



**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, March 18, 2024**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall**

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Adoption of Agenda.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Adoption of minutes of the regular Council meeting held March 4, 2024.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

The Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers represented by Corliss Schaan of the Ministry of Social Services, Community Living Service Delivery Branch, and Karla Remple of the Saskatchewan Health Authority working with the Police and Crisis Team, will attend to proclaim March 18 to March 23, 2024 as “Social Work Week”.

**DELEGATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC NOTICE MATTERS/ORDERS**

- 1 A Public Hearing will be held in connection with Council’s intention to consider a Bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 24 – 2014 by adding existing mobile homes as a permitted principal use in a UR – Urban Reserve District.

**ITEMS FOR ACTION**

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**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

**BYLAWS**

- Bill No. 5 – 2024 A bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 24 – 2014 by adding existing mobile homes as a permitted principal use in a UR – Urban Reserve District.  
**Notice given February 20, 2024.**
- 25 Bill No. 6 – 2024 A bylaw to amend Cemetery Bylaw No. 3 – 2017 to accommodate textual amendments and incorporate rates and fees as a schedule.  
**Notice given March 4, 2024.**  
***Will receive three readings – Councillor Friesen.***

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 28 Swift Current Ag & Ex Annual Meeting Agenda from February 28, 2024.
- 29 Prairie Pioneers Independent Housing Inc. Meeting Agenda from February 28, 2024.
- 30 Swift Current City Detachment Community Policing Report for February 2024.
- 31 Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards Meeting Agenda from March 4, 2024 and 2023 Annual Report.

**COMMUNICATIONS**



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**ITEMS REQUESTED TO BE DISCUSSED EN CAMERA**

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS/ENQUIRIES**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**Monday, April 1, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CITY OF SWIFT CURRENT**

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council for the City of Swift Current intends to consider a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 24 – 2014 by adding existing mobile homes as a permitted principal use in the Urban Reserve District.

Further information regarding this proposed amendment may be obtained from the Planning and Development Department at City Hall.

A Public Hearing will be held at the regular Council meeting on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the City Clerk's office to determine the procedure for making a presentation to either oppose or support the proposed amendments.

Written submissions respecting this proposed bylaw amendment will be received by the City Clerk's office on or before 12:00 noon Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Issued at Swift Current this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Jackie Schlamp  
City Clerk

March 7, 2024

TO: Council

FROM: Kari Cobler, General Manager of Corporate Services

RE: Accounts

Enclosed are the General Revenue Fund Disbursements for the period  
Feb 22 - Mar 6, 2024

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Regular Accounts	222,925.50	1,002,234.11
Payroll Benefits	398,484.78	1,874,149.55
School Payments (Holy Trinity RCSSD #22)	3,787.70	114,955.43
School Payments (Minister of Finance)	18,199.86	490,641.03
Sask Power - (Energy Purchase)	-	2,687,935.76
Sask Power	-	8,155.45
SaskEnergy	-	166,795.02
SaskTel	-	33,654.09
<b>General Contractors:</b>		
Aevitas Inc	-	20,901.12
B & A Petroleum	-	81,529.60
Chemtrade West Ltd	-	53,516.99
Chinook Regional Library	226,606.50	226,606.50
CloudPermit Inc	-	21,090.00
Delco Automation Inc	-	32,317.65
Eecol Electric Ltd	-	48,661.27
Flaman Sales	12,225.15	12,225.15
Flocor Inc	-	20,111.71
FP Teleset Francotyp	-	36,750.00
GFL Environmental Inc	-	164,030.36
Integrity Electrical Services	-	13,927.68
KK Golf Management Inc	-	12,313.80
Knudsen Excavating	-	47,126.63
Leeville Construction Ltd	-	49,365.47
Len's Plumbing & Heating	-	24,483.50
Paradise Pools	-	16,644.45
PTI Utility Supply Ltd	-	17,723.75
RCMP	903,139.00	903,139.00
Redhead Equipment Ltd	-	38,580.89
Riverside Electric Ltd	-	39,466.03
Rock Solid Trucking Ltd	19,462.43	72,146.96
Saskatchewan Abilities Council	-	113,430.89
Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency	-	35,175.00
SGI	-	65,167.68
Southern Star Trucking & Excavation Ltd	-	35,413.90
Southwest Cultural Development Group Inc	-	60,000.00

SUMA	-	21,439.01
Superior North America Inc	-	15,348.23
Tourism Swift Current	-	60,500.00
Triways Disposal Services	-	108,778.40
Uline Canada	-	13,644.93
United Paving (1983) Ltd	-	62,310.29
Valmont West Coast Engineering	-	90,057.45
Vertex Inc	-	11,820.39
Vigilant Consulting Services	-	71,832.86
Wastequip (Toter LLC)	-	55,783.52
Wheatland Machine Shop	-	51,209.98
Wiebe Contracting	-	26,181.03
Y & K Cleaning Ltd	-	20,448.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 1,804,830.92</u>	<u>\$ 9,249,720.93</u>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend that \$1,804,830.92 in disbursements be approved.

**REPORT PREPARED BY:**

Lisa Hagen, Accounts Payable Supervisor

SIGNATURE: 

APPROVAL: 

I concur with the recommendation

  
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 Jim Jones, CAO



# City of Swift Current

## C.A.O Report

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**Date:** February 12, 2024  
**To:** Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** General Manager of Infrastructure  
**Subject:** Active Transportation Pathway Extension – Pathway Paving Contract

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### **BACKGROUND**

In 2022, the City of Swift Current was successful in a grant application to the Federal Government within the Active Transportation Fund. The section of pathway applied for begins on the north side of the Trans-Canada Highway near Adams Street, crossing underneath the highway, continuing adjacent to Memory Gardens Cemetery, and connecting to the newly constructed pathway on the west side of Memorial Drive.

### **DISCUSSION**

The pathway will address a major gap in the mobility network within the Northeast area. The Trans-Canada Highway and Memorial Drive are constraints for pedestrians as they both create a barrier. Any pedestrians destined to facilities on either side of the highway are serviced by only two (2) formal pedestrian crossings: one (1) on Central Avenue North and the other newly constructed location on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.W. This connection will provide pedestrians an alternative location to safely cross to reach amenities on either side of the highway and will help to prevent dangerous jaywalking across Trans-Canada Highway.

The scope of work includes site preparation, approximately 1.0km of asphalt pathway, retaining walls underneath the highway bridges, lighting, fencing, tree planting and landscaping.

The Asphalt Pathway request for quotes (RFQ) was advertised on SaskTenders and the City's website. One (1) submission was received from Southwest Paving Ltd. at \$191,253.67 (5% contingency and PST included).

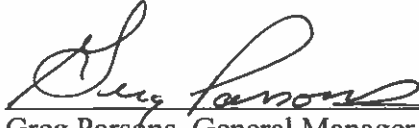
The budget for this project totals the sum of \$708,865, consisting of:

- Federal Government Contribution = \$329,319
- City of Swift Current Grant Contribution = \$219,546
- 2024 Capital Budget for unforeseen retaining wall requirement by Ministry of Highways and to complete Adams Street pathway tie-in = \$160,000

The Asphalt Pathway bid is within the 2024 Capital Budget for this portion of work.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT City Council awards the Active Transportation Pathway Extension – Pathway Paving Contract to Southwest Paving Ltd. of Swift Current, SK, based on unit pricing to a total upset fee of \$191,253.67 (5% contingency included. PST included, and GST excluded) and that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the said contract.



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Greg Parsons, General Manager of Infrastructure  
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**CAO Recommendation:**

*I concur with the recommendation.*



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Jim Jones, CAO



**Date:** March 6, 2024  
**To:** Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** General Manager of Infrastructure  
**Subject:** **Active Transportation Pathway Extension – Retaining Wall Contract**

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### **BACKGROUND**

The successful grant provided by the Federal Government through the Active Transportation Fund will provide a pathway to safely cross either side of Highway #4 and the Trans-Canada Highway within the northeast area of the City.

