



# SASKATOON NORTH PARTNERSHIP FOR GROWTH (P4G)

## 2020 Annual Report



## SASKATOON NORTH PARTNERSHIP FOR GROWTH REGIONAL VISION

*Our vision for the future is a vibrant, prosperous, and internationally competitive region.*

*We are known for a high quality of life; a thriving and diverse economy; healthy and connected ecosystems; and efficient infrastructure supporting sustainable growth and development.*

*The five municipalities of the Region - Osler, Martensville, Warman, Saskatoon, and the RM of Corman Park – provide a rich range of opportunities and lifestyle choices for residents*

*and newcomers. The aesthetic beauty and ecological values of the South Saskatchewan River and prairie landscapes are key components to our quality of life. We work in partnership on issues of common interest through integrated, coordinated efforts that support our success while respecting the individual aspirations of all partners.*

Adopted by the Regional Oversight Committee on April 30, 2015

## ABOUT THE SASKATOON NORTH PARTNERSHIP FOR GROWTH (P4G)

The Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth (P4G) is a collaborative including political and administrative representation from partnering municipalities. The partnering municipalities are the Cities of Warman, Martensville and Saskatoon, the Rural Municipality of Corman Park and the Town of Osler.

The P4G was formed to bring a collaborative and coordinated approach to intermunicipal matters related to the growth of the region including land use, population, transportation, utilities, services and finances. The first tangible step in this direction was the endorsement of the P4G Regional Plan by the partner municipalities in 2017. The Regional Plan was a framework for coordinating urban and rural growth as the population of the region increases to one million people.

To formalize and implement this new framework, the partners are now working toward establishing a new P4G Planning District, which is expected to replace the current Corman Park – Saskatoon Planning District in 2021.

For information about the P4G, please visit: [www.partnershipforgrowth.ca](http://www.partnershipforgrowth.ca)

## P4G Membership

P4G membership is comprised of two committees: P4G Regional Oversight Committee and P4G Planning & Administration Committee.

### *The Regional Oversight Committee (ROC)*

The ROC provides direction on matters of regional importance, particularly those involving a financial commitment and for setting priorities for the P4G. The ROC consists of political representatives and senior management from each P4G member municipalities. Starting in November 2019 the ROC Chair began rotating from among members of the committee.

Voting members of the ROC consist of three (3) Council members from each of the participating municipalities, one of which is Reeve or Mayor. The ROC operates as a simple majority with each participating municipality receiving one vote. In November 2020 a municipal election resulted in changes to the membership.

Reeve Judy Harwood, Corman Park  
Councillor Bas Froese-Kooijenga, Corman Park  
Councillor Art Pruijm, Corman Park  
Mayor Kent Muench, Martensville  
Councillor Bob Blackwell, Martensville  
Councillor Debbie McGuire, Martensville  
Councillor Mike Cox, Martensville (Nov-Dec 2020)  
Councillor Spencer Nikkel, Martensville (Nov-Dec 2020)  
Mayor Abe Quiring, Osler (Jan-Oct 2020)  
Mayor Charlotte Goertzen (Nov-Dec 2020)  
Councillor Susan Braun, Osler  
Councillor Adam Humenuik, Osler

Mayor Charlie Clark, Saskatoon  
Councillor Randy Donauer, Saskatoon  
Councillor Zach Jeffries, Saskatoon  
Mayor Sheryl Spence, Warman (Jan-Oct 2020)  
Mayor Gary Philipchuk, Warman (Nov-Dec 2020)  
Councillor Kendall Shram, Warman (Jan-Oct 2020)  
Councillor Gary Philipchuk, Warman (Jan-Oct 2020)  
Councillor Richard Beck, Warman (Jan-Oct 2020)  
Councillor Doug Ramage, Warman (Nov-Dec 2020)

### *The Planning and Administration Committee (PAC)*

With its focus on the growth and promotion of strong regional planning, the PAC is comprised of administration representatives from each of the participating municipalities. Throughout 2020 the following administrative staff contributed to the P4G:

Laura Hartney (Saskatoon)	Rebecca Row (Corman Park)
Sarah King (Saskatoon)	Brad Toth (Warman)
Lesley Anderson (Saskatoon)	Bonnie Gorelitz (Martensville)
Lynne Lacroix (Saskatoon)	Matt Gruza (Martensville)
Galen Heinrichs (Saskatoon)	Sheila Crawford (Osler)
Dana Kripki (Saskatoon)	Lorie Foster (Osler)
Tyson McShane (Saskatoon)	Neal Sarnecki, P4G Director (Chair)
Jodi Manastyrski (P4G Solicitor)	

## **2020 ACHIEVEMENTS**

Despite the challenges of Covid-19, the P4G achieved a significant milestone in 2020 towards establishing the P4G Planning District – approval of the P4G District Official Community Plan and P4G Planning District Agreement. The approval of the Plan and Agreement by the P4G member councils represent two of the three key components required to establish the P4G Planning District. The last component is the P4G District Zoning Bylaw. The drafting of the Bylaw by PAC is nearing completion and is expected to be approved in 2021. The 2020 achievements are summarized below.

### ***P4G District Official Community Plan and P4G Planning District Agreement***

On September 24, 2020, following a joint councils public hearing, each of the partner councils voted on municipal bylaws to adopt the P4G District Official Community Plan (DOCP). All 5 councils unanimously approved the P4G DOCP. At the same meeting, all 5 councils unanimously approved the P4G Planning District Agreement.

