



RPS Growth Plan will continue to benefit the community

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The Regina Police Service is proud to provide policing services to this amazing community. Regina is a very diverse city that has equally diverse needs. In an effort to prevent crime, and enhance overall community safety, the Regina Police Service focuses on meeting public demands through response to emergency calls for service, traffic safety initiatives, investigative follow-up and proactive police work. As we stride in 2023, the Regina Police Service anticipates another busy year ahead.

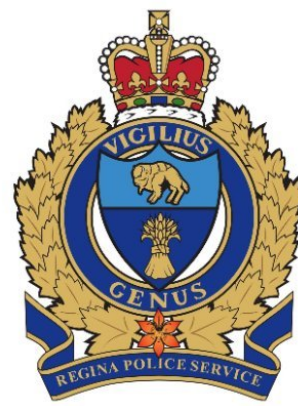
Every year, the Regina Police Service presents a budget to City Council that reflects the needs of the police service, in response to the demands from the community. Over the past decade, the City of Regina grew significantly, in both population and geography, however the growth of the Regina Police Service did not keep pace. As a result, there were fewer members responding to an increased volume of high priority or in progress calls for service. This meant police officers had less time to devote to less serious property crime, traffic control and proactive efforts. In 2020, the Regina Board of Police Commissioners endorsed a Growth Plan that created a blue print for growth of the police service, over a five-year period.



The approval of the 2023-2024 Regina Police Service budget ensured the completion of the Regina Police Service's Growth Plan by the end of 2024. This means police officers will be more evenly distributed in the city, and will have more time to focus on proactive community based policing initiatives. They will be more responsive to "quality of life" concerns, such as property crime and traffic related issues and offences. Members will be encouraged to get to know the residents and businesses in their districts, with the goal of better understanding the challenges faced from a community safety perspective. By the end of 2024, the Regina Police Service will have hired 60 new police officers since 2020, which is approximately 15% more police officers.

In the 2022 budget, City Council approved the creation of an Air Support Unit for our community. This unit will

greatly enhance safety for citizens and police officers, while bringing about efficiencies each day it is operational in our community. In the short time the Air Support Unit has been operational, it has proven to be a great success in managing risk in the community, and holding offenders to account.



If you have recently passed by the 1700 block of Osler Street you may have noticed the construction of our new Headquarters is taking shape. The development of a new Regina Police Service Headquarters is a positive step that will bring all of our staff under one roof and will limit the amount of leased space we currently occupy in the city. We will move into the new addition this spring. Watch for our address change from 1717 Osler Street to 1717 Saskatchewan Drive in the near future! The Regina Police Service is constantly looking for ways to provide enhanced **Respectful Professional Service** to our community. Residents of Regina now have a variety of online options for reporting crime, and for criminal record checks. The Regina Police Service continues to work collaboratively with a variety of partner agencies to assist vulnerable residents navigate complex social issues, in an ongoing effort to find meaningful ways to contribute to community safety and well-being for all residents of Regina!

UPCOMING REGINA CHAMBER EVENTS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

HOMEGROWN SUCCESS: THE STATE OF LABOUR IN REGINA

Presented in partnership with Economic Development Regina

Join the conversation and share your voice at this State of Labour event.

Conference to include keynote speakers along with a moderated panel.

9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Atlas Hotel

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THURSDAY, APRIL 6

23RD ANNUAL PARAGON AWARDS

Celebrating and honouring the achievements of the Regina Business Community

Delta Regina

Reception: 6 p.m.

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Canadian Western Bank to assist Z99 Radiothon

Canadian Western Bank (CWB) has two events planned in March in support of the 36th annual Z99 Radiothon. All funds raised by the events and the Radiothon will support the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in the Rawlco Centre For Mother Baby Care at the Regina General Hospital.



CWB's first event is an All You Can Eat Pizza/Pasta Bar night on Sat., March 11 at the Western Pizza Broadway. Sittings for the event are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25.



The second event is "Shaving Heads & Saving Babies" on March 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Hill Tower II lobby. CWB is looking for people who will commit to raising pledges to have their heads, beards, moustaches, etc. shaved or a body part waxed.

To purchase tickets for the All You Can Eat Pizza/Pasta Bar night or to register for the "Shaving Heads & Saving Babies" event, call 306-337-1579.



PCSR online meeting scheduled for Feb. 9

Dr. Tristin Domes and Dr. Garson Chan will present "Surgical Solutions For ED and Urinary Incontinence" at the Prostate Cancer Support Regina group meeting on Thurs., Feb. 9.



Dr. Chan is an assistant professor in the Department of Surgery, with a cross appointment in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, at the University of Saskatchewan. He has presented at numerous international meetings, co-authored over 30-peer reviewed articles and abstracts, and serves as a reviewer for several urology journals.

Dr. Domes is an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Saskatchewan and is heavily involved in the administration and delivery of undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing medical education. With over 35 published papers (including leading the most recent Canadian Urological Guideline on Erectile Dysfunction) and three book chapters, his current academic and research interests involve quality improvement initiatives and developing and evaluating strategies to improve the delivery of medical education.

The online meeting will include a Q&A session after the presentation, followed by peer-to-peer sharing.

Additional information is available on the [PCSR website](#).

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