



CITY OF REGINA

Office of the Mayor

May 22, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to confirm and support the City of Regina's commitment to becoming an age-friendly city and joining the Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

On April 29, 2021, Regina City Council endorsed the recommendation made by Age Friendly Regina for the City of Regina to become an age-friendly community. Since then, the City has developed a Regina Accessibility Plan, which includes an age-friendly lens. Approved by Council in April 2024, the Plan has been informed by extensive community engagement, with 38 percent of participants identifying as older adults, and aligns with several City policies and plans, including:

- Our Official Community Plan goal of ensuring that Regina is a socially inclusive community and working towards social equality regardless of age, ethnicity, religion, income, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or family structure.
- Our Strategic Priorities, which include creating a healthier and more inclusive community – a great place to work, live, and visit – by focusing on advancing accessibility, equity, and inclusion as we plan for growth.
- Our Community Safety & Well-being Plan, which has a foundational commitment to accessibility, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and aims to remove barriers to recreation and leisure for youth and seniors.
- Our Recreation Master Plan, which includes a focus on fitness and wellness programs for teens and seniors – recognizing that seniors, youth, and people with disabilities are underserved groups.
- Our Transit Master Plan, which has a goal of being accessible by adopting design principles for vehicles, bus stops, and other transit amenities that facilitate usage by the most sizable number of people, including persons with disabilities, older adults, newcomers, and parents with children.
- Our Adapted Recreation Plan's priorities of creating adapted programs for all ages and making existing programming more inclusive through staff training and adaptive equipment.
- Our 2SLGBTQIAP+ Report that recommends 2SLGBTQIAP+ older adults be represented on advisory committees and the development of a 2SLGBTQIAP+ grant funding stream that prioritizes facility upgrades to improve facilities for older adults and people with disabilities.



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- An Indigenous Framework, which is currently being developed, will be informed by extensive engagement with the Indigenous community, including youth and seniors.

The City of Regina remains unwavering in its dedication to fostering an environment where individuals of all ages can thrive. Through collaborative efforts and ongoing initiatives, we are committed to ensuring that Regina continues to evolve as an age-friendly city, where diversity is celebrated, and inclusivity is prioritized. Together, we will build a community that embraces the strengths and contributions of every resident for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Mayor Sandra Masters
City of Regina

Cc: Age Friendly Regina Steering Committee