



BUENA VISTA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2016 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS STATEMENTS FROM WARD 6 CANDIDATES



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Hi Buena Vista ,

Thanks for the great conversations on the doors! I'm learning a lot, and believe even more strongly that now is the time to get back to basics. We've come through a time of growth with the addition of new neighbourhoods, buildings and bridges. As our economy transitions during resource revenue decline, we need to re-focus on the basics. Potholes, flooding issues, policing, in-fills, transit, bike lanes and our beloved MVA are some of the key issues I've heard from BV residents. Like many of you, I believe the long-term health and prosperity of our community depends on a council that works for smart, sustainable urban planning and infrastructure, makes a bigger effort to hold the line on taxes, and finds a way to adequately fund Meewasin Valley Authority.

I want Saskatoon to be one of the greatest cities to live anywhere. We can't get there with short-term solutions to long-term challenges. Innovation and homework are critical to keep up with the challenges ahead, and it begins with the basics. We need to actively seek out best practices in order to build a city that can adapt and thrive into the future.

Our family has lived in Ward 6 for more than 20 years, where our children have gone to school and participated in numerous community programs - especially soccer. I am continually amazed and grateful for the warmth, diversity and generosity of spirit that has helped to define our experience living in Ward 6. While I haven't always agreed with decisions made by our City Council, I have appreciated prompt, open and constructive dialogue from my City Councillor when concerns arise.

To the citizens of Buena Vista, if you elect me as your City Councillor I promise to work tirelessly on your behalf, listen carefully to your concerns and always remember whose interests I am elected to represent. As a passionate community supporter, you can count on me to advocate openly and often to ensure that our ward is well served.

Block is a journalist, former CTV news anchor and President of her communications company, Block Communications. Her community contributions include: YWCA Saskatoon, Sask. Brain Injury Assn., IANE (Inter-provincial Assn. on Native Employment), Youth Soccer, Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Arts Gala, CIS University Cup, Chair – Riderville North 101st Grey Cup. She is married to Michael Bone. They live in Ward 6, raising son, Casey (18) and daughter, Davis (15).

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Dear Friends in Buena Vista,

I appreciate this opportunity to connect with you through your community newsletter. Buena Vista is such a vibrant community with creative ideas such as the Bicycle Pump Track in Buena Vista Park and forming a Business Improvement District for the Lorne Avenue Area. I am proud to be running for your city councillor and will endeavour to support this community to the best of my ability.

Three key concerns for Buena Vista residents have been brought to my attention: active transportation and sidewalk infill, infill housing guidelines, and Kilburn Hall issues and community safety. In regards to active transportation and sidewalk infill, I understand there needs to be safe pathways for different means of transportation such as bicycles and skateboards; however, this may considerably narrow roads and/or lead to a reduction of parking spots. There is not an easy answer to this concern, however, I will always listen to you, and have the best intentions for the community as the basis for decision making.

In relation to infill housing guidelines: as long as the integrity of the neighborhood is not changed, I am all for it. The charm of our neighbourhood has to remain intact. If additional parking is required due to an increase in the number of new residents, that will need to be addressed prior to development. I don't believe there is one "blanket" solution for this concern therefore every case will have to be handled individually.

In regards to Kilburn Hall issues and community safety, I do not believe this is related to the number of police on the street. Rather the focus should be on the type of treatment young offenders receive and the support available to staff at Kilburn Hall. For instance, are councillors provided with continuing education and adequate resources to deal with young offenders? I believe Kilburn Hall has a capable and dedicated staff working with the offenders and I will do my best to ensure they are fully supported. This will then benefit the youths upon their release which will then benefit Buena Vista residents.

Thank you for taking the time to read about my views. Please feel free to tell me about any other concerns you may have in relation to your beautiful neighbourhood. I can be reached at www.ianrambally.ca. I look forward to meeting you in person in the near future.



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With Charlie Clark stepping aside to campaign for mayor, timing is perfect for me to step into Ward 6 as your next City Councillor and expand on his work while providing a fresh perspective. There isn't enough space here to list my career and leadership credentials or layout my platform, however, those interested in these details can connect with me on LinkedIn at <https://ca.linkedin.com/in/troywruck> or visit my website at www.troywruck.com.

As I speak with Buena Vista residents like you, my ideas about what makes Saskatoon great continues to evolve. Ward 6 is extremely diverse with varying ideas and a variety of opinions, however, some key issues many of us agree upon are worth mentioning here:

(1) Maintain our roads and keep them safe. Never mind that many streets look like a war zone, or that dangerous icy ruts build up every winter, drive down nearly any road off the main arteries and BUMP, BANG, BOOM...you're in need of wheel alignment. Our ward's problem with potholes and lack of fixing them the right way, so they don't reoccur, may be an old topic of conversation but is not to be understated. Nearly every resident I speak with brings up the poor state of their own street as an important issue to them. I will be a crusader for fixing our roads, seeking more permanent repair methods, and advocating for greater resources at budget time every year. This issue won't go away soon. We simply have to get the basics right before spending money elsewhere.