Due to the proximity of the pathway to the highway bridges, a geotechnical investigation and detailed design was a requirement from the Ministry of Highways (MoH). A few options were presented to MoH. Based on comments received from MoH, a retaining wall design including drainage treatments was submitted and approved.

### **DISCUSSION**

The scope of work for the retaining walls at each highway underpass includes:

- Supply and install blocks in accordance with design drawings, each being approximately 2.2m(7') in height and 33m(105') in length; and
- Supply and install drainage system consisting of catchbasins and outlet pipes at each abutment.

The Retaining Wall request for quotes (RFQ) was advertised on SaskTenders and the City's website. Three (3) contractors submitted bids, two (2) were over budget and therefore were not considered. LMO Landscaping Ltd. was within budget and has experience with similar jobs. Their bid price was \$248,866.40 (10% contingency included, PST included, and GST excluded). The 10% contingency cannot be claimed by the contractor but is held in reserve to cover unforeseen contract changes required throughout the project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT City Council awards the Active Transportation Pathway Extension – Retaining Wall Contract to LMO Landscaping Ltd. of Swift Current, SK, based on unit pricing to a total upset fee of the approved budget of \$248,866.40 (10% contingency included. PST included, and GST excluded) and that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the said contract.



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Greg Parsons, General Manager of Infrastructure  
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**CAO Recommendation:**

*I concur with the recommendation.*



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**Jim Jones, CAO**

**Date:** February 26, 2024  
**To:** Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** General Manager of Infrastructure  
**Subject:** **2024 Paving and Concrete Contract**

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### **BACKGROUND**

Every year the City initiates a rehabilitation program based on the condition of roadways and sidewalks to provide safety for vehicles and pedestrian users. Over the past 10 years, the average length of roadway rehabilitated has been 1.75km and the average length of sidewalk replaced has been 1.0km.

This year, alongside the City's asphalt rehabilitation program, a preventative maintenance pilot program is also being initiated. A micro-surfacing treatment and thin asphalt overlays will be applied to 2.3km of roadway in addition to the 900m of asphalt rehabilitation. The asset management strategy will maximize the life of a street and minimize long-term costs related to full road reconstruction. 600m of sidewalk is also scheduled for replacement within the Paving and Concrete program.

### **DISCUSSION**

The 2024 Paving and Concrete program is compiled from multiple budgets and set out as follows:

- Paved Street Rehabilitation
- Sidewalk and Curbing Rehabilitation
- Sidewalk Maintenance Operating Budget
- Downtown Streetscape Rehabilitation (*concrete and asphalt patch portion of project*)
- Gravel Road Maintenance (*Marston Street: Phase II*)
- Asphalt Preventative Maintenance (*Thin Asphalt Overlays*)

The 2024 Paving and Concrete Program request for proposals (RFP) was advertised on SaskTenders and the City website on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 and closed on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.


The RFP evaluation criteria was based on unit prices, proposed schedule, and experience. One submission from United Paving Ltd. of Swift Current was received and was over budget.

The City entered negotiations with United Paving Ltd. to reach an agreement within the allocated budget. Asphalt and concrete unit prices were also adjusted; however the reduction was not enough to meet budget and therefore a sidewalk project was removed. The revised bid of \$1,457,089.79 (5% contingency included, PST included, and GST excluded), is within the overall budget.

Estimated quantities were utilized for the purpose of comparing costs on a uniform basis. The actual quantities may change and will be paid at the unit prices accepted within the contract but will not exceed the budgeted amounts.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT City Council awards the 2024 Paving and Concrete Contract to United Paving Ltd. of Swift Current, SK, based on unit pricing to a total upset fee of the approved budget of \$1,457,089.79 (5% contingency included, PST included, and GST excluded) and that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the said contract.

  
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Greg Parsons, General Manager of Infrastructure  
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**CAO Recommendation:**

*I concur with the recommendation.*

  
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**Jim Jones, CAO**

**Date:** February 22, 2024  
**To:** Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** General Manager of Infrastructure  
**Subject:** **2024 Pavement Maintenance Contract**

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**BACKGROUND**

The City's streets require regular surface work to address failures. The recurring freeze-thaw cycle in winter and spring damages the pavement, resulting in pavement deficiencies and localized failures. Maintenance locations are identified from resident concerns and condition assessments. It is essential to prioritize these identified repairs to prevent further deterioration of the roads which would result in a full rehabilitation or rebuild of an entire roadway.

Over the past five (5) years, the City has averaged between \$350,000 and \$400,000 or approximately 12,000m<sup>2</sup> in asphalt maintenance per year. Asphalt maintenance is funded through:

1. Asphalt Maintenance Budget: \$200,000 for localized roadway failures;
2. Airport Annual Maintenance: \$15,000;
3. Utility Budgets: \$150,000 for water, sanitary, storm & power repairs; and
4. External Recoveries: \$50,000 gas & communication repairs.

**DISCUSSION**

On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, a request for proposals (RFP) was advertised on the SaskTenders and the City's website for the 2024 Asphalt Maintenance Program. The RFP evaluation criteria was based on unit prices, contractor availability throughout the season, and experience. The RFP closed on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

One local contractor submitted a proposal for the work. A small increase in unit prices, a positive working experience, and a flexible schedule with commitment to keeping an asphalt plant in Swift Current for the construction season deemed the bid as favorable.

The quantities in the Bid Form are estimates only, for the purpose of comparing bids on a uniform basis. The actual quantities may change and will be paid at the bid unit prices but will not exceed the budgeted amounts.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT City Council awards the 2024 Pavement Maintenance Contract to United Paving Ltd. of Swift Current, SK based on unit prices to a total upset fee of \$415,000 (including PST, excluding GST) and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the said contract.



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Greg Parsons, General Manager of Infrastructure  
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**CAO Recommendation:**

*I concur with the recommendation.*



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**Jim Jones, CAO**



# City of Swift Current

## C.A.O. Report

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**Date:** February 22, 2024  
**To:** Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** General Manager of Infrastructure  
**Subject:** **2024 Microsurfacing Program Contract**

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### **BACKGROUND**

During budget deliberations, discussions took place regarding the City's roadway maintenance system of grading and replacement program. As such a three (3) year preventative maintenance pilot project is being initiated. The goal of the program is to maintain the roadways that are marked as "fair" and "good" condition to prevent these roads from requiring a more expensive treatment in future years.

Microsurfacing is an asphalt treatment that will be utilized within this program. Microsurfacing is relatively new in Western Canada. It is a mixture of oil, aggregate, Portland cement, and water. A thin overlay of the mixture is applied to seal up cracks and fill minor ruts. It is not a structural improvement, however it will extend the lifespan of the roadway by preventing further weathering. The cost to install microsurfacing is approximately one-third the cost of a rehabilitation.

### **DISCUSSION**


On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, a request for proposals (RFP) was advertised on the SaskTenders and the City's website for the 2024 Microsurfacing Program. The RFP evaluation criteria was based on unit prices, contractor availability throughout the season, and experience. This RFP closed on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

One (1) submission was received from West-Can Seal Coating Inc. totaling \$305,433.70. The unit prices were higher than expected, references were all very positive and their schedule was adequate. The City reached out to West-Can Seal Coating to inquire about the unit rates that were submitted. The smaller quantity of the City's program resulted in unit rates being higher than expected. West-Can agreed to reduce the unit rates to achieve the scope of work outlined within the proposal in support of the pilot program. In addition, the City ensured street sweeping would be completed prior to work beginning to reduce their costs. The revised total pricing in the sum of \$265,919.55 is within the allocated budget amount.

The 2024 Preventative Maintenance Capital Budget is \$450,000. \$184,000 is being utilized for thin overlays within the 2024 Paving and Concrete Contract, the remaining will be utilized for the Microsurfacing Contract.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT City Council awards the 2024 Microsurfacing Program Contract to West-Can Seal Coating Inc. of Didsbury, AB based on unit prices to a total upset fee of \$265,919.55 (including PST, excluding GST) and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the said contract.

