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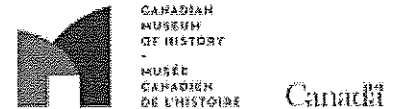
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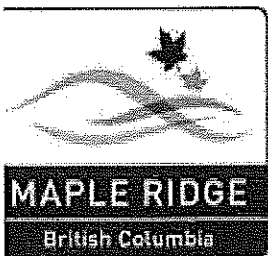
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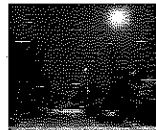
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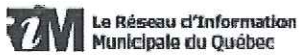
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Self-driving vehicles

On Monday Regina city council voted unanimously to put preparations for autonomous, or self-driving, and electric vehicles, into drive.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/3998387/regina-city-council-to-begin-planning-for-self-driving-electric-vehicles/>

Regina Transit

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<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/city-of-regina-admits-brake-failure-on-transit-bus-lead-to-barbara-supynuk-s-death-1.4510412>

Crime statistics

Car thefts may be down in Regina, but according to Regina's chief of police, many of the thefts that are happening in the city are linked to something more serious than just a joyride.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/car-thefts-regina-1.4512709>

Moose Jaw facing rising landfill costs

<https://regina.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1316401>

Safety concerns after train crash

<https://regina.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1315515>

Event organizers hoping for snow

Organizers of Waskimo, a winter festival that takes place on Regina's Wascana Lake, have their fingers crossed for a dump of snow.

<http://www.cjme.com/2018/01/31/fingers-crossed-winter-events-hoping-for-snowfall/>

East Regina development

A new luxury movie theatre, strip mall and a new location for Costco could be one step closer to becoming a reality for people who live in east Regina.

<http://www.cjme.com/2018/01/31/east-regina-development-with-new-theatre-moving-forward/>

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<http://www.620ckrm.com/2018/01/31/sgi-showing-no-love-in-february-for-seatbelt-less-drivers/>

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Residents wary of plan to burn railway ties

- Regina Leader-Post
- 1 Feb 2018
- ARTHUR WHITE-CRUMMEY awhite-crummey@postmedia.com twitter.com/arthurwhiteLP

A proposal to burn railway ties to create energy at the GTH is raising health and safety worries in the RM of Sherwood.

But the company behind the idea insists it's "environmentally friendly."

Jeff Poissant, Sherwood's reeve, said he's still waiting on an environmental assessment to back that up. For now, residents in Grand Coulee are voicing concerns about the dangers of emissions from burning the ties, which are usually treated with the chemical creosote.

"The emissions, and health and safety, is the No. 1 thing that's come across," Poissant said. "Can we guarantee that the materials they're burning are not going to be soaked in any nasty chemicals, be it creosote or any other preservatives that would be used to treat the lumber?"

Coal tar creosote is considered a "probable human carcinogen" by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Long-term exposure to even low levels of the chemical can result in damage to the cornea and the skin, according to the U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

A Health Canada report estimates the amount of creosote in decommissioned rail ties at several million kilograms a year.

First Nations Power Authority, the company behind the proposal, confirmed that the proposed facility would incinerate used rail ties.

“It’s a more environmentally friendly way to recycle them and ensures no chemicals go into the environment,” said membership manager Rebecca Agecutay. “It’s a good thing and no one else is really doing it right now.”

The company helps First Nations get into the power business, according to their website. The plan is to sell energy generated by the six-megawatt facility to SaskPower.

Creosote is largely composed of hydrocarbons. University of Regina chemistry professor Scott Murphy said the right system can break that down to safer substances.

“They just have to ensure that the type of filtration system that they have, or the heats that they get to, really does reduce everything to CO2 and water,” he said. “It should be safe... there shouldn’t be any offgassing at that plant.”

But Murphy acknowledged that he isn’t an expert on the other components of the compound, which is highly complex.

Poissant said he just wants more information about the proposed facility. There has been one town hall to discuss it, but Poissant said his council was notified about it at the last minute.

“We’re only going on the barest of details so far,” he said. “The communication was very lacking.”

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LINING UP HIS TEAM

Moe ponders new cabinet

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MICHAEL BELL Premier-designate Scott Moe speaks at Government House on Monday after asking the lieutenant-governor for her consent to form government.

Moe is said to be putting the finishing touches on his cabinet appointments, a list that could include both recent opponents and longtime allies.

