

Ward 1 Report

Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk



CITY OF REGINA

Councillor - Ward 1

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Dear Ward 1 Residents:

On November 13, there will be Municipal and School Board elections, shortly after a provincial election in mid-October.

Ward boundaries in Regina are changing (see page 3) and Ward 1 will no longer include Lakeview, Normandy Heights and River Heights. Ward 1 will expand to include Boothill and part of the downtown residential area. Polling stations will change as well, so please watch for information in the fall about where to vote.

Voter turnout for the Regina municipal election in November 2020 was only 21.26 per cent. Municipal government is the level of government that has the greatest impact on your everyday lives--from roads and sidewalks, parks, water and sewer service, recreation and quality of life. Never doubt that your vote matters. Make a point of getting to know the candidates, their platforms and ask questions on the municipal issues that matter to you.

This newsletter is the last one I will mail to residents before the election. My last two newsletters were electronic newsletters and if you'd like to read them, they can be found on Regina.ca under Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk, Ward 1. You can sign up for the e-newsletter to have it delivered into your inbox!

As summer approaches, I hope everyone can enjoy the outdoors in our wonderful parks, the new Wascana Pool, your backyard or at the many summer festivals and fairs. Additionally, there are

many great indoor activities to enjoy in Ward 1: at the Science Centre, the Royal Saskatchewan Museum or the MacKenzie Art Gallery.



Celebration of Chinese New Year at City Hall on February 15.

Whether or not I run for re-election, or am unsuccessful, I want you all to know it has been my honour and privilege to serve Ward 1 residents on City Council.

Regards,

Cheryl

The City of Regina is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the original lands of the Cree, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota and the homeland of the Metis.



The Black-capped Chickadee soared above its competition in Regina's Bird Friendly City contest.

Good New Stories!

Black-capped Chickadee is our Official Bird!

On January 5, we revealed that the Black-capped Chickadee is our official bird. Over 21,000 Regina residents voted for a shortlist of six birds and the chickadee soared ahead. I was rooting for the Red-breasted Nuthatch, a feisty and clever bird that came in second place!

In February, Council passed my motion to support our status as a Bird-Friendly City and to declare the second Saturday in May as World Bird Migratory Day.

Funding for New Aquatic Facility and Geothermal Approved

On March 7, 2024, the City of Regina, along with the governments of Saskatchewan and Canada, announced \$128 million in infrastructure funding for a new Aquatics Centre and geothermal heating facility. For more information, go to [Regina.ca/indooraquatics](https://regina.ca/indooraquatics)

Federal Government Approves \$35 Million for Housing Accelerator Fund

On February 9, 2024, federal Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, Sean Fraser, was in Regina to announce \$35 million for the City of Regina to fast track an increase in housing options and applications. As part of the funding, the City has proposed 11 initiatives to improve housing development options and increase the number of housing development approvals by 1,000 above what would normally be approved in three years. Go to [Regina.ca/housingoptions](https://regina.ca/housingoptions) for more information.

New Electric Buses Coming

Regina Transit is greening up its fleet with 20 electric buses over the next two years. Seven will arrive in early 2025 and the remaining 13 will be here by the end of that year. The new 40-foot battery electric buses are the first ever in the City's fleet and will replace Transit's diesel-powered buses when they come to the end of their useful life. Reducing emissions supports the City's goal of becoming a 100 per cent renewable city by 2050. The total project cost is \$52.2 million with the federal government covering 50 per cent of the infrastructure and bus costs.

New Transit Fare System

Transit customers will have a new way to pay for rides this fall. Already implemented in other major cities, the new fare system is flexible, easy to use and includes using a mobile payment app, reloadable smart card or cash. A second phase will allow credit and debit cards. The new and old systems will run side by side for at least one month to allow everyone to adjust. The City has chosen this new system because the current one is outdated and no longer supported.

New Transit Fares

The City is lowering youth monthly passes to align with other Canadian transit systems. The City is also introducing a fare capping system that will save transit riders money. The new system will only charge customers for what they use. If customers don't ride enough in a month to make up the cost of a full pass, they will only be charged for what they use. Alternatively, frequent riders will get free rides once they use the bus more than three times a day or over 31 times in a month. The new fare system will also be used on Paratransit. Part of the Regina Transit Master Plan recommendations were to update the current fare system to include fare capping and reduce fare options for customers who purchase non-cash fares.

