

Varsity View Vision & Guiding Principles

Varsity View Vision

At the onset of the Local Area Plan process, the Varsity View Local Area Plan (LAP) Committee worked together to create the following vision for their community:

“Varsity View is a historic neighbourhood centrally located close to the river, the downtown, the University of Saskatchewan, and Royal University Hospital. Its historic roots stem from the adjacent University of Saskatchewan campus. The neighbourhood is characterized by an eclectic mix of character housing, a vibrant school which attracts families from all areas of the city, a high amount of rental accommodation, and a mature urban forest. The residents are diverse in terms of age, culture, education level, and income. This adds to the overall vitality of the neighbourhood.

Varsity View is a safe neighbourhood with activity at all times of the day. It is a high energy, active neighbourhood which is amenable to cycling and walking. Its central location also accommodates transit usage.

Varsity View strives to maintain its diversity, heritage, and architecture. Varsity View will be a model sustainable community.”

Varsity View Guiding Principles

The following general statements were made by members of the Varsity View LAP Committee when asked about the neighbourhood:

- Heritage and history of Varsity View includes ties to the University of Saskatchewan and Royal University Hospital
- Varsity View contains many older heritage homes
- Varsity View has changed
- The residents who live in Varsity View are diverse in terms of age, culture, and income
- The housing stock is diverse
- Varsity View is a safe place to live
- Residents of Varsity View are physically active
- The urban forest is a great asset of the neighbourhood

- Varsity View is a desirable place to live
- People use varying modes of transportation in Varsity View
- The neighbourhood has a great location
- Varsity View is affected by the University of Saskatchewan and Royal University Hospital
- Varsity View can be characterized by diverse housing stock, university students, and a mature urban forest
- Challenges include parking pressures, aging infrastructure, and expensive housing
- Varsity View strives to maintain its heritage and diversity
- Varsity View’s residents are multi-generational

The following principles and general goals were identified by the Varsity View LAP Committee to guide the Local Area Plan process:

- Varsity View will be a model sustainable community
- Citizens of Varsity View will be engaged
- Varsity View will be renewed and have its renaissance
- Varsity View will maintain its diversity, heritage, and architectural heritage
- Varsity View will accommodate pedestrians and cyclists
- Varsity View will encourage diversity

“Varsity View will be a model sustainable community.” – Varsity View LAP Vision