Soon-to-be-premier Scott Moe is expected to announce who is in — and who is out — of his first cabinet on Friday.

Expected to be back in cabinet are at least some of those who ran against him for the Saskatchewan Party leadership.

Tina Beaudry-Mellor, who was the social services minister before resigning to seek the leadership, and Gord Wyant, who did the same with his role of attorney general, are both being considered shoo-ins for cabinet postings.

Which positions they end up getting remains unclear, but the fact both are more left-leaning urban MLAs in a party recognizing it will have challenges winning over moderate city voters increases their chances of getting prominent roles.

Shortly after Moe's win on Saturday, talk of Wyant being given the deputy premier's role — and returning to the posting of attorney general — emerged.

Beaudry-Mellor has a close relationship with Moe, but whether or not that translates into her getting the social services portfolio back is another unknown at this time. Paul Merriman, who currently holds the portfolio, was an integral part of Moe's campaign team.

It also remains an open question as to whether Ken Cheveldayoff will return to cabinet.

The former parks, culture and sport minister placed third in the leadership race, indicating a large number of party members like him and his politics. However, there is at least some push within caucus to leave him in the backbenches, largely because of his heavy courtship of the social conservative vote and whispers his campaign got too arrogant and aggressive in its final days.

Two previous cabinet ministers are also suspected to have a chance of returning.

Kevin Doherty, the province's former finance minister, stepped away from cabinet after a brief stint in advanced education.

Moving from the front benches to the background had many questioning his desire to continue in politics, but his close friendship with Moe and his depth of experience has prompted some political insiders to suggest he may return to cabinet.

Jeremy Harrison, who was the province's economy minister before launching his own brief leadership bid, is also being considered as someone who will return to cabinet — largely because of his endorsement and involvement in Moe's leadership bid.

With only so many cabinet positions to go around — there are 17 currently — there will be people who will have to be dropped if all of the above people are to step in.

Possible candidates for demotion include Bronwyn Eyre, the province's education minister who has been embroiled in controversy and may have lost the confidence of educators.

Larry Doke, minister of government relations, didn't back any candidates and only served briefly in the role, and so may be returned to the backbenches.

Herb Cox, the advanced education minister, is also a candidate to be dropped because he formerly stepped away from cabinet due to health reasons.

Beyond managing these challenges in building his own cabinet, Moe has chosen Shannon Andrews as his chief of staff.

Jim Billington, a spokesperson for Moe, confirmed to the LeaderPost that she had been named to the position.

“Ms. Andrews has served previously in a number of chief of staff roles in ministerial offices, as well as in executive council,” he said. “This experience will be an asset to the premier.”

He added “other positions in the office of the premier will be confirmed at a later date.”

That later date is expected to be Friday.

‘Character’ of pot shops factor in permit process

- Regina Leader-Post
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MICHAEL BELL Regina Police Chief Evan Bray says the force is still in the “education phase” with owners of local marijuana dispensaries, and once they know what the law is, the police will “give them a chance to comply.”

While police haven’t dropped the hammer on any of Regina’s pot shops yet, Chief Evan Bray says storefront owners should think twice about trying to fight the man.

“If you want to get a licence once it’s legalized and have this retail business forevermore, I would suggest you’d want to be assessed with good character,” he said following Wednesday’s board of police commissioners meeting.

In assessing applications for storefront marijuana sales licences, “good character” will be on SLGA’s list of boxes in need of ticking, Bray said, pointing to a section of the Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act.

On granting beverage alcohol permits, the Act says: “The authority shall not issue a permit to an applicant if the authority has evidence that the authority considers credible and reliable that the applicant is not of good character.”

That includes considering such things as “the applicant’s reputation, past conduct, integrity, financial history or competence,” and “any other evidence that the authority considers relevant.”

Despite repeated warnings this month, police have yet to raid any of the city’s dispensaries.

“It’s not in our best interest right now to start a war,” Bray said.

The force is still in the “education phase,” and some storefront owners have been contacted directly. Police want to ensure all parties know exactly what the law is, “and once that’s done, give them a chance to comply.”

However, criminal charges are a definite possibility for those who choose to continue to break the law. And once they’ve been educated, their understanding of the law will be documented, Bray said.

Regarding dispensaries being robbed, Bray said the force knows of two, but added: “We’ve been told, anecdotally, that they’re not all being reported.”

