance Committee, Administrative and Technical Committee, and Regional Development Committee. The RM and the City have a shared interest in working cooperatively for the benefit of both municipalities, the region and the province. Other regional work included joint resolutions of the City and RM Councils to alter the City boundary, hosting a Regional Planning Summit, and participation on committees with regional partners.

Housing Summit

The successful two-day housing summit, held in May of 2013, resulted in the creation of the Mayor's Housing Commission. The Mayor's Housing Commission is a permanent committee that guides the City's affordable housing initiatives and implementation of the Comprehensive Housing Strategy.

A Comprehensive Housing Strategy was completed in 2013 with implementation continuing into 2014. The Strategy includes a complete revision of housing incentives to better aim City resources at housing needs.

Waste Plan Regina, Blue Cart Recycling

Residential recycling was rolled out on July 1, 2013 and provides collection to 61,400 single-family homes on a bi-weekly basis by individual roll out carts. By December 31, 2013, the Blue Cart Recycling program achieved a set out rate of 75 per cent, and 6,000 tonnes of recyclable material was collected.

Blue Cart Recycling is a symbol of our commitment to building a cleaner, greener and more sustainable city. By working together, our community can recycle over 40 per cent of our household waste and divert 28,000 tonnes from our landfill each year.

Sewage Treatment Plant

The City is making a significant investment in the sewage treatment plant to meet new regulatory requirements, protect public health and our environment, address concerns of downstream residents and businesses, and meet the needs of our growing population now and for the future.

Construction will occur between 2014 and spring 2017, with a bulk of the work being done in 2015 and 2016.

Transit

Regina Transit implemented a new routing system in 2013 which introduced transit service to newer areas, and two new express routes to help residents travel across the city quickly. These new services were completed without an increase to the budget, and resulted in an increase of Transit's ridership by five per cent by year end.

During the launch of the new routes in September, Transit ran a promotion called "Free Transit Fridays" which saw an average increase of 42 per cent. This promotion introduced customers to the new routes and offered an opportunity for customers to try the routes risk free by not having to pay. The ridership increase carried over to October with a 12 per cent increase in ridership.