  
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Greg Parsons, General Manager of Infrastructure  
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**CAO Recommendation:**

*I concur with the recommendation.*

  
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**Jim Jones, CAO**



**Date:** February 28, 2024  
**To:** Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** General Manager of Infrastructure  
**Subject:** Replacement of R5 Snow Blower

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### **BACKGROUND**

The City has a chargeable equipment reserve that is used to fund the replacement of chargeable equipment. We currently have three (3) snow blowers in our fleet, with R5 being up for replacement in 2024. R5 is a 2009 Sicard 2200 snow blower with 700 hours.

Chargeable equipment has an hourly charge out rate that is used to cover the operating costs and maintenance, as well as the capital replacement cost.

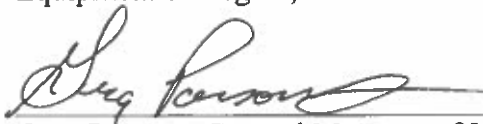
### **DISCUSSION**

RFP CSC-24-P74 was posted on SaskTenders and closed on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. There were three (3) submissions for the replacement of R5 snow blower.

The Larue D40 snow blower was the lowest price and will be recommended. The snow blower pricing ranged from \$193,953.50 to \$279,575 PST included, GST excluded. The approved capital budget for the replacement of this unit is \$175,000. The excess cost will be funded from the equipment reserve fund.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT City Council approves the purchase of a Larue D40 snow blower from Falcon Equipment of Regina, SK in the amount of \$193,953.50 (PST included, GST excluded).



Greg Parsons, General Manager of Infrastructure

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### **CAO Recommendation:**

*I concur with the recommendation.*



Jim Jones, CAO



# City of Swift Current

## C.A.O. Report

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**Date:** February 28, 2024  
**To:** Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** General Manager of Infrastructure  
**Subject:** **Replacement of R6 Loader**

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### **BACKGROUND**

The City has a chargeable equipment reserve that is used to fund the replacement of chargeable equipment. We currently have three loaders in our fleet, with R6 being up for replacement in 2024. R6 is a 2010 John Deere 624K loader with 7,200 hours.

Chargeable equipment has an hourly charge out rate that is used to cover the operating costs, and maintenance, as well as the capital replacement cost.

### **DISCUSSION**

RFP CSC-24-P73 was posted on SaskTenders and closed on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. There were 10 proposals received from eight different suppliers. Out of the 10 proposals, there were seven (7) of them that met the minimum requirements.

Each proposal was given a score in terms of price, performance, parts and service, and delivery. Upon completion of the scoring process, it was deemed that the best value to the City was the Case 721G Loader from Redhead Equipment Ltd.

The Loader pricing ranged from \$264,846 to \$313,435.84 (PST included, GST excluded). The approved capital budget for the replacement of this unit is \$375,000. The old unit will be disposed of via trade in.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT City Council approves the purchase of a Case 721G Loader from Redhead Equipment Ltd. of Swift Current, SK in the amount of \$264,846 (PST included, GST excluded).

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Greg Parsons, General Manager of Infrastructure

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**CAO Recommendation:**

*I concur with the recommendation.*

  
**Jim Jones, CAO**

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# City of Swift Current

## C.A.O. Report

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**Date:** February 28, 2024  
**To:** Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** General Manager of Infrastructure  
**Subject:** Replacement of Six (6) Light Duty Trucks

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### **BACKGROUND**

The City's fleet of light duty trucks consists of many different set-ups depending on the main use of each unit. There are several units within Light & Power, Community Services and Infrastructure & Operations. These units range from regular cab 4x4 trucks to 1-ton 4x4 trucks with flat decks or service bodies.

Each unit is given an hourly charge-out rate that is used to cover the operating cost, repairs and maintenance as well as the capital replacement cost. These funds are added to the chargeable equipment reserve.

### **DISCUSSION**

The City sent out an invitation to tender for the replacement of six (6) light duty trucks, as set out below.

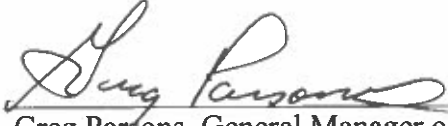
<b>Truck</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Highest bid</b>	<b>Lowest bid</b>
T2	Infrastructure & Operations	\$ 82,140	\$ 71,447
T23	Infrastructure & Operations	\$ 80,658	\$ 77,017
T10	Infrastructure & Operations	---	\$ 78,433
E4	Light & Power	\$ 75,188	\$ 68,302
E6	Light & Power	\$ 80,387	\$ 73,115
T46	Parks	\$ 86,314	\$ 66,247

Some suppliers were only able to bid on selected trucks due to availability and current pricing, while others submitted bids for each of the six (6) units. Five (5) units were approved in the 2024 capital budget, and one (1) unit was carried over from the 2023 capital budget.

Cypress Motors Ltd. of Swift Current, SK was the only supplier to bid on all six (6) units and had the best pricing of the selected vehicles.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT City Council approves the purchase of six (6) light duty trucks from Cypress Motors Ltd. of Swift Current, SK in the amount of \$468,150.28 (PST included, GST excluded).



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Greg Parsons, General Manager of Infrastructure

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**CAO Recommendation:**

*I concur with the recommendation.*



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Jim Jones, CAO

**Date:** March 18, 2024  
**To:** Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Melissa Shaw, General Manager of Cultural and Aquatic Services  
**Subject:** 2024 - 2025 Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program

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### **BACKGROUND**

Each year, the City of Swift Current applies to Saskatchewan Lotteries for funding under the Community Grant Program. Based on our population, Swift Current receives funding in the amount of \$122,275 for programs operating between April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. This grant program allows non-profit organizations, whose purpose is the delivery of sport, culture and recreation, the opportunity to secure funding to operate or advance the scope of their program.

In January of 2023, the application for grant funding was submitted to Saskatchewan Lotteries by the City of Swift Current. In January of 2024, Community Services began advertising the availability of applications to community-based organizations. After five (5) weeks of continuous and varied advertising, the 2024 - 2025 Community Grant applications were submitted to Community Services by the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, deadline.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Community Grant Program consists of two components: a Target component, which must receive at least 30% of the total funding, and a Base component, which is eligible for the remainder of funding. "Target populations" include groups such as indigenous people, seniors, women, youth at risk, the economically disadvantaged, identifiable minorities, persons with a disability and single-parent families.

To allocate the community grant, numerous factors and criteria are considered and are attached. Included in the attachment is a list of grant applicants, program descriptions and a recommendation for their approval with the amount of funding the organization will receive from the Community Grant program.

The philosophy for distribution has always been to ensure that everyone eligible for funding receives support. As the applications grow the amount of money per organization drops.


Priority is given to community programs that break barriers for participation through low-cost programming, programs that fill programming gaps, community programs that aim to support target populations and those programs that build a bridge to encourage families into more streamline programming.

Seventy-one applications were submitted from a variety of Swift Current organizations. This is down by one (1) application from the 2023/2024 season. In total, the funding requested is \$214,037. Based on the attached criteria, 69 of the 71 applications are being recommended to receive funding from the Community Grant.

The report was presented to the Recreation, Parks and Culture Board on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The board approved and endorsed the list of applications and funding amounts presented under the 2024 - 2025 Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant program to be submitted for approval by City Council.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council approves the attached recommendations for funding amounts under the 2024 - 2025 Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program.

