



SASKATOON NORTH PARTNERSHIP FOR GROWTH (P4G)

2021 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 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 worked towards establishing a new P4G Planning District, which will replace the current Corman Park – Saskatoon Planning District.

For information about the P4G, please visit: 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 partner municipalities. Starting in November 2019 the ROC Chair began rotating from among members of the committee.

Voting members of the ROC consist of three Council members from each of the partner municipalities, one of which is Reeve or Mayor. The ROC operates as a simple majority with each partner municipality receiving one vote. In 2021 the members were:

Reeve Judy Harwood, Corman Park
Councillor Bas Froese-Kooijenga, Corman Park
Councillor Art Pruijm, Corman Park
Mayor Kent Muench, Martensville
Councillor Mike Cox, Martensville
Councillor Spencer Nikkel, Martensville
Mayor Abe Quiring, Osler
Councillor Susan Braun, Osler
Councillor Adam Humenuik, Osler
Mayor Charlie Clark, Saskatoon
Councillor Randy Donauer, Saskatoon
Councillor Zach Jeffries, Saskatoon
Mayor Gary Philipchuk, Warman
Councillor Richard Beck, Warman
Councillor Doug Ramage, Warman

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 2021 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 (Jan – July 2021)
Jodi Manastyrski (P4G Solicitor)	

2021 ACHIEVEMENTS

Despite the continued challenges of Covid-19, the P4G achieved a number of significant milestones mostly notably approval of the P4G District Zoning Bylaw and submittal of that document, along with the P4G District Official Community Plan (OCP) and P4G Planning District Agreement, to the province for approval of the P4G Planning District. That, and other 2021 P4G achievements are summarized below.

P4G District Zoning Bylaw Public Consultation

The finalization of the draft P4G District Zoning Bylaw was supported by a successful online public engagement event from April 15 - 27, 2021 that attracted 33 responses from the public and stakeholders for consideration in the final drafting of the P4G District Zoning Bylaw.

P4G District Zoning Bylaw

On August 16, 2021, following a public hearing, Corman Park Council voted on a municipal bylaw to adopt the P4G District Zoning Bylaw. The approval of the P4G District Zoning Bylaw represents the final of the three key components required to establish the P4G Planning District.

Submission of the Planning District Agreement, District Official Community Plan, and District Zoning Bylaw to the Province

On September 3, 2021, the P4G Planning District Agreement, P4G District OCP, and P4G District Zoning Bylaw were provided to the province for approval and establishment of the P4G Planning District. The three documents were approved by the province on December 10, 2021 with an establishment date of January 1, 2022. This means the new P4G Planning District is in effect and planning applications can be accepted for review and decision under the new P4G District OCP and P4G District Zoning Bylaw.

Establishment of the P4G District Planning Commission (DPC)

In order to be ready for a January 1, 2022 start date, the planning, recruitment and training of the new P4G DPC took place in 2021. Each P4G municipality is allowed two municipal representatives (minimum one elected official) and participated in the selection of the three joint members for a total DPC voting membership of 13. As per the P4G Planning District Agreement,

each affiliated municipality may appoint two alternate elected Council members who may attend the DPC when the permanent Council member is unable to attend.

Members will be appointed for three-year terms, commencing January 1 and concluding December 31. Non-Council members can only be re-appointed a maximum of three, three-year terms; notwithstanding the original appointments which are staggered. All P4G DPC member appointments have now taken place and include:

Corman Park

1. Reeve Judy Harwood
2. Councillor Froese-Kooijenga

Martensville

3. Mayor Kent Muench
4. Councillor Spencer Nickel

Osler

5. Mayor Abe Quiring
 6. Councillor Adam Humenuik
- Alternate – Councillor Susan Braun

Saskatoon

7. Councillor Randy Donauer
8. Councillor Bev Dubois

Warman

9. Mayor Gary Philipchuk
10. Councillor Richard Beck

Joint members:

11. John Mathison – 1 year term
12. Bruce Richet – 2 year term
13. Brad Sylvester – 3 year term

The first P4G DPC meeting will commence on February 2, 2022 to hear updates and provide recommendations on planning applications.

