

# CITY OF SASKATOON COUNCIL POLICY

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<b>POLICY TITLE</b> <i>Street Design Policy</i>	<b>ADOPTED BY:</b> <i>City Council</i>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b> <i>December 17, 2018</i>
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## 1. PURPOSE

- a) To plan and design existing and retrofit streets to effectively support the movement of people of all ages and levels of mobility by providing appropriate and accessible facilities that support pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, as well as motor vehicles; and integrating the street environment with existing and future land uses.
- b) To improve safety and accessibility for all road users and provide guidance on how to incorporate Complete Streets concepts into the planning, design, construction of new streets, and reconstruction of existing streets.
- c) To integrate best practices of universal design throughout all elements of the right of way.
- d) To better accommodate pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and motorists in a more cohesive manner.
- e) To provide transportation options that promote a healthier, more active community by creating livable neighbourhoods that encourage people to travel by walking, cycling, and taking transit.
- f) To guide operations and maintenance of existing and new streets to support the movement of people of all ages, abilities, and levels of mobility along streets.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions are used:

- 2.1 Complete Street is a street that provides safe connection for users of all ages, abilities, and modes of travel; street design is centered on the present and future context of the street and corridor.

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2.2 Universal Design in this context, is the design and composition of a street so that it can be accessed, understood, and used to the greatest extent possible by all people regardless of their age, ability or disability, in the most independent and natural manner possible without the need for adaptation, modification, assistance, or specialized devices.

### 3. POLICY

The Transportation Division shall have the authority to review and approve the design of all public streets, including new and retrofit designs.

#### 3.1 General

- a) Design of new streets shall be reviewed through a Complete Streets lens, ensuring that they meet the principles outlined in the Complete Streets Design and Policy Guide;
- b) All retrofit design of existing streets shall be reviewed through a Complete Streets lens, ensuring that improvements to the existing transportation system are captured;
- c) Development along a street shall be integrated with the street and respect the character of the street and principles of the street design policy; and
- d) The principles of Complete Street design include:
  - i. Serve and support existing and planned land use and built form context;
  - ii. Encourage people to travel by walking, cycling, and transit;
  - iii. Provide transportation options for people of all ages and abilities through universal design;
  - iv. Enhance the safety and security of urban streets;
  - v. Create a network of streets that offer mobility options for all users;

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- vi. Provide opportunities for improved health and recreation to people in the community by providing active, safe streets; and
- vii. Create available, active, and attractive public space within the street corridor.

## 4. RESPONSIBILITIES

### 4.1 General Manager, Transportation and Construction Department

The General Manager, Transportation and Construction Department, or designate, will:

- a) Administer, review, and recommend updates to the policy.

### 4.2 General Manager, Community Services Department

The General Manager, Community Services Department, or designate, will:

- a) Confirm land use and built form context as they are proposed or changed to confirm cohesiveness with street design.

### 4.3 City Council

- a) Review and approve amendments to this policy.