  
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Melissa Shaw, General Manager of Cultural and Aquatic Services

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### **CAO Recommendation:**

*I concur with the Manager's recommendation.*

  
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**Jim Jones, CAO**

<b>Organization Name (Target)</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Justification</b>
<b>Canadian Mental Health</b>	CMHA Social Program Bowling	\$ 2,000	Target Group
<b>City of SC - Art Gallery Swift Current</b>	Art Access, to low income individuals and Art Camps for youth and adults	\$ 4,500	Target Group
<b>City of SC- Aquatic Centre</b>	Recreation access for low income families/individuals	\$ 8,000	Target Group
<b>City of SC- community rec programs</b>	Welcome to Recreation, and Welcome to Recreation Families and TOTS	\$ 4,100	Target group
<b>City of SC Families in the Park</b>	Families in the Park summer program	\$ 7,000	Target Group
<b>City of SC- In motion</b>	In motion programs	\$ 9,000	Target Group
<b>City of SC- Parks Play</b>	Parks Play program	\$ 25,500	Target Group
<b>City of SC- Zone program</b>	Summer youth program	\$ 15,500	Target Group
<b>Lac Pelletier Lac La Plume Historical Association</b>	Mamawapowuk 3 (Gathering of the Métis) - in Swift Current	\$ 500	Target Group
<b>Riverview Village Estates</b>	Country in the city	\$ 300	Not provided otherwise
<b>Safe Places</b>	Provide access to Respect Group Training for local community groups	\$ 500	Not provided otherwise
<b>SaskAbilities</b>	Summer Fun	\$ 3,500	Target Group
<b>SCCYI (The Center)</b>	Aerosol Art Clinics	\$ 700	Target Group
<b>Senior 55+ Bowling</b>	Bowling	\$ 400	Not provided otherwise
<b>Silver Wings Access Van Inc.</b>	Accessble transportation, for recreational and community access	\$ 500	Not otherwise provided
<b>Southwest Homes</b>	Drum, Play and Move!/ Increasing Community Engagement and Expanding Horizens	\$ 2,000	Target Group
<b>Southwest Literacy Committee</b>	Pre-School Kits	\$ 500	Not provided otherwise
<b>Southwest Multicultural Assoc.</b>	New Blood (A story of Reconciliation) - Event featuring poetry, music, dance wih 40 performers. Daytime event at SCCHS, evening at Casino.	\$ 500	Not provided otherwise
<b>Southwest Newcomer Welcome Centre</b>	Multicultural Family Day	\$ 700	Target Group
<b>Southwest Saskatchewan Pride, Inc</b>	Pride Week 2024	\$ 750	Festival



<b>Southwest Youth Emergency Shelter Inc. (Dories House)</b>	YES-Plants-to-Plate	\$ 750	Not provided otherwise
<b>Special Olympics Swift Current</b>	Spceial Olympics	\$ 2,275	Target Group
<b>Swift Current Branch Library</b>	Summer Reading Program	\$ 1,000	Target Group
<b>Swift Current Curling Club</b>	Learn to curl programs for seniors, youth and minority groups	\$ 800	Target Group
<b>Swift Current Museum</b>	Lunch & Learns and summer program activities for families	\$ 1,300	Not provided otherwise
<b>Swift Current Outdoor Hockey League</b>	Outdoor hockey league	\$ 1,000	Not provided otherwise
<b>Swift Current Wheelchair Basketball</b>	Wheelchair Basketball	\$ 1,100	Target Group
<b>SC_Hoopstars Basketball/Volleyball</b>	Basketball/volleyball rec leaague	\$ 500	Target Group

<b>Organization Name (Base)</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Justification</b>
<b>605 Tarry Royal Canadian Air Cadets</b>	Familiarization flying	\$ 750	Youth Organization
<b>ACT Swift Stingrays Summer Swim Club</b>	Competitive Swim Program	\$ 800	Minor Sport Group
<b>Eliminators Car Club</b>	Annual Riverside Run	\$ 350	Duplicate
<b>Gelico Gymnastics</b>	Gymnastics season	\$ 700	Minor Sport Group- Not Safe Places Certified
<b>Good Tyme Dance Club</b>	Social Dancing	\$ 350	Duplicate
<b>Group 2 Swift Current Scouts</b>	Scout Camps in June and August	\$ 750	Youth Organization
<b>JR. Sundogs Volleyball Club</b>	Volleyball season/clinics	\$ 800	Minor sport Group
<b>Line Dancercise Club</b>	Line Dancercise Club	\$ 350	Duplicate
<b>Navy League of Canada Swift Current Branch</b>	Navy League	\$ 750	Youth Organization
<b>Prairie Pistol Club</b>	Outdoor range target upgrades	\$ 250	Not provided otherwise.
<b>Renz's Rounds</b>	Cued Ballroom Dance	\$ 350	Duplicate
<b>Rogue Cruisers</b>	Tail Light Tuesdays	\$ 350	Duplicate
<b>SaskPower Windscape Kite Festival</b>	SaskPower Windscape Kite Festival	\$ 750	Festivals
<b>SC Titans Wrestling Club</b>	SC Titans Wrestling Tournament	\$ 700	Minor Sport Group - Not Safe Places Certified
<b>Southwest Cultural Development Group Inc. (Lyric Theatre)</b>	Write out loud, Youth Talent Night, Open Stage and Youth Acting Camp	\$ 3,750	Criteria
<b>Southwest Saskatchewan Roller Derby Assoc.</b>	Roller Derby	\$ 750	Not provided otherwise.
<b>Southwest Square and Round Dance Zone 6</b>	Square and Round Dancing	\$ 350	Duplicate
<b>Speedy Creek Model Railway Club</b>	Speedy Creek Model Railway	\$ 250	Not provided otherwise.
<b>Swift Current Ag &amp; Ex (Cultural Crossroads)</b>	Cultural Crossroads	\$ 750	Festivals
<b>Swift Current Ag &amp; Ex (Docs Town)</b>	Docs Town Summer Programming	\$ 600	Not provided otherwise.
<b>Swift Current Arts Council</b>	Stars for Saskatchewan Concert Series	\$ 500	Not provided otherwise.

<b>Swift Current Barracudas Swim Club</b>	Swim Club Season	\$ 800	Minor Sport Group
<b>Swift Current Fencing Club</b>	Swift Current Fencing Club	\$ 800	Minor Sport Group
<b>Swift Current Lacross Inc.</b>	Box Lacrosse and Field Lacrosse	\$ 800	Minor Sport Group
<b>Swift Current Ladies Line Dance Club</b>	Line Dancing	\$ 350	Duplicate
<b>Swift Current Mennonite Heritage Village</b>	Summer Tours & Events	\$ 600	Not provided otherwise.
<b>Swift Current Mens' Basketball League</b>	Mens Basketball	\$ 350	Not provided otherwise.
<b>Swift Current Minor Baseball</b>	Baseball Season	\$ 800	Minor Sport Group
<b>Swift Current Minor Football</b>	Football Equipment, for all players, no charge for equipment. All players can access	\$ 800	Minor Sport Group
<b>Swift Current Minor Girls Softball Association</b>	Softball Season/New Equipment	\$ 800	Minor Sport Group
<b>Swift Current Mixed Volleyball League</b>	Volleyball season	\$ 350	Not provided otherwise.
<b>Swift Current Oratorio Choir</b>	Spring Concert	\$ 250	Not provided otherwise.
<b>Swift Current Pickleball Club</b>	Pickleball	\$ 500	Criteria
<b>Swift Current Repair Café</b>	Swift Current Repair Café's, Kids Art Table, and Take Apart and learn	\$ 250	Not provided otherwise.
<b>Swift Current Rugby Club</b>	Rugby Season	\$ 700	Minor Sport Group - Not Safe Places Certified
<b>Swift Current Skating club</b>	Canskate, powerskate, star skate	\$ 800	Minor Sport Group
<b>Swift Current Soapbox Racing Assoc.</b>	Annual Fathers Day Soapbox Race	\$ 700	Youth Organization
<b>Swift Current Soccer Assoc.</b>	Youth Summer Soccer Training	\$ 800	Minor Sport Group
<b>Swift Current Square Dance Club</b>	Square Dancing	\$ 350	Duplicate
<b>Tennis Association of Swift Current</b>	Welcome to Tennis	\$ 600	Not provided otherwise.
<b>The Swift Current &amp; District Music Festival</b>	Festival 2024	\$ 750	Festivals

**BYLAW NO. X – 2024**

A BYLAW of the City of Swift Current, in the Province of Saskatchewan, to amend Cemetery Bylaw No. 3 – 2017 to accommodate textual amendments and add rates and fees as a schedule.