“I think we know the reason why,” he said. “Currently, it’s not legal.”

Those operating outside the law are often reluctant to report being robbed for fear of repercussions, Bray said, giving the example of gun owners who don’t properly store their firearms.

However, when police respond to a robbery, they view it primarily as a community safety issue.

“Police discretion is something that’s always there,” he said, noting the police priority in cases where dispensaries are robbed wouldn’t be on charging the business.

“When we talk about community safety, we’re not alienating anyone, including the people that work at and own and operate dispensaries, right now.”

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Shelter beds still available

The frigidly cold weather has some homeless shelter operating at capacity, but it doesn't mean all beds are full in Regina.

Souls Harbour Rescue Mission has room for 16 people with 12 beds and four cots and either 15 or all 16 beds have been full on the coldest nights this week.

<http://www.cjme.com/2018/02/05/shelter-beds-still-available-as-cold-weather-increases-demand/>

Provincial Budget

Cities and towns across the Saskatchewan can expect to see less money coming from the province in this year's budget. This follows a reduction in revenue sharing last year and a multi-million cut to grants in lieu of property taxes. This payment applied to buildings like Crown corporation offices.

Moe made it clear that the province does not have extra money. However, the new premier said he wants to renegotiate the revenue sharing formula. Currently, a percentage point from the six per cent PST goes back to municipalities.

In addition to that, Moe wants to find a "fair" solution to the grants-in-lieu issue.

Regina's mayor, Michael Fougere, welcomed the idea of going to the table with the province to discuss this issue.

"Eight cents of every dollar that's given by taxpayers to all levels of government goes to municipalities, and revenue sharing will help us of course, but our property tax does not grow with the economy, like GST does or PST or other forms of taxation," Fougere said.

Regina city council is preparing to debate a 4.86 per cent property tax increase on Feb. 27.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4007711/premier-scott-moe-warns-of-tough-budget-wants-to-renegotiate-revenue-sharing/>

<http://www.cjme.com/2018/02/05/provincial-budget-coming-april-10-premier-scott-moe/>

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Moe to take new look at municipal grants

- Regina Leader-Post
- 6 Feb 2018
- ARTHUR WHITE-CRUMMEY

With little chance of new dollars for cities and towns in the provincial budget, Premier Scott Moe is promising a collaborative relationship with municipalities struggling to find stable funding.

Saskatchewan will face another “tight budget” this year, Moe said in a speech to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association convention Monday.

But he told the crowd of mayors, councillors and administrators gathered in Regina that he’s ready to re-examine some of their most cherished grant programs — even as he later stressed that there are “no extra dollars at the provincial table.”

In his first major speech since assuming leadership, Moe said the provincial budget — now due for release on April 10 — will contain “details” on grants-in-lieu payments to municipalities.

The payments, essentially a stand-in for the property taxes Crown corporations are exempted from paying by law, were heavily cut in the last provincial budget. That led to massive budget holes in cities across the province.

Moe said he wants to collaborate with municipalities to reform the program.

“We need a permanent solution to grants-in-lieu,” Moe told the delegates. “We’re looking to make it a fairer program for all municipalities and we need your help.”

The cuts cost both Regina and Saskatoon more than \$10 million a year in lost revenue. The cities have also suffered from a multiyear plunge in revenue sharing transfers, which the province calculates as a portion of its own PST revenue. That leads to frequent fluctuations as the economy waxes and wanes.

The premier acknowledged the transfers will continue to decline this year, but he promised to sit down with municipalities to find a more stable, predictable system.

“I propose we work together over the next months and years to devise a new formula that works for our Saskatchewan communities, to continue to provide just that: that comparable, predictable and sustainable funding level that our communities need,” said Moe.

The announcement left the province’s big-city mayors hopeful that Moe is opening a new era of collaboration. Regina Mayor Michael Fougere said the premier’s speech revealed a “different approach” from what came before.

“That’s positive,” he said. “We want to have consultation to ensure that we come to an agreement by negotiation, not by imposition.”

But Fougere added that he’s still unsure what to make of the premier’s comments on grants-in-lieu. He said he has no objection to “fairness” — stressing that the last budget was anything but — though he couldn’t guess what the promised “details” might bode for Regina.

“I have no idea what that means,” he said. “One line in a speech does not lead you to any conclusions.”