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. Following two public engagement sessions held in 2020, a draft report was provided to the municipalities in February 2021. Additional land use and servicing engineering work was necessary; a final draft plan was provided at the end of December 2021 for municipal review. The North Concept Plan is expected to be submitted to the partner municipal Councils as a proposed amendment to the P4G District OCP in spring 2022.

Green Network Study Area Phase 2 – Drainage Study

The review and refinement of the Green Network Study Area (GNSA) in the eastern portion of the P4G Planning District continued to progress in 2021 as the second of three regional Drainage Studies began. The report will describe the general hydraulic conditions of the Green Network system during a one hundred year return period storm event, and include Green Network flood depths, hazard classification, and flow rates. This work will enable the P4G partner municipalities to take a regional approach to managing stormwater, preserving key drainage paths and preventing flooding.

Corman Park, on behalf of the P4G, received federal funding through the National Disaster Mitigation Program for the project. The work is expected to be completed in 2022.

Planning Applications

In the spring of 2021, the ROC endorsed amendments to the P4G Regional Plan Land Use map prompted by a municipal planning application for the City of Saskatoon Fire Training Facility. The amendments subsequently received the support of all partner municipal Councils and were incorporated into the approved P4G District OCP Land Use Map.

Targeted Sector Support Initiative Funding Program

In 2020 the P4G received grant funding under the provincial Targeted Sector Support Initiative (TSSI) for two projects. The P4G District OCP and P4G District Zoning Bylaw public engagements received \$8,000. Funding of \$7500 was provided for the P4G to develop a Strategic Plan that was originally scheduled for 2020; however, it was deferred to 2022 to complete after establishment of the P4G Planning District has taken place.

SaskWater Agreement Update

Saskatoon Water supplies potable water to the P4G region, beyond the Saskatoon boundaries. SaskWater is a provincial crown corporation supplying water to communities throughout the entire province. Saskatoon Water produces the treated water; water distribution outside the Saskatoon boundaries is done by SaskWater and is governed by the Master Service Agreement between SaskWater and the City of Saskatoon.

The last agreement dates back to 1983 and the general terms of a new agreement were approved by Saskatoon City Council on October 25, 2021. Consistent with the Regional Servicing Strategy that is part of the P4G Regional Plan, changes are targeted to improve certainty for water supply throughout the region and to provide better predictability and accountability for water rates and fees. Specifically, three of the most significant features are a new reseller rate, replacement of supply quotas with a connection fee system, and a new planning/communication framework. Saskatoon City Council also approved the general terms of a Transition Agreement with SaskWater and the City of Martensville, which will enable the City of Martensville to receive water directly from the City of Saskatoon.

2022 INITIATIVES

The P4G will be focused on completing projects, some of which are currently underway, that continue to support implementation of regional planning efforts including:

- North Concept Plan implementation
- Green Network Study Area Phase 1 Refinement – North Sector
- Green Network Study Area Phase 2 Drainage Study – East Sector
- Regional Commercial and Industrial Market Study
- P4G Strategic Plan

Additionally, Corman Park and Saskatoon have partnered to undertake the South East Concept Plan; the study area encompasses future growth areas for the two municipalities, and the study will provide land use and servicing details. When the South East Concept Plan is completed in 2022, it will be submitted to the partner municipal Councils as a proposed amendment to the P4G District OCP.

REGIONAL PLAN PROJECT FINANCIALS

CAPITAL AND OPERATIONAL FUNDING

Funding for 2021 P4G work was endorsed by each of the partner municipal Councils as follows:

Municipality	Contribution to Capital	Contribution to Operation	Total Contribution
Corman Park	\$48,573.00	\$71,979.60	\$120,552.60
Martensville	\$48,573.00	\$71,979.60	\$120,552.60
Osler	\$9,252.00*	\$13,710.40	\$22,962.40
Saskatoon	\$76,329.00*	\$113,110.80	\$189,439.80
Warman	\$48,573.00*	\$71,979.60	\$120,552.60
TOTAL	\$231,300.00	\$342,760.00	\$574,060.00

*Warman, Saskatoon and Osler previously provided their contributions for the Regional Commercial and Industrial Market Study. Their contributions to capital were adjusted accordingly when invoiced.

Any funds not expended in 2021 are carried forward to subsequent budget years.