

Ward 8 Report

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Councillor - Ward 8

WINTER 2021

Season's Greetings Ward 8 Residents!

It's been just over a year that I've had the pleasure of serving as your City Councillor and I'm very appreciative of this opportunity to serve the community. It's been a busy year. Some of my highlights have been:

- My motion to support the worldwide Race to Zero climate campaign passed.
- I secured a donation of 250 trees that we planted at Boreal Island in A.E. Wilson Park.
- I co-organized a Drag Show that local 'celebrities' participated in to raise money and awareness of Lulu's Lodge, a shelter for LGBTQ2S+ youth facing homelessness. We raised \$69,000.
- I participated in a fundraiser for an outdoor education gazebo for Walker School. In the one-day event, I raised \$1,350 and the total donated was over \$15,000. You can still donate by transferring walker1scc@gmail.com.
- I moved a successful amendment to create a water utility rebate program and a high-efficiency retrofit program for low-income seniors. (An amendment was then added to include disabled low-income individuals as well, which I was happy to support.)
- I have submitted a food security notice of motion. To read it, visit: [Regina.ca/foodsecuritymotion](https://regina.ca/foodsecuritymotion).

I look forward to continue working with Council towards a city that is environmentally sustainable, vibrant and inclusive for everyone. This newsletter includes some general updates, information about City projects completed in the ward this year and some upcoming work that Council has planned for 2022.

I hope you have an enjoyable holiday season with your family and that by taking the recommended precautions in the fight against COVID-19, you and your loved ones will stay healthy.



Shanon and her husband, John, with kids, Ivan (left) & Wylie (right) and their dog, Penny, at Aberdeen Park.

To a healthier and happier 2022 for everyone!

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Questions

Got a City-related problem? Start with Service Regina: 306-777-7000 or [Regina.ca/servicerequest](https://regina.ca/servicerequest) (I will get a copy of the service request if you send it by visiting [Regina.ca/ward8](https://regina.ca/ward8)).

Didn't like the results?

Drop me a line: 306-552-5932 or szachidn@regina.ca.

Ward 8 Construction

City Investing in Roads and Active Transportation

The 2021 construction season came to an end with \$112.6 million invested in transportation, water/wastewater and drainage projects across our community. Investing in infrastructure, especially improvements to roads and traffic flow, is a priority and important for residents who see their property tax dollars hard at work enhancing our quality of life every day.

For example, in Ward 8, there were 17 surface treatment projects through the Residential Road Renewal program. By repaving the asphalt, this type of treatment helps extend the life of roads in good condition which helps slow deterioration. Find a complete construction list on [Regina.ca/roads](https://regina.ca/roads).



Asphalt paving



In 2023, following completion of the advisory bike lane pilot project, the Crosstown Bike Route will continue to Regina's Downtown.

New cycling infrastructure was installed along 13th Avenue, completing phase one of the new east-west Crosstown Bike Route. These bike lanes and multi-use pathways help promote more active communities and safer, connected pathways within Ward 8. To see this new bike route visit [Regina.ca/cycling](https://regina.ca/cycling) and look for the Crosstown Bike Route on the left-hand navigation or 'People Also Visited' button at the bottom of that page.

Impacts from construction can be frustrating. I thank residents for being patient and remembering to use caution.

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Stay informed about Ward 8 issues by signing up for my e-newsletter. Go to [Regina.ca](https://regina.ca), search my name and click on the 'Sign up for the Ward 8 E-Newsletter' button. Then look for an email from me in your inbox to find out what's happening in Ward 8! It's a quick way to get updates on various issues that affect you.

Community Safety & Well-Being Plan

This plan has now been completed and was initially discussed at a Special City Council Meeting on November 25. It has been tabled for further discussion and a final decision on December 8. To create the plan, the City partnered with the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention.

Increasing community safety and well-being for people living in Regina requires a collective approach to issues such as poverty and inequality as well as services for those struggling with mental illness, substance use challenges, and homelessness.

