



ASK YOUR CANDIDATES: SASKATOON EDITION

Urban areas are responsible for around two thirds of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. They are also greatly affected by climate change. Therefore, there is an undeniable importance on the role of cities to mitigate and adapt to climate change. In this context, the City of Saskatoon has national and global commitments to address its climate change issues, as a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and as a signatory of the 2015 Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. The City of Saskatoon Climate Action Plan includes strategies for climate change mitigation (LEC Plan - link to the plan: <http://bit.ly/YXELECPan>) and proactively adapting infrastructure, services and programs (Adaptation Strategy):

- Even though the Low Emissions Community (LEC) Plan has been approved by the City Council and many actions are moving forward as planned, many others have not been progressing as planned. Only 10 out of 25 actions that are to be started in the next 4 years (Phases 1 and 2) have been funded.
- According to the Saskatoon's Corporate Risk 2018 Annual Report *the City may not be prepared for the effects of climate change and it presents a medium level risk to the overall corporation.*

1. One of the main stalemates for the LEC Plan has been ensuring the long-term budgeting, as this plan is a 30-year long strategy. What strategies would you propose to assure the long-term funding for the LEC Plan?
2. The LEC Plan is a whole-city plan and its 40 actions will achieve multiple community co-benefits such as public health improvement, local economy diversification and more equity and quality of life. What actions from the LEC Plan would you prioritize to be implemented in your Ward or the City as a whole?
3. Considering the current climate risks to the City, how would you promote and develop the actions to increase the City's resiliency and its ability to adapt to new climate conditions?
4. How would you promote collaboration on climate change issues with the provincial government?