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWIFT CURRENT, SASKATCHEWAN, IN COUNCIL  
ASSEMBLED ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

**1. Amendment**

THAT Bylaw No. 3 - 2017 be amended as follows:

a) By deleting Section 10 (e) and replace with:

- 10. (e) No person shall inter or cause to be interred more than one body in a casket.
  - (i) Each lot shall contain no more than one (1) casket and two (2) cremated remains.
  - (ii) A child lot shall contain no more than one (1) child interment.
  - (iii) No more than three (3) occupancies shall be permitted in a single lot.
  - (iv) Interment of cremated remains must occur either following or during interment of a casket.

b) By adding a new subsection under Section 10 as follows:

- (k) interment(s) shall be deferred due to inclement weather or poor ground conditions.

c) By deleting Section 12 and replace with:

**12. INURMENT AND INTERMENT OF CREMATED REMAINS**

- (a) A single urn shall contain only the cremated remains of one (1) person or one (1) child.
- (b) No more than three (3) cremated remains may be interred in a single lot.



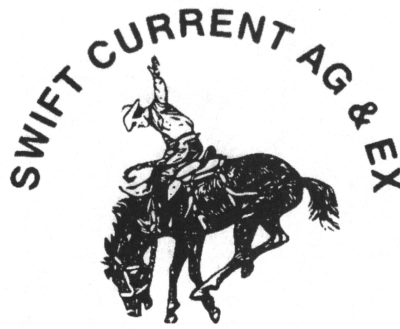
## SCHEDULE "B"

### Cemetery Rates 2023 & 2024

Including GST for the period February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

<b>Lots</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Resident	\$ 1,594	\$ 1,656
Non-Resident	\$ 2,208	\$ 2,293
Child - Resident	\$ 680	\$ 706
Child – Non-Resident	\$ 1,107	\$ 1,149
Cremation Lot – Single Resident	\$ 859	\$ 892
Cremation Lot – Single Non-Resident	\$ 1,228	\$ 1,275
Cremation Lot – Double Resident	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,248
Cremation Lot – Double Non-Resident	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,872
Single Niche - Premium	\$ 2,697	\$ 2,800
Single Niche – Bottom 2 Rows	\$ 2,452	\$ 2,547
Companion Niche – Premium	\$ 4,170	\$ 4,331
Companion Niche – Bottom 2 Rows	\$ 3,925	\$ 4,076

<b>Interment / Disinterment</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Adult</b>		
Weekdays	\$ 1,479	\$ 1,479
Sat, Sun, Stat holidays & Weekdays after hours	\$ 2,181	\$ 2,181
<b>Child</b>		
Weekdays	\$ 854	\$ 854
Sat, Sun & Stat Holidays & Weekdays after hours	\$ 1,556	\$ 1,556
<b>Cremated Remains</b>		
Weekdays	\$ 866	\$ 866
Sat, Sun & Stat Holidays & Weekdays after hours	\$ 1,084	\$ 1,084
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Interment on a Regular Plot	\$ 1,084	\$ 1,084
Columbaria	\$ 230	\$ 230
Monument Installation Permit	\$ 95	\$ 95
Administration Fee	\$ 95	\$ 95



## AGENDA - ANNUAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 28, 2024

1. Call Meeting to order
2. Introduction of Board Members
3. Approval of 2022 minutes
4. Auditors/Finance report (Stan Aikens)
5. 2024 Proposed Budget
6. Reports
  - Spring Trade Show Report - Tara Garcia
  - Doc's Town Report - Mike Hollis
  - Discover the Farm Report - Lyndsay Sletten
  - Frontier Days - Chris Martens
  - Taking it To the Dirt Report - Shayne Powell
  - Ranchman's/Junior Stockman's Report - Grant Scheirlinck
7. Nominating Committee - Lindsay Sletten
8. Other Business
9. Announcements



***Regular Meeting Agenda***  
**Wednesday, February 28th, 2024**

**1:00 pm**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting
  - a) December 20th, 2023, Regular Meeting
- IV. Business Arising from Minutes
- V. Correspondence
  - a)
- VI. Management Report
  - a) Accounts
  - b) Budget 2024 -Draft
  - c) Capital Budget 2024 – to be distributed at meeting
- VII. New Business
  - a)
- VIII. Other
  - a) Pioneer Manor Resident’s Assoc. January & February 2024 Meeting Minutes
- IX. Adjournment

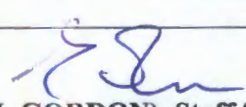


## COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

To: The Mayor City of Swift Current	From: N.C.O. In Charge Swift Current City Det.	Month of February 2024
		Date Prepared 2024-03-04
		Phone No. (306) 778-4870

### OFFENCES REPORTED AND/OR COMMITTED IN COMMUNITY

VIOLATION	Feb/2024	Feb/2023	Feb/2022	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	YTD 2022
<b>Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident</b>	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Injury Motor Vehicle Accident</b>	1	1	3	1	1	6
<b>Reportable Vehicle Accident</b>	4	6	10	14	19	28
<b>Fail to Remain (Hit &amp; Run)</b>	8	4	10	10	15	15
<b>Provincial Traffic Offence</b>	121	124	227	325	193	390
<b>Impaired Driving Offence</b>	7	6	4	18	12	8
<b>Liquor Act</b>	3	4	4	4	6	10
<b>Coroners Act</b>	2	4	3	3	7	6
<b>Mental Health Act</b>	25	22	14	46	30	37
<b>Other Criminal Code</b>	20	34	27	40	64	67
<b>Weapons Offence</b>	--	2	--	--	4	2
<b>Drug Enforcement</b>	4	12	4	11	17	11
<b>Sexual Offences</b>	7	1	1	11	3	4
<b>Robbery/Extortion/Harassment</b>	8	9	11	19	17	18
<b>Assault (excl. Sexual Assault)</b>	15	11	9	31	21	21
<b>Theft Under \$5,000</b>	16	26	8	34	43	26
<b>Theft Over \$5,000</b>	5	4	2	7	10	4
<b>Possession Stolen Property</b>	8	2	--	10	4	3
<b>Mischief</b>	29	45	21	53	82	34
<b>Fraud</b>	11	6	16	21	10	32
<b>Break &amp; Enter – Business</b>	1	--	--	3	1	--
<b>Break &amp; Enter – Residence</b>	1	7	--	4	12	1
<b>Break &amp; Enter - Other</b>	4	--	--	5	2	2
<b>Arson</b>	--	--	--	--	1	--
<b>Missing Person</b>	1	4	2	2	6	3
<b>Peace Bond</b>	--	--	--	1	--	--
<b>Criminal Record Checks</b>	107	92	109	227	169	204
<b>Total Occurrences</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>663</b>

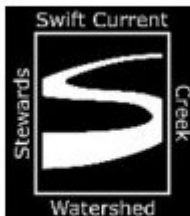
  
**(E.M. GORDON), Staff Sergeant**  
**Detachment Commander**  
**Swift Current City Detachment**



1. Call to Order
2. Minutes from January 24, 2024, Board Meeting.
3. Financial Report
  - Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet for the period of December 1, 2023, to February 29, 2024.
  - Cash Flow and Budget for the period of December 1, 2023, to February 29, 2024.
  - Cheques to be ratified January and February 2024.
4. Executive Director Report – Kevin Steinley
5. SAW Report -Ryder Rutko
6. New Business
7. Next meeting
  - Sometime in June?
8. Adjourn

# Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards

## 2023 Annual Report



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# Acknowledgements

Thank you to the Board of Directors for their time and commitment to achieving the mission of the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards.

Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards Board of Directors

Chairperson – Darren Fiddler - RM of Webb

Bernie Lemire - RM of Carmichael

Don Mathies – RM of Excelsior

Brian Hanel – RM of Swift Current

Raymond Pare – RM of Arlington

Pat Friesen – City of Swift Current

Bryan Cobb- City of Swift Current

Stacey Wiens- Member at Large

Frank Glenn- Member at Large

Thank you to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada for their in-kind support of office, storage space and administrative assistance. Special thanks to Carla Lindquist for all her help with booking meeting rooms and administrative assistance.

Thank you to the Saskatchewan Fish and Wildlife Development Fund for funding the Invasive Fish Identification in the Swift Current Creek Project.