Saskatoon Mayor Charlie Clark said that he’s pleased cities will play a role in “sorting out what the future of revenue sharing is going to look like.”

On grants-in-lieu, he proposed a solution of his own: just get Crown corporations to pay property taxes.

“I think that would be a way to achieve fairness,” he said. “If there’s a gas leak or something goes wrong, we send our fire trucks, we send our police vehicles ... and we’re not seeing compensation.”

The premier left one telling hint about what the promised “fairness” could mean. Grants-in-lieu went to a minority of municipalities, and disproportionately to cities like Regina with extensive Crown corporation properties.

Moe raised that point in his speech.

“Right now, about 109 of 300 municipalities benefit from this program,” he said, suggesting that fairness could demand a shift.

Clark and Fougere didn’t raise any apprehensions about that point, however. The Saskatoon mayor said big-city politicians “are not trying to pit ourselves against smaller communities.”

Many cities and towns across the province are still knee-deep in their own budgeting process. Most are facing the same kind of tight situations Moe is promising: Declining revenue and rising costs. The premier called on them to try to avoid property tax increases.

But SUMA president Gordon Barnhart said, in many cases, there’s simply no more room to save.

“All of the urban municipalities, they’ve been cutting,” he said. “They’re cut to the bone.”

Despite his concern, he’s happy to hear municipalities will have a seat at the table — on grants-in-lieu, revenue sharing and a host of other issues. Barnhart seemed optimistic that Moe won’t spring another surprise budget on municipalities. “I’m getting the feeling that they are saying we will have a discussion well in advance of the decision, as opposed to being told at the time what the decision is,” he said.

Moe addressed another concern that’s loomed over the convention so far: Infrastructure funding. Delegates have repeatedly said the province needs to step up and match federal contributions.

The premier said the April 10 budget will provide “guidance” on infrastructure spending. It was vague, but enough to raise hopes on the convention floor.

Fougere said he wants to see “more details.” Clark said he’s “eagerly anticipating” a provincial role.

“We know we have a huge opportunity with the federal infrastructure program,” Clark said. “We don’t want to leave money on the table and we need the province to come forward as a partner.”

Premier discusses GTH

Premier Scott Moe said he won't prevent a forensic audit on the Global Transportation Hub if it comes to that. The province is waiting for the results of the RCMP investigation into the GTH, and then caucus will make a decision on the next step.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/premier-scott-moe-gth-public-wage-reduction-1.4519918>

Mortgage rules changes

Mortgage brokers say the borrower rejection rate from large banks and traditional monoline mortgage lenders has gone up as much as 20 per cent after Canada's banking regulator imposed a new stress test for home buyers who don't need mortgage insurance.

<http://www.cjme.com/2018/02/05/new-mortgage-rules-sending-borrowers-down-the-credit-ladder-to-alt-lenders/>

Manfred Joehnck

Veteran Saskatchewan reporter Manfred Joehnck has died.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/sask-reporter-manfred-joehnck-dead-1.4521556>

Gerard Stanley trial

Gerald Stanley has told his version of what happened the night Colten Boushie died for the first time in public.

<http://www.cjme.com/syn/653/234799/234799/>

'Boom, the thing just went off,' Stanley tells jurors

Accused testifies that pistol that fired the fatal shot had a delayed discharge

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- ANDREA HILL



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*PRESS*Debbie Baptiste, mother of Colten Boushie, holds up a picture of her son as she leaves court in Battleford on Monday during a recess in the trial of Gerald Stanley, who is accused of shooting the 22-year-old man. Stanley testified his gun had a delayed discharge.

Testifying on his own behalf, Saskatchewan farmer Gerald Stanley told a jury his gun had a delayed discharge on the day Colten Boushie was fatally shot on his property.

Stanley, 56, broke his 18-month silence Monday at Battlefords Court of Queen's Bench during the second week of his second-degree murder trial. Stanley is charged with the death of Boushie, a Cree man from Red Pheasant First Nation who was 22 years old when he died. Stanley was the final witness called by the defence.

Stanley told the jury that a loud vehicle sped onto his farm on Aug. 9, 2016, and that someone from the vehicle hopped onto one of his quads. Stanley said he and his 28-year-old son Sheldon, who had been building a fence on the property, ran toward the vehicle. He said the person on the quad got back into the loud vehicle, then Sheldon smashed the vehicle's windshield with a hammer and the vehicle sped away down the driveway spewing gravel.

