

# Backgrounder

## Urban Planning and Development



Urban Planning and Development provides an increasingly sustainable community and enhanced quality of life, as well as leadership in planning for future growth that is in line with the City's Growth Plan to Half a Million. This business line facilitates greenfield and infill development, sustains existing neighbourhoods, and supports economic development through collaboration with local and regional community and business organizations.

### Strategic Outcomes for 2017

- Growth and development to ensure Saskatoon remains a healthy and sustainable community; balancing the environmental social and economic needs of the community and region
- Develop and implement local area, concept and sector plans
- Land use planning supports a diverse economy and vibrant community, protecting Saskatoon's heritage and enhancing its natural and built environment
- Reduce homelessness and ensure diverse housing options that create equitable and inclusive neighbourhoods
- Protect the public health, safety and property rights of citizens through timely, consistent and effective enforcement of bylaws
- Identify efficiencies in Planning and Building application review programs

### Operating Budget Overview

- 2017 total expenditure budget of \$14.4 million
- Funding sources: 40% property tax, 60% user fees (building and plumbing permits, business licenses, fees for planning and mapping)
- Expenditures of \$14.4 million spread amongst 11 service lines with the largest ones being building and plumbing permits and business licenses, which make up 47% and 7% of the total respectively. Attainable Housing is 3%, Urban design is 17% and compliance, review and other services make up the remaining 26%

### Summary of Operating Changes

The 2017 budget proposes an increase of \$14.4 million over the 2016 expenditure level. The increase is made up of:

- \$56,000 in inflationary pressures for operating expenditures
- \$81,000 to address the increased volume and complexity of complaints related to the Zoning Bylaw and Property Maintenance and Nuisance Bylaw

### Funded Capital Budget

The Urban Planning and Development 2017 Capital Budget includes \$14.4 million of funded capital projects. Notable projects include Growth Plan engagement and implementation, the Idylwyld Drive streetscape project and the renewal of aging streetscape amenities (paving stones, benches, tree grates).