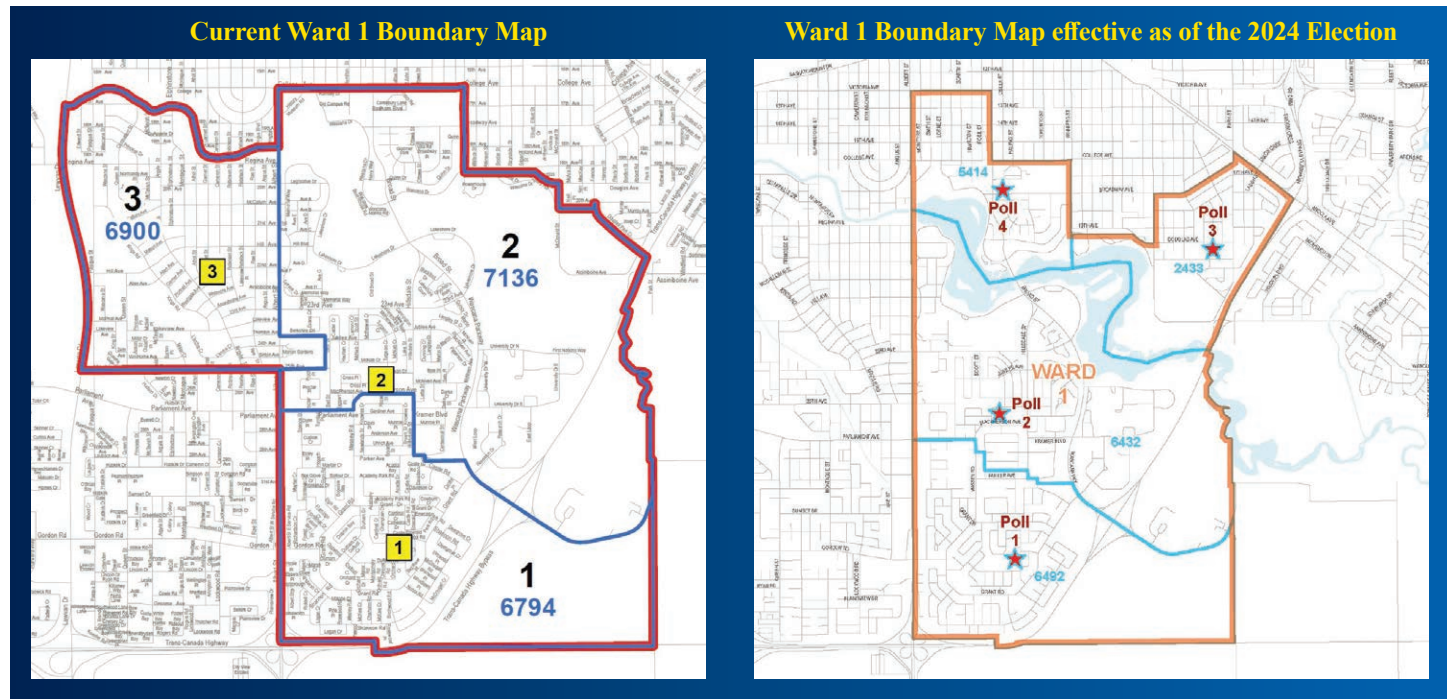
November 13 Municipal and School Board Election

Regina residents will head to the polls on **Wednesday, November 13** for the 2024 Municipal/School Board Election! Citizens will have an opportunity to shape our future by electing a Mayor, Councillor and School Board Trustee(s). Information on when, where and how to vote can be found at Regina.ca/elections.

Did you know? Free transit will be provided to voters heading to the polls on November 13!

New Ward Boundaries for November 13 Election

Did you know that population is distributed evenly amongst each of Regina's 10 city wards? That way every resident's vote has the same value as the next person to allow fair and equal representation from ward councillors. The map shows how boundaries have changed. Go to Regina.ca to see updated ward boundaries and find out if you are in a different ward. If you are, you may have to go to a different voting station in the fall.



I am at the One Book One Province event at Government House on March 21 with the author, Jennifer Wallace, who will be doing readings from her book across the province.



Me with Amnesty International members Wilma and David Wessel at the YWCA Women's March on March 10.

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More than 103,000 visitors enjoyed the new Wascana outdoor pool during its 2023 summer opening season. The average attendance was 1,000 visitors per day.



Me with Deputy Chief Lorilee Davies and community activist Muna DeCiman at the Meet and Greet new Police Chief Farooq Sheikh.



What's Coming up at Council

Here are some of the reports and topics that will be coming to City Council this year:

- **Housing Accelerator Fund:** Phases 2 and 3 – changes to Zoning Bylaws and options for more affordable housing
- **New Parks Master Plan:** this will outline the City's commitment to maintaining our city parks and green space
- **Indigenous Framework and update on Indigenous Procurement Policy**
- **Options for Regina Exhibition Association Ltd (REAL)**

Important Dates

- **May 11:** World Migratory Bird Day (fun activities in Wascana Park)
- **June 7-16:** Queen City Pride Festival (parade is June 15)
- **June 13-17:** Jazz Fest
- **June 15:** Bazaar (outside MacKenzie Art Gallery)
- **June 18-20:** Canada's Farm Show
- **June 21:** National Indigenous Peoples Day
- **July 1:** Canada Day Festival
- **July 10-14:** Regina International Fringe Festival
- **July 31-August 4:** Queen City Ex
- **August 17:** I Love Regina Day and I Love Regina Day Walk & Run
- **August 30-31:** Dragon Boat Festival
- **Fall:** Our first seven electric buses arrive!
- **November 13:** Municipal and School Board Election

Questions? Have a city-related problem?

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