"I'm thinking 'Wow, that was pretty exciting, there they go.' I thought they were just going to continue moving up the road," Stanley said.

But then the vehicle turned and struck one of Stanley's vehicles, he said.

"I'm thinking: They're not leaving and what is happening?" Stanley said.

Stanley said his son started running toward the house and the vehicle.

He said he thought his son was going to confront the vehicle and wanted to help him. Stanley said he walked into his shed and grabbed his Tokarev semi-automatic pistol, which he normally used to scare coyotes, and peeled what he thought was two bullets off a strip and put them in a magazine.

Stanley said he left the shed and couldn't see his son. He said he fired a warning shot straight in the air and two men who had exited the loud vehicle turned to look at him.

Stanley said he raised the gun a second time and pulled the trigger "two or three times."

He said the two men from the vehicle started running down the driveway. Stanley said he never pointed the gun at the vehicle or the people in it.

Stanley said he brought the gun down and popped the clip out. His gun was in his right hand and the magazine was in his left.

"As far as I was concerned, it was empty, I'd fired the last shot," Stanley said. "The slide was back and the barrel was extended out the end and the magazine was out."

Stanley said he continued to walk toward the vehicle and then realized that the lawn mower his wife had been on was unmanned. He said he felt "pure terror."

"I thought the car had ran over my wife," Stanley testified.

He said he ran to the vehicle, planning to look under it. He said as he approached, the vehicle revved up.

"I thought the car was going to run me over," Stanley said.

He said he noticed the driver of the vehicle for the first time and saw "something metal" sticking out of the window toward him. He said he banged the metal object with his left hand as he reached for the keys and that his right hand was somewhere in the vehicle.

"I was reaching in across the steering wheel to turn the keys off and boom, the thing just went off," Stanley told the jury, demonstrating his actions with the pistol that had fired the fatal shot.

"I couldn't believe what just happened and everything seemed to just go silent."

Stanley said he then backed away from the vehicle, went into his shop and sat down.

Under cross-examination, Crown Prosecutor Bill Burge asked Stanley if he had taken any precautions with the gun when he reached into the window of the vehicle.

Stanley said he didn't think it was loaded and was "just holding it."

Earlier Monday, Scott Spencer, Stanley's defence lawyer, described Boushie's death as "a freak accident that occurred in the course of an unimaginably scary situation."

Spencer asked the jury to consider what they would do if intruders came into their homes to steal and damage their property.

“This case comes down to: What’s reasonable in that circumstance? And it’s not reasonable to start shooting people, but that’s not what happened,” Spencer said. He argued it was reasonable for Stanley to fire warning shots and said Stanley’s gun had a delayed discharge “at the worst time.”

“This death is not justified legally or morally. It is never, never right to take someone’s life with a gun. But that’s not what this case is about,” Spencer told the jury.

“This is really not a murder case at all. This is a case about what can go terribly wrong when you create a situation which is really in the nature of a home invasion.”

Spencer said that while the shooting is not justified as an act of self-defence, there is a self-defence factor.

“What can you do to protect yourself in those circumstances? You can’t use lethal force, but is it reasonable to attempt to deal with the circumstance to defend you and your family?” he asked.

The jury heard last week that hang fires, or delayed discharges, are very rare and last less than a second. But on Monday, Spencer called two witnesses who said they had experienced hang fires that lasted several seconds.

One man said he experienced a hang fire of 10 to 12 seconds while hunting gophers 40 years ago. Another man said he experienced a hang fire of seven seconds while shooting at targets.

A defence expert said last week hang fires may be more likely with older ammunition or ammunition that has been improperly stored.

Stanley told the court Friday that he bought surplus ammunition for his Tokarev because it was cheaper and that he stored the ammunition in a shed that wasn’t heated. He said that in every box of 40 bullets he would normally find one “dud.”

Court heard last week that Boushie and four others got into a grey SUV on Aug. 9, 2016 and drove from Red Pheasant First Nation to a swimming spot by the river. All were consuming alcohol.

The SUV was eventually driven onto Stanley’s farm and Boushie was killed by a single gunshot to the head while he sat in the driver’s seat of the SUV. A bullet entered below his left ear and exited on his right-hand side. The barrel of a .22-calibre rifle was found next to Boushie’s body and is believed to have been in the driver’s seat with him when he died.