Thank you to TCEnergy Ltd. for their funding of the 2023 Water Quality Monitoring Project.

Thank you to SaskEnergy for their funding of the 2023 Invasive Weed Mapping project and Weed Removal Day.

Thank you to the City of Swift Current for their assistance with promoting the Weed Removal Day and helping to dispose of the invasive weeds collected.

Thank you to Shannon Sherk for all her efforts as Summer Stewardship Coordinator in 2023. It was good to have you on board to complete our projects and Frogopper presentations.

Thank you to Jim Spencer of Prairie Dog Websites for hosting our website and updating it as required.

Finally, thank you to all our stakeholders who have expressed interest in the work of the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards in 2023.

# SCCWS 2023 Annual General Meeting Agenda

Monday March 4, 2024

1:00 PM

Welcome and meeting information	Chairperson – Darren Fiddler
Presentation on Snow Surveys and Run-off Projections	Alanna Howell -Water Security Agency
Approval of Agenda	
Minutes of the March 6, 2023, SCCWS AGM	
Reports	
• Chairperson	Darren Fiddler
• Executive Director	Kevin Steinley
• Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds	Ryder Rutko
• SCCWS Projects	Kevin Steinley
Financial Report	
Nomination of Reviewer for 2024	
New Business	
Adjournment	

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards March 6, 2023.

In attendance were Kevin Steinley (Executive Director), Darren Fiddler, Matthew Leibenberg, Pat Friesen, Raymond Pare, Frank Glen, Bernie Lemire, Jerry Shirke, Karla Wiens, Stacey Wiens, Don Mathies, Kevin Lester, Luke Rilling, Curtis Letkeman.

Darren called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM

Bridget Andrews, the Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds, gave a virtual presentation about the restructuring of SAW and the Prairie Watersheds Climate Program.

Kevin made a presented a gift for Jolene Peters in recognition of her stepping away from the SCCWS Board after 12 years. The gift was a framed print of a photo of the creek at night. Unfortunately, Jolene was not able to attend due to work demands. The gift will be presented to Jolene later.

Moved by Bernie, Seconded by Don to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

Moved by Frank, Seconded by Pat to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2022, Annual General Meeting as presented. Carried.

Darren gave the Chairperson Report.

- Thanked Board Members for their service, especially Jolene Peters who has stepped away from the board after 12 years of service.
- Welcomed new board members Lee Schmidt and Brian Hanel.
- Thanked the Executive Director, Kevin Steinley for his work in being able to maintain the projects and work of the SCCWS.

Kevin gave the Executive Director Report

- Kevin accepted a contract with SAW to help deliver the Prairie Watersheds Climate Program starting in April 2022.
- Water Security Agency changed how they are funding watershed stewardship in the province by funding SAW and not Watershed Stewardship Groups like the SCCWS.
- Because of these changes, Kevin is now working as Executive Director in a part time role.
- Finished two ongoing projects in 2022 and started and finished one new one in 2022.
- Was part of Go Green and Foraging into the Future again in 2022.
- Thanked the 2022 Summer Stewardship Coordinator Matty Hagman for his work in the summer of 2022.
- Continued with newsletters and Facebook posts to educate residents about watershed health issues and solutions.
- With changes in funding and with the reorganization of SAW, the SCCWS will be delivering regional programming focusing on what stakeholders told us to work on in the 2019 consultations.
- SCCWS does have a financial reserve that will allow it some time to operate and find ways to deliver the regional programming.

### Bernie gave the SAW Report

- SAW continues to implement the Prairie Watersheds Climate programming and is hosting workshops around the province to promote this program.
- The Tree for Life program was a success in 2022 and SAW is running it again in 2023.
- SAW is running the Friends of the Watershed lottery; tickets are on sale on the SAW website.
- Staffing is an issue. There are two vacancies for District Managers in both the SW and NW Districts.
- SAW had completed a Sustainability Initiative Report that outlines the benefits of SAW, Watershed Stewardship Groups and what both can bring to WSA. The report will be presented to WSA on March 8, 2023.
- SAW is in the process of changing from a non-profit organization to a charitable organization. This will allow better access to funding.

Kevin gave a report about the Projects of SCCWS in 2022.

### Froghoppers

- Matty gave 24 presentations to 313 students in 2022.
- Presentations were well received.
- Received with many glowing reviews.

### Constructed Wetland Project

- 2022-2023 is the last year of the project.
- 2022 was mainly water sampling and wetland maintenance.
- Results show that for the most part the excess water generated by flood irrigation could be re-used for irrigation or other uses provided it is used in the right time, on the right soil and with the right crops.
- This is a positive for watershed management as this water could be re-used to conserve other water especially during a drought.

### Identifying Grassland Fragmentation to Improve Species at Risk Habitat

- 2022-2023 was the final year of this project.
- Matty conducted surveys in targeted areas identified by the creation of maps in the fall of 2021.
- Using the maps and the surveys a Final Report was drafted that detailed how to increase the amount of grassland in the watershed to improve Species at Risk Habitat.
- A report including all the maps created is available on the SCCWS website.

### Hunting for Prussian Carp in the Swift Current and Rush Lake Creek Watersheds.

- eDNA samples were collected at 10 sites across both watersheds to determine if Prussian Carp are in the waterbodies in the watersheds and where they are.
- Water quality samples were also analyzed to see if there is a link between water quality and Prussian Carp Presence.
- Prussian Carp eDNA was found at 3 sites in a stretch of the creek from north of the City of Swift Current to the South Saskatchewan River.

- The eDNA results also include Goldfish as it could not be separated from the Prussian Carp. This could also explain the presence of the eDNA in this area.
- A Final Report has been drafted and is available on the SCCWS website.

Moved by Ray, seconded by Bernie to accept the reports as presented. Carried.

Kevin gave the Financial Report

- The year ended November 30, 2022 showed a net loss of \$17,249 compared to the year ended November 30, 2021 which had a loss of \$5,565.
- Net assets as of November 30, 2022, are \$161,683 compared to \$178,932 as of November 30, 2021.

Moved by Stacey, seconded by Frank to adopt the Financial Statement as presented. Carried.

Kevin moved to appoint Stark and Marsh CPA, LLP as reviewers for the November 30, 2023, year end. Carried.

Don Moved to adjourn, seconded by Pat.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.



## Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards Chairperson Report

Welcome to the SCCWS AGM.

It's definitely been another interesting year in the watershed. It's started with flooding in the spring due to the late spring runoff. This led to a meeting with the SCCWS and WSA and concerned citizens to discuss improving communication and forecasting runoff going forward. The wet spring lead into another summer of drought, and one of the warmest and driest winters in memory. These issues, along with the WSA announcing the possibility of new irrigation projects around the Duncairn reservoir, have provided no shortage of issues for discussion pertaining to the watershed.

As usual, I'd like to thank our board members for their time and input into the SCCWS. I would like to welcome Bryan Cobb onto the board who is replacing Lee Schmidt from the city. Also, I'd like to thank Shannon Sherk who was our Summer Stewardship Coordinator for this year. As always, I'd like to express our appreciation to our Executive Director Kevin Steinley, for promoting our watershed, and all the work that goes into finding projects and sourcing funding to help us achieve our mission statement: Enhance water, quality, and stream health of the Swift Current Creek watershed by promoting awareness and understanding among water users.

Thank you,  
Darren Fiddler  
Chairperson Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards

Executive Director Report to the Annual General Meeting of the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards March 4, 2024.

As the pictures on the report cover show, the Swift Current Creek Watershed can go from flooding to drought almost overnight. This demonstrates the importance of water resource management to ensure that all users have access to a safe and sustainable supply of water. The rapid run-off this spring caused issues with flooding along the creek in both urban and rural areas, raising concerns among stakeholders that the rapidly rising water would damage the shoreline and infrastructure. While some residents did see damage to property along the shoreline, the actions of watershed residents, municipalities and Water Security Agency limited the damages. The flooding this spring shows the advantages of maintaining a properly functioning riparian area along the creek to help mitigate the impact of flooding.

