

Varsity View

Local Area Planning Process

The Study Area



The Varsity View neighbourhood is one of fifteen neighbourhoods approved by City Council to receive a Local Area Plan (LAP), to guide the neighbourhood into the future.

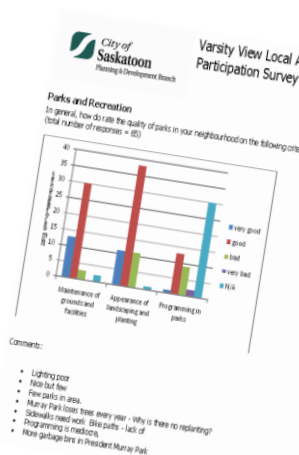
The neighbourhood boundaries are as follows:

- Cumberland Avenue South;
- 8th Street East;
- Clarence Avenue South; and
- College Drive East.

Varsity View is mainly comprised of 60 + year old low-density residential properties, with the exception of Luther Care Communities and multiple unit dwellings along

Clarence Avenue. There are commercial land uses along the southern boundary on 8th Street East and a small strip on the corner of College and Cumberland Avenues, as well as at the corner of Wiggins and Temperance Street. Varsity View has both a high school and elementary school in the neighbourhood. Further details can be found in the Varsity View Yesterday and Today section of this report.

Neighbourhood Participation & Process



Communications

1 Survey, 1 Blog || The Varsity View Local Area Plan is the result of a large participatory planning process and was developed over 2 years, commencing in September 2009. A preliminary survey was sent to the neighbourhood to gain resident's perspectives on topics ranging from land use, parks and recreation, to parking and traffic. 49 neighbourhood surveys were received from the community. A blog was also created to help increase communication opportunities to the community during the planning process.



The Local Area Planning Committee

118 LAPC Participants || At the core of the engagement was the Varsity View Community Association, which acted as representatives for the neighbourhood, dedicating time within their regular meeting dates to participate in the Local Area Planning process. The Varsity View Local Area Planning Committee (LAPC) represents a range of interests including: residents, business owners, institutions, property owners, and the community association. The core LAPC was comprised of approximately 25 stakeholders who regularly attended LAPC meetings.



Collaboration

During the LAP meetings, the community discussed many topics ranging from land use to community institutions, to parking, parks and active transportation.

24 Guest Speakers || To assist with the planning process, guest speakers were invited to speak and included groups such as the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Health Region, Black Rock Developments, and the City of Saskatoon.

6 Safety Audits || The community participated in a number of safety audits throughout the neighbourhood. Most of the Safety Audits were conducted in the neighbourhood parks and the Albert Community Centre.

1 Infill Workshop || As Varsity View is undergoing increased redevelopment due to its desirable location, an infill workshop was held. Participants identified character areas within the neighbourhood, commented on a mock proposal and developed goals for future infill.



“Every new building should be seen as an asset to the community” – LAPC member