Forensic investigation determined Boushie was shot with a Tokarev semi-automatic pistol that was found in Stanley’s home. One witness in the car told the jury she saw Stanley shoot Boushie twice in the head, but she had earlier told police she didn’t know who shot Boushie.

After Stanley’s testimony Monday, Spencer closed the defence’s case.

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Subject: RE: Interview Request - Dewdney Avenue

Thanks for the input.

I'm just finalizing the draft messages and then we will be sharing with MO. Once we hear back from them, I'll send back to you, Norman, for review.

Thanks.

Bonnie

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Attachments: 2018 02 09 RRI RRP SC Presentation.pdf

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Subject: RRI Railyard Renewal Project (RRP) Steering Committee (NEW date/time confirmed)

When: Friday, February 9, 2018 11:00 AM-1:00 PM (UTC-06:00) Saskatchewan.

Where: 14th Floor Boardroom

Importance: High

New date/time.

In an effort to be respectful of everyone's time this meeting will be extended until 1:00 p.m. with lunch provided. An update appointment will be sent following this email.

- Lunch will be ordered from Gilmore's Corner – sandwiches/pasta salad.
- If you have any allergies please let me know asap.

Thank-you,
Stacey

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Notifications will be sent should meeting date/time change or meeting is cancelled.

Should this poses a conflict to you please adjust accordingly or let me know.

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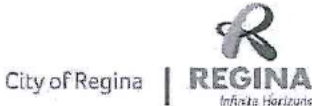
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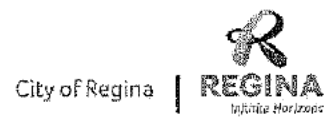


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- Railyard site leased back to CP Rail until 2014 to allow sufficient time to transition its intermodal operations to the Global Transportation Hub (GTH)

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All day breakfast capital

Wednesday marks the official one-year anniversary of the McDonald's All-Day Breakfast in Canada and since then, we've learned Regina is officially the McDonald's breakfast capital of Canada!

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4038357/regina-now-mcdonalds-breakfast-capital-of-canada/>

Traffic lights

The City of Regina is working to update the time motorists spend at traffic lights in order to keep up with growth.

As the city's population grows, so does the number of cars on the roads. On major streets like Victoria Avenue, Arcola Avenue or Albert Street, drivers can feel like they're hitting red light after red light.

"It becomes challenging at times," said Norman Kyle, director of roadways and transportation with the city. "At certain points, when you get close to downtown on Albert Street, you have almost an equal amount of volume of traffic in both directions at peak time. So, you're not going to get perfect co-ordination. So, you try and balance it."

<https://regina.ctvnews.ca/city-hoping-to-update-traffic-light-wait-times-to-keep-up-with-growth-1.3813569>

Crown corporation late fees

The interest rates on overdue accounts are on the way up for SaskTel and SaskEnergy.

<https://regina.ctvnews.ca/some-crown-corporations-increasing-late-interest-charges-1.3813630>

SaskPower reinstalling smart meters

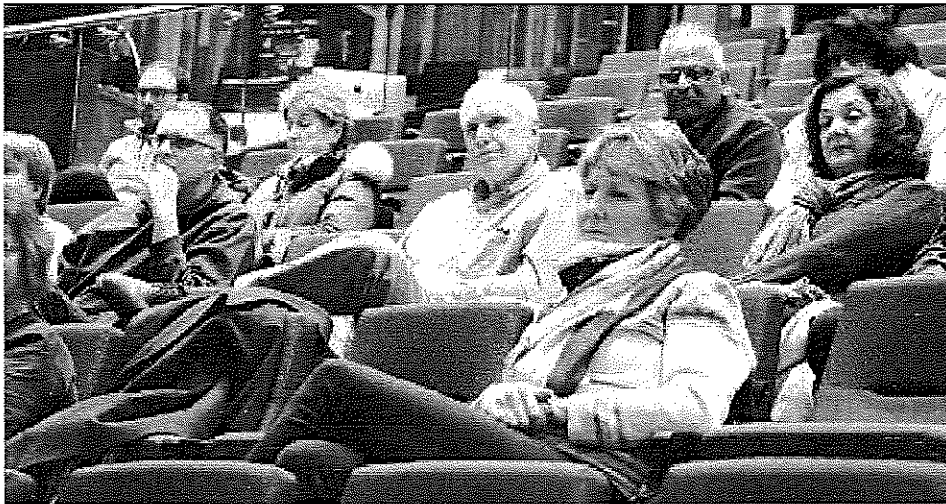
SaskPower is pushing ahead with its testing of smart meters.