The rapid run-off this spring was positive as it helped to fill reservoirs and dug outs that had been depleted during a number of consecutive dry years. This proved to be invaluable as the summer of 2023 followed the pattern of previous years of becoming hot and dry. This stored water allowed producers to irrigate grain and forage crops, providing feed for livestock and helping to maintain the sustainability of agriculture operations. The runoff seen in the spring of 2023 will allow for irrigation in 2024 despite the likelihood of reduced run-off this spring. Full dug outs gave producers access to a steady and safe supply of water for their livestock. Given the adverse growing conditions during the summer, having a good supply of water allowed producers to graze areas they might not have been able to without the full dug outs, allowing them to use all their pasture resources and extend their grazing season.

This year the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards (SCCWS) continued its monitoring and education programming to meet its mission of enhancing water quality and stream health of the Swift Current Creek. The Froghoppers program continued in 2023 in the capable hands of our Summer Stewardship Coordinator, Shannon Sherk. Shannon was able to present the message of watershed stewardship to approximately 400 students in 25 presentations to schools, summer camps and parks programs. This long running, very successful program of the SCCWS has been helping to create a new generation of watershed stewards since 2005 and we hope to keep this momentum going.

The SCCWS completed three projects this year. The water monitoring project, which looked at water quality along the creek. This project again showed that water in the creek is generally good for all uses, however caution needs to be taken to ensure a safe and sustainable supply of water for all users. Our second project was a continuation of a 2022 project. In 2023 we took samples to be tested for Prussian Carp eDNA at 5 sites from just south of Swift Current to the South Saskatchewan River. The results of this project showed the continued presence of Prussian Carp in the area north of the city and that they are moving upstream in the creek into sites within the city.

Our third major project in the summer of 2023 was the mapping of invasive weeds along the creek within the city of Swift Current. This project culminated with a small but dedicated group of volunteers removing weeds at two of sites in the city.

This year the SCCWS started working with several stakeholders at Lac Pelletier to form the Lac Pelletier Stewardship Council. The aim of this group is to maintain and improve the long-term

health and sustainability of the lake by educating stakeholders. The Council met 4 times this fall and is looking forward to working to meet its mission with several educational initiatives in the summer of 2024.

The SCCWS continued with the monitoring of adult Zebra Mussels at Lac Pelletier and Duncairn Reservoir in 2023. We are happy to announce that no adult Zebra Mussels were found in those waterbodies.

The SCCWS continues to educate stakeholders through our website, social media, and newsletter. The SCCWS would like to thank the members of our local media who have taken an interest in our work and published articles that highlighted the work of the SCCWS.

Thank you to Shannon Sherk for her work as the 2023 Summer Stewardship Coordinator. Shannon brought a lot of passion, enthusiasm, and new ideas to the SCCWS. We are excited to have Shannon coming back for a part of the upcoming summer to give Froghoppers presentations and assist with SCCWS projects.

Thank you to the SCCWS Board of Directors for their guidance over the past year. Thank you to Lee Schmidt, who stepped down from the SCCWS Board of Directors for his contributions over the last year and welcome Bryan Cobb to the Board of Directors.

In closing, I would like to thank all our stakeholders who have taken an interest in our work. I hope that your interest continues and grows to help ensure a safe and sustainable supply of water for all users in the watershed.

## 2023 Summer Stewardship Coordinator Report – Shannon Sherk

During the summer of 2023 I had the pleasure of working on many projects with the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards. My main duties included giving Froghopper presentations, writing articles, water quality monitoring, aquatic invasive species sampling, mapping the invasive plants along the creek, and planning the 2023 Community Invasive Plant Pull. As well, I created the new SCCWS Instagram account.



Between May and August, I completed 25 Froghoppers presentations to approximately 400 students, most of these presentations occurred during May and June with school groups. I also worked with a few different programs in the City of Swift Current, such as Parks Play and Nature Plan, along with Camp Elim and Lac Pelletier. The presentations covered topics including “what is a watershed?”, watershed pollution, water conservation, plants and animals in the watershed, and invasive species. When

possible, I took the students to do pond dipping. When it was not safe or accessible to do so, samples of water from the creek were poured into a plastic kiddie pool to allow students to pond dip out of it with nets and buckets. I also found that the kids really loved looking through the sand for shells, so I would sometimes bring up muck from the bottom of the creek for the kids to sift through.

The groups I worked with gave positive reviews of the presentations, both from teachers and the students. During a presentation at Camp Elim three of the students had previously seen the presentation at their school. They were incredibly excited that I was there and were telling their friends about how “cool” my presentations were. After many of my classroom sessions, I often had teachers come tell me about how much their class enjoyed it.

This summer, I also assisted Kevin in the water monitoring project, helping to collect water and eDNA samples. We also set out Zebra Mussel samplers at seven sites in the watershed. They were last checked on August 15<sup>th</sup>, and I am happy to report that no Zebra Mussels were found. The Swift Current Creek Watershed remains a Zebra Mussel-Free zone! These projects were my favourite to work on this summer, as it felt good to be doing field work out on the land.

The largest solo project I undertook this summer was mapping some of the invasive species along Swift Current Creek in the city. Species were identified using iNaturalist and then mapped

using a mix of the iNaturalist mapping system and Google My Maps. The most prominent invasives were Hedge Bindweed, Absinthe, Dames Rocket, and Field Penny-cress.

I am incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to work with the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards this summer and have loved my time here. I really feel as though I have improved many skills that will be beneficial as I continue my career in environmental stewardship.



## 2023 Projects of the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards

### Invasive Fish Identification in the Swift Current Creek

In 2023, the SCCWS built on the work completed in 2022 which determined the locations of Prussian Carp in the Swift Current and Rush Lake Creek Basins. In 2022, Prussian Carp eDNA was detected at 3 sites between the City of Swift Current and the South Saskatchewan River. In 2023, these 3 sites were sampled again along with a site within the city and one south of the city.

The 2023 results showed that Prussian Carp eDNA presence was similar to what was observed in 2022 at the sites north of the city. The site south of the city did not show any eDNA presence. The interesting results of the study are from the sampling site within the city. There was no Prussian Carp eDNA detected in the sample taken in June. In July, there was Prussian Carp eDNA detected at the roughly the same levels as the sites north of the city. The August samples from this site had levels of Prussian Carp eDNA higher than those detected north of the city.

One possible explanation for these results is that the Prussian Carp like to swim upstream looking for places to spawn and the increased flows during the spring flooding provided easier movement upstream for them. As creek flows decreased during the summer, the Prussian Carp got caught in shallow pools within the creek and could not move either upstream or downstream. Given the Prussian Carp's ability to rapidly reproduce, their numbers can increase very quickly in these shallow pools.

The results of the eDNA sampling also show that there is still a rich and diverse fish population in the creek which a good indicator that the creek is in good health. This is also good news for recreational fishers who like to fish out of the creek. However, given that Prussian Carp are moving further upstream, residents must be diligent to slow their spread. If you do catch a Prussian Carp, please humanely dispose of it as soon as possible.

The next step for the SCCWS is to conduct a project to catch live fish to verify the results of the eDNA testing. The SCCWS will continue to look for funding opportunities to conduct this project.

The SCCWS would like to thank the Government of Saskatchewan's Fish and Wildlife Development Fund for funding this project.



Filtering water to be sent to the lab of eDNA testing.

## **2023 Water Monitoring Project**

The SCCWS conducted water sampling at 7 sites along the creek 4 times during the summer to again investigate water quality of the creek. This year the SCCWS wanted to determine if the flooding in the spring of 2023 had any impact on water quality within the creek. The results of the testing did not indicate any major negative or positive impact from the flooding. However, the testing did show that a thunderstorm on July 22, 2023, with large rain and hail did impact water quality within the city and downstream of it. This shows the importance of urban and rural residents doing what they can to limit the impact of run-off events.

When the results of the 2023 sampling were compared to those seen in 2022 and prior projects, the water quality in the creek has not changed significantly. This shows that watershed residents are working hard to enhance water quality and stream health of the Swift Current Creek. The SCCWS will continue to monitor water quality of the Swift Current Creek and all waterbodies within the watershed.

