SESSION B3

MUNICIPAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES IN REGINA AND SASKATOON? ARE THEY ATTRACTING INVESTMENT?
Meet the Panel

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Planning & Development Services’ mandate has been streamlined to focus on delivering an end-to-end planning and development process; from plan formulation at the neighbourhood plan and area plan level to the issuance of development permits, building permits and servicing agreements. Specifically we have:

Created two geographically based planning teams (East & West) that are responsible for fully integrated planning work; from the development of area and neighbourhood plans to the establishment of zoning and ultimately the review of development applications and development permits.

Shifted non-development related functions from the Development Engineering Branch to the Sustainability Infrastructure Department. The Branch will be responsible to support the plan formulation and development permit, building permit and servicing agreement processes.

Building Standards is unchanged with the focus being on continuous improvement in process and building capacity within the team.

The intent is to improve customer service, as well as more effective and efficient processes.
Question 1

What has changed in the last 24 months regarding policies or processes?
Question 2

Are there key sticking points in relationships and approval processes in either city?
Question 3

How are current processes working and how can they continue to improve?
Question 4

Development Permit Processes for each city and comments from the private sector on how to make this process more efficient from their point of view and can each of you comment on the "OPCP" program in Winnipeg?
Question 5

What would you say are some of the leading practices in dealing with sustaining growth and attracting investment?
Question 6

What do the public and private sectors need to understand about each other to improve community competitiveness?
How are Regina and Saskatoon viewed as cities with effective growth management and planning policies?
Currently in Regina, owners of functionally obsolete warehouses over 10,000 SF cannot convert them to offices. Do you think this should change?
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