This after the disastrous results of smart meter installations in 2014 when the province ordered the Crown Corporation to pull more than 100 thousand of the meters out of service, after reports of eight cases where the devices caught fire. Last fall, the company began installing 584 new smart meters at commercial and industrial sites.

Councillors get earful on taxes at Ward 4 session

Elected officials on the hot seat at Ward 4 meeting ahead of next week's budget vote

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ARTHUR WHITE-CRUMMEY At the

Ward 4 budget town hall on Tuesday, Julian Oleksinski, centre, pressed four city councillors on whether they're making efforts to freeze property taxes. "Do you go in with an idea that you're going to raise them every year?" Oleksinski asked the elected representatives.

In two Regina churches, precisely a week apart, residents gathered to enjoy light snacks and listen to the same councillors talk about next Tuesday's city budget vote.

The setting was the same, but the political mood couldn't be more different.

While last week's Ward 3 budget town hall attracted opponents of "militarized police" and demands for increased social spending, this Tuesday's meeting saw a retired businessman press the city to count every pencil and eraser.

He got a lot of support. Residents at Coun. Lori Bresciani's Ward 4 town hall, at Living Hope Alliance Church in the city's southeast, repeated calls for a tax freeze. But councillors told them that's impossible, with one even sticking out his neck for a further hike.

"I'm going to be the most hated man in Regina," said Coun. Jason Mancinelli. "I'm going to advocate for an extra 1.5 per cent mill rate."

That would bring the total property tax increase to 6.36 per cent. Mancinelli said the city needs to invest in its assets now to make up for years of neglect.

“I can’t even imagine putting forward a zero per cent mill rate increase right now,” he stressed. “There are some big infrastructure deficits.”

The four councillors present — Bresciani, Mancinelli, Andrew Stevens and John Findura — agreed on the challenges: Rising infrastructure bills, less money to pay them. Regina is still facing a massive revenue hole left by last year’s provincial cuts.

But Julian Oleksinski said city staff need to ask a simple question of every expense item: “Do we need pencils? Do we need erasers?” City manager Chris Holden has said he’s done precisely that, more or less, asking city departments to search for savings. He said they found \$9 million over two years.

Oleksinski pushed for more. Again and again, he pressed the councillors to adopt a “zero mindset” on taxes.

“Do you go in with an idea that you’re going to raise them every year?” he asked. “My entire life, I’ve seen governments of all levels give tremendous salaries, benefits and wages — everything under the sun — to civil servants, and I think Regina has been no different.”

Another resident, engineer Lakkavally Chandramohan, said he doesn’t have the income to keep paying increased property taxes every year. He bemoaned what he saw as waste, like buses with “hardly even one passenger” on board.

His wife, Savidri Chandramohan, asked what the city is doing to reduce its labour costs, which make up about half of total expenses. “They’re increasing our taxes, but they haven’t reduced their wages,” she said.

Stevens told her that there have, in fact, been efforts. Last year, out-of-scope staff took a wage freeze, as did senior administrative staff, apart from a few performance-based benefits.

“It’s not true that we’ve seen a bloated city administration,” he said. “All of the evidence points to the opposite. We’ve seen the growth of less expensive, cheaper, more precarious, casual and part-time employment, and a real decrease in full-time equivalents.”

A few voices joined his defence. Ironworker Chris Gust said it’s unfair to ask more of workers who’ve already seen their wages rise by less than inflation, especially if it means violating collective agreements.

“You’re going to come to these people and say we want to break your contracts and take \$2,000 to \$3,000 of food off your table so that my taxes don’t go up by 100 bucks? It’s indecent,” he said.

Mancinelli agreed that union contracts tie council’s hands. Stevens told residents to keep one maxim in mind: you get what you pay for.

“I’m assuming that some of you are probably disappointed by the biweekly garbage collection change,” he said. “You got your wish. We let go of staff. That’s what it looks like when you deal with these questions by getting rid of people, you compromise services.”