### ***P4G District Official Community Plan Public Consultation***

The finalization of the DOCP was supported by a successful online public engagement event from June 25 – July 10, 2020 that attracted over 2200 unique visitors to the [partnershipforgrowth.ca](http://partnershipforgrowth.ca) website and almost 50 responses from the public and stakeholders for consideration in the final drafting of the Plan.

## **2020 ACHIEVEMENTS CONT.**

### ***P4G District Zoning Bylaw***

Work continued throughout 2020 on the Draft P4G District Zoning Bylaw (DZB). A first official draft of the DZB was shared with member municipalities in February. Following review and revisions a second draft was distributed in June. The final draft is currently undergoing final review and revisions by PAC and is expected to be completed early in 2021.

### ***P4G District Zoning Bylaw Public Consultation***

As the pandemic eased over the summer, the P4G hosted an in-person public information session for the draft DZB on September 9, 2020 in Martensville. The session was complemented by an online consultation program from September 9-23, 2020 for those unable to attend in person. The engagement resulted in 45 people attending the in-person session, 375 visitors to the P4G website, and the submission of 8 questionnaires and comment forms. The public information session was a vital step in the final drafting of the bylaw.

### ***Green Network Study Area Phase 1 - Natural Area Screening***

The review and refinement of the Green Network Study Area (GNSA) in the northern portion of the District continued to progress in 2020. The Phase 1 Drainage Study was completed in 2019, and the Natural Area Screening Report was completed in the spring. The final step is the review of the study and report by PAC and the development of recommendations for refinement of the boundaries of the GNSA in Phase 1. This is expected to be completed in 2021.

### ***North Concept Plan***

The North Concept Plan will provide land use and servicing details for a key growth area of the P4G region located north of Saskatoon and south of Warman and Martensville. Two public engagement sessions (February Open House and August Online Consultation) were held for the North Concept Plan during 2020. Servicing engineering work has been completed and a conceptual land use plan drafted. The land use plan is currently undergoing transportation planning and modeling. A draft report was near completion at the end of 2020. It is expected to be reviewed and approved by ROC in 2021 followed by a DOCP amendment to formally adopt the Plan.

### ***Planning Applications***

In the spring of 2020, the Regional Oversight Committee endorsed two amendments to the P4G Regional Plan Land Use map in support of municipal planning applications, including the Martensville West Sector Plan and a Corman Park application to refine the GNSA in support of a country residential subdivision east of Saskatoon. Both amendments subsequently received the support of all member municipal councils and were incorporated into the approved DOCP Land Use Map.

### ***Targeted Sector Support Initiative Funding Program***

Early in 2020 the P4G applied for grant funding under the provincial Targeted Sector Support Initiative. Applications were submitted for four projects and two were subsequently approved. The DOCP and DZB public engagements received \$15,000 and funding of \$7500 was provided for the P4G to develop a Strategic Plan that was originally scheduled for 2020, however, was deferred to 2021 due to Covid-19.

## 2020 ACHIEVEMENTS CONT.

### *Regional Water Supply Transition Fee and Service Plan*

On June 27, 2018, SaskWater and P4G members came to agreement, in principle, for the basis of a P4G Regional Water Supply Transition Fee and Service Plan that would see the City of Saskatoon assume responsibility from SaskWater for providing potable water to the City of Martensville. Members of ROC met with the Honourable Bronwyn Eyre, Minister Responsible for SaskWater, in November 2019. The meeting resulted in support for a Regional Water Forum, to be held in 2020, to begin a dialogue with regional water users regarding changes to the water rate system resulting from the above. SaskWater and Saskatoon Water successfully held a virtual Regional Water Forum on November 26, 2020.

### *P4G Director*

The P4G Director was relocated from SREDA to Corman Park offices over the summer.

## 2021 INITIATIVES

The ROC will be focused on completing projects that are currently underway or proposed for 2021 that continue to support implementation of the Planning District including:

- District Zoning Bylaw completion and approval by ROC and Corman Park Council
- Submission of the Planning District Agreement, District Official Community Plan, and District Zoning Bylaw to the Province for approval and establishment of the P4G Planning District and P4G District Planning Commission (DPC)
- Setting up the P4G DPC
- North Concept Plan completion
- Green Network Study Area Phase 1 Refinement – North Quadrant
- Green Network Study Area Phase 2 Drainage Study – East Quadrant
- Regional Commercial and Industrial Market Study
- P4G Strategic Plan

Additionally, Corman Park and Saskatoon have partnered to undertake the South East Concept Plan, since the future growth area it encompasses only involves the two municipalities. However, formal adoption of the Plan, through an amendment of the DOCP, will require approval by all the municipal members of the P4G.

## REGIONAL PLAN PROJECT FINANCIALS

### CAPITAL AND OPERATIONAL FUNDING

Funding for 2020 work was endorsed by each of the partner municipalities as follows:

Municipality	Contribution to Capital*	Contribution to Operation	Total Contribution
Corman Park	0	\$30,943.50	\$30,943.50
Martensville	0	\$30,943.50	\$30,943.50
Osler	0	\$5,894.00	\$5,894.00
Saskatoon	0	\$48,625.50	\$48,625.50
Warman	0	\$30,943.50	\$30,943.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$147,350.00</b>	<b>\$147,350.00</b>

\*No capital projects were planned for 2020 as all resources were focused on completing the DOCP and DZB.

Any funds not expended in 2020 are carried forward to subsequent budget years.