This project was undertaken with funding from TC Energy Ltd.



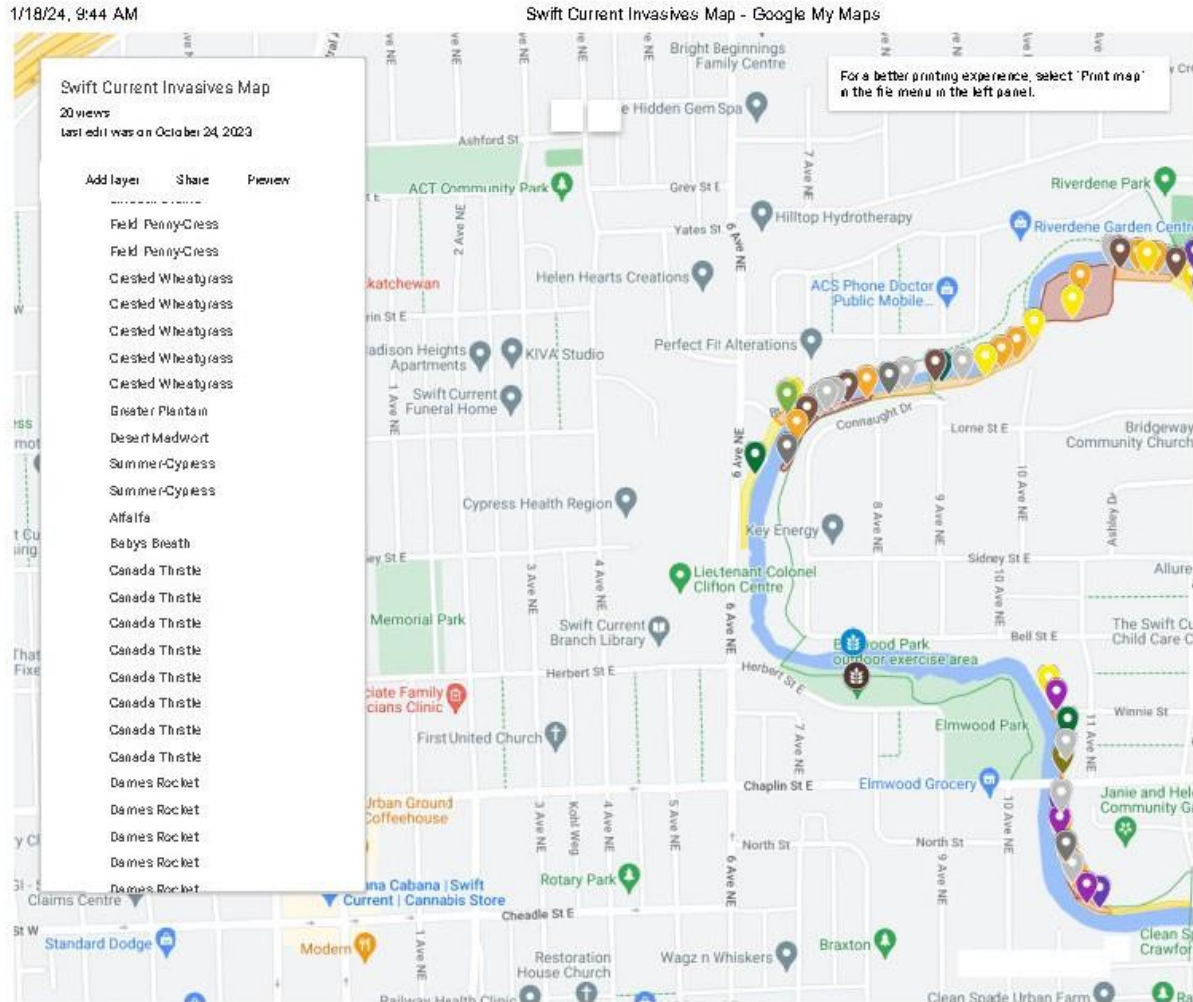
Water sampling supplies

## Invasive Weed Identification, Mapping and Removal Day

During the summer of 2023, Shannon Sherk, the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards Summer Stewardship Coordinator identified and mapped invasive weeds along the creek within the City of Swift Current. Shannon was able to map a stretch of the creek from the Rempel Community Gardens to just past the 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge. Several invasive plants were identified, including Field Bindweed, Dame's Rocket, Baby's Breath, and Common Burdock. The mapping effort culminated in a Weed Removal Day on August 15, 2023. A small but dedicated group of volunteers braved one of the few rainy days this summer to remove 20 large bags of invasive weeds from the creek's shoreline.

The SCCWS will continue to map invasive species and look for opportunities to work with community groups to help with the removal process.

The SCCWS would like to thank SaskEnergy for helping to fund this project and the City of Swift Current for their help promoting this event and assisting with weed clean up.



Map with locations of Invasive Weeds along the Swift Current Creek within the City of Swift Current.





**SWIFT CURRENT CREEK WATERSHED STEWARDS INC.**

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**NOVEMBER 30, 2023**

**SWIFT CURRENT CREEK WATERSHED STEWARDS INC.**

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## COMPILATION ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Directors of Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards Inc.:

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards Inc. as at November 30, 2023, the statement of operations and net assets for the year then ended, and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information ("financial information").

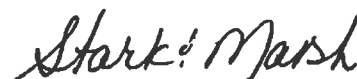
Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

We performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, *Compilation Engagements*, which requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements. Our responsibility is to assist management in preparation of the financial information.

We did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor were we required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

We assisted management with the preparation of adjusting journal entries.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.



————— CPA LLP —————  
Chartered Professional Accountants

Swift Current, Saskatchewan  
February 16, 2024

**SWIFT CURRENT CREEK WATERSHED STEWARDS INC.**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**As at November 30, 2023**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash	\$ 130,239	\$ 159,195
GST receivable	1,122	974
Prepaid expenses	<u>1,829</u>	<u>1,515</u>
	<u>\$ 133,190</u>	<u>\$ 161,684</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>\$ 133,190</u>	<u>\$ 161,684</u>
	<u>\$ 133,190</u>	<u>\$ 161,684</u>
Approved on behalf of the Board		
_____ Director		
_____ Director		

**SWIFT CURRENT CREEK WATERSHED STEWARDS INC.**

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS**

**For the year ended November 30, 2023**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Foraging Into The Future	\$ 10,037	\$ 4,500
Prussian Carp project	8,300	8,500
Habitat Stewardship Program	6,062	25,875
Water sampling	5,000	-
Weed project	4,500	-
Constructed wet land project	4,331	17,325
Tree for Life	500	4,025
Other	100	930
Water security core funding	-	26,075
Sponsorship	-	5,000
Government programs	-	4,408
SAW aquatic invasive project	-	2,375
EcoAction Herbert water use	-	1,071
	<u>38,830</u>	<u>100,084</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising and promotions	417	1,295
CAP - AETS	10	46
Constructed wetland	-	17,108
Corporate	10,143	14,226
Executive director expenses	2,503	1,998
Foraging Into The Future	10,046	-
Frog Hoppers	1,481	2,672
Habitat Stewardship Program	-	4,642
Miscellaneous projects	-	38
Prussian Carp project	5,502	17,332
Tree for Life	-	520
Wages and benefits	32,641	55,969
Water sampling	4,449	-
Watershed kits	-	1,500
Weed day	132	-
	<u>67,324</u>	<u>117,346</u>
<b>Loss from operations</b>	(28,494)	(17,262)
<b>Other income</b>		
Interest income	-	13
<b>Deficiency of revenues over expenses</b>	(28,494)	(17,249)
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	<u>161,684</u>	<u>178,933</u>
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	\$ <u>133,190</u>	\$ <u>161,684</u>

**SWIFT CURRENT CREEK WATERSHED STEWARDS INC.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
**November 30, 2023**

**1. Basis of accounting**

The financial information has been prepared on the cash-basis of accounting, which includes the following:

- Accounts receivable and other receivables
- Accounts payable, loans and other liabilities
- Prepaid expenses