All four councillors said they’re unwilling to reduce service levels, though few were willing to join Mancinelli in his call for a further tax hike. Stevens said he’ll propose cutting grants to Evraz Place and might vote against the proposed \$3-million police budget increase. In turn, he plans to introduce amendments for increased spending on bike lanes and community organizations.

Stevens said he’d vote against the existing proposal. But he didn’t show his hand on the mill rate.

Findura and Bresciani did, without giving a specific number. Both said they 'll try to reduce the property tax increase below administration's proposed 4.86 per cent, with Findura pushing for further efficiencies.

Bresciani added that she'd like to examine whether last year's operating surplus, together with money sitting in reserves, could be spent in place of tax dollars. She also floated the idea of deferring certain projects.

But Mancinelli warned that spending less now will increase costs down the road.

"I wouldn't keep my house in that type of order, so I can't make a recommendation to keep my city in that kind of order," he said. "I want to build the capacity of the city to do its job properly, rather than death by 1,000 cuts."

Cities hope for more collaboration under Premier Moe

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The president of the organization that represents Saskatchewan's cities and towns wants a more collaborative relationship with Premier Scott Moe's new provincial government.

"So far, so good," Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) president Gordon Barnhart said Wednesday. "I think that they've been saying they want to have consultation before decisions are made and I think that's a step in the right direction."

Moe took over from premier Brad Wall last month as leader of the Saskatchewan Party and the province's new premier.

The last budget under Wall, tabled in March 2017, slashed some grants-in-lieu payments to urban municipalities, which left city and town halls scrambling to replace the lost revenue.

Many municipal 2018 budgets still reflect the struggle to cope with fewer provincial dollars. Reduced provincial revenue was blamed for more than half of the City of Saskatoon's 2018 property tax increase of 4.7 per cent.

Other cities, like Regina, are still formulating their 2018 budgets.

Moe warned of another "tight budget" at the SUMA convention in Regina this month.

Still, Barnhart said he is encouraged by the degree of consultation, including a meeting between SUMA executives and Finance Minister Donna Harpauer and Government Relations Minister Warren Kaeding.

"That doesn't mean we'll get everything that we ask for," Barnhart said of the April 10 provincial budget.

He declined to reveal specifics, but Saskatoon Coun. Darren Hill, who also serves on the SUMA executive, shared a few details at a city council committee meeting Tuesday.

Hill said the province is not expected to restore the grants-in-lieu from Crown corporations, but there were "great conversations" on possible replacement revenue.

The province is reviewing the revenue-sharing formula, but extensive changes are not expected, Hill said. The Sask. Party government has shared one-fifth of provincial sales tax revenue with municipalities for most of its time in government.

Barnhart said SUMA is lobbying for municipalities to get one-third of the expected revenue headed to the province from taxes on marijuana. The federal government has committed to send 75 per cent of marijuana tax revenue to provinces.

Barnhart said municipalities are only looking for reimbursement of the costs associated with legalized marijuana, such as training police officers to detect impaired motorists.

“It’s not going to be a gravy train as far as I can see,” he said.

Barnhart repeated that SUMA would like to see more details on the province’s plan for legal marijuana as soon as possible.

Who is footing bill for new overpass?

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Well, it’s about time!

Finally, after decades of having a freeway with a level railway crossing, the serious discussions are beginning to hopefully alleviate a headache for most Reginans, constructing an overpass at the Winnipeg Street railway crossing on Ring Road. The only question that remains is — who’s going to pay for it? Will this be another excuse to raise property taxes even higher? Will the federal and provincial governments contribute their fair share? Will those from outside of Regina help foot the bill, since they use the Ring Road just as much as anyone else?

When the Ring Road was constructed, there was one glaring flaw — a level railway crossing on a road with a speed limit of 100 km/h. Thankfully, with the \$2-billion Regina bypass, they’ve learned their lesson. Interestingly, there has been a plan to reconfigure the Winnipeg Street overpass anyway, so one would hope that they will do it all together and not duplicate efforts. Or worse yet, as we are seeing along the Trans-Canada Highway at the Global Transportation Hub turnoff, the destruction of a brand new overpass and reconstruction, costing taxpayers tens of millions.

I wonder why is there no talk about relocating the rail lines outside of the city — completely removing the need for more overpasses on the Ring Road? Donald Neuls, Coppersands

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