The project included several public consultation activities with a broad range of stakeholder groups, including a survey and focus groups. For further information on the plan, go to [beheard.regina.ca](https://www.regina.ca/beheard).

2022 Budget Update

The Proposed 2022 Budget was released in November. It includes funding for a number of Council priorities including community safety and well-being, Regina's goal to be renewable and several important infrastructure improvements. Residents can visit [Regina.ca/budget](https://www.regina.ca/budget) to learn more about the budget process and view the Proposed Budget and the major capital investments that will be made in 2022.

Council is scheduled to review and finalize the budget from December 15-17. If you would like to send YOUR feedback you can email me at szachidn@regina.ca

The City released its proposed 2022 Budget – Building a Safe, Sustainable Community – which includes investments to make Regina safer, more accessible and sustainable.

A Bit of Lowdown on Winter

- Winter storms mean heavy snowfall, extreme winds and major drifting. For information on the City's new Winter Maintenance Policy go to [Regina.ca/winter](https://www.regina.ca/winter)
- To see the order of roads that get cleared go to the road category map on [Regina.ca/winter](https://www.regina.ca/winter)
- It's important for all residents to keep their sidewalks shoveled. Regina's new Sidewalk Snow Clearing bylaw comes into effect January 1, 2022. The City will be sharing more information about the new bylaw throughout December.
- Drivers are asked to slow down and be safe. Use caution when travelling on roads and stay 3.5 car lengths behind snow equipment.

In an average winter, the City applies 16,000 tonnes of various sand/salt mixes to help reduce slippery sections on Regina roads.

Upcoming Major Initiatives

To stay informed and engaged about major City projects, you are encouraged to join the City's online Be Heard community, which allows you to follow timelines and respond to surveys & polls on upcoming initiatives. Visit beheard.regina.ca to sign up for Be Heard Regina.

Transit Master Plan

Master Plans fall just underneath the Official Community Plan regarding importance in setting City policy. The City of Regina is working on a plan for the future of our public transit system. The Regina Transit Master Plan will identify actions to guide short and long-term decision making for Regina Transit and Paratransit to implement over the next 25 years.

We want to make sure transit is convenient, sustainable, and accessible for residents across the city. From how you use transit to what we can improve, we're looking at all aspects of transit.

In 2021, nearly 1,800 residents shared thoughts on the future of Regina Transit to help inform plan. Thank you to all who provided feedback, asked questions and shared ideas. The Regina Transit Master Plan will be presented to City Council early in 2022.

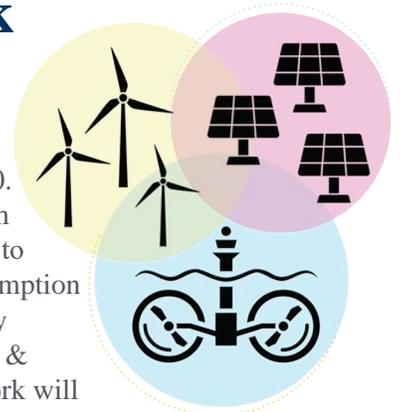
For more information about the plan and its progress, visit beheard.regina.ca/regina-transit-master-plan.



Energy & Sustainability Framework

The City's goal is to achieve net zero carbon emissions and source net zero energy by 2050.

In May, the project team finished collecting data to create the energy consumption and emissions inventory for Regina. The Energy & Sustainability Framework will outline guiding principles, community and municipal-wide action plans, and timelines and targets, focusing on the community's economic, social and environmental health.



Community engagement is an important part of developing the Framework. The City created a Community Advisory Group, which I co-chaired. It was made up of local reps from non-profit organizations, business, industry and community groups and provided input on the guiding policy principles of the framework as well as feedback on analysis, alternatives and proposed actions. This framework is scheduled to be done end of 2021 and discussed by Council in early 2022. For more information visit beheard.regina.ca/energy-sustainability-framework.