(2) Stop overspending. Many Ward 6 residences enjoy the benefits that come with capital investments such as building the Circle Drive South Bridge or constructing the Remai Modern Art Gallery. However, we tire of continually waiting for projects to finish and are deeply perturbed by ballooning cost overruns. I will steer council to learn from neighboring cities who had growing pains before us and to scrutinize our contracts and vendor selection processes. We need to create ways to motivate contractors to meet deadlines within budget.

(3) Ensure Meewasin Valley Trail thrives. It's precious and beloved. I will lobby all levels of government, and work with the private sector, to ensure long-term funding is preserved along with our trails.

These are just a few of my priorities. To continue this conversation please reach out to me, I welcome your dialogue.

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Dear Residents,

My wife Lindsay and I have been thrilled to have made Buena Vista our home over the last several years. I was born and raised in the Nutana neighbourhood. I attended the University of Saskatchewan from which I hold a Bachelors in Public Administration in Economics and have worked actively in our Ward on various community associations and initiatives over the last decade.

Sustainable | Community | Vision | Together

I believe that Saskatoon needs progressive leadership that will guide our communities with a clear a consistent vision, one prioritizing: livability for residents; the stewardship of our natural assets (including the river valley); improved connectivity within and between neighbourhoods; more intentional public spaces and expanded urban agriculture; maintenance of neighbourhood character; adoption of best practices in housing, public transit and neighbourhood planning; more efficient land use and human-scale developments; support for our local merchants; safety, inclusion and respect for diversity; improved opportunities for our youth; and the betterment of people of all ages and abilities.

Saskatoon also needs to become part of the worldwide effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in curbing the effects of climate change. It is important to do our part to tackle this very urgent environmental and social justice issue and join the ranks of North America's forward-thinking cities.

My Vision for Buena Vista: Preserving and Enhancing

PRESERVING THE CHARACTER OF OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS

Policies, particularly where new infill projects align with current City goals of increasing density in core areas, require ongoing review and need to be catered differently in various communities to ensure harmony between community-level interests and city planning objectives. I plan to work actively with our community association to articulate your interests at the council table and safeguard the character of our neighbourhoods.

PROTECTING OUR RIVER VALLEY

Preservation of the Meewasin Valley ranks in high priority for residents in Buena Vista in maintaining community vibrancy and livability. I will stand steadfastly in opposition to the threat of cuts to the agency by the provincial government. If elected I will also seek expanded City funding to the

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CIVICS UPDATE

- The **Active Transportation Plan** was approved in principal by City Council. The plan includes **sidewalk and bike lane infrastructure proposals for Buena Vista**. Council will vote on funding and implementation in the fall.
 - The city also has funding to implement recommendations from Neighborhood Traffic Reviews. BV has not had a Neighborhood Traffic Review yet but the **BVCA asked to get sidewalks on high priority streets** like McPherson Avenue added to the list of projects eligible for funding.
- The new **Kilburn Hall Youth Center** correctional facility open custody unit has seen nine escapes since it opened last year, had many offenders transferred outside Saskatoon to different facilities due to overcrowding, and one offender who overdosed in the facility and later died in hospital. The province is reviewing the performance of the facility this year but does not anticipate reversing its decision to combine the open and closed custody units.
 - BVCA has asked the provincial department for the presentation materials from the community consultation meeting that was held as part of the Open Custody transfer decision.
- The idea for a **Lorne Avenue BID** received poor reception from Lorne Avenue business owners and the BVCA will not be pursuing the matter further.
- The **Buena Vista Park bicycle pump track** is still being pursued by the BVCA after a positive community meeting but the city wishes to see modifications to the track layout to ensure that no park trees will be impacted by track use and construction.
- The Saskatoon Hilltops will soon start construction on an expanded clubhouse in Kilburn Park. The **BVCA asked for improved pedestrian access to the park** as part of the project review. The Hilltops and Saskatoon Minor Baseball will also explore staggering use of the park to alleviate parking concerns.
- The city will be removing all Schubert Chokecherry trees from city-owned property in BV this year due to rampant black knot infection and suckering.

IMPORTANT DATES

- September 7—Fall registration; see page 4.
- September 11—Movie and potluck *see below for more details!*
- October 19—2016 AGM, 7pm, BV School LRC; *everyone welcome!*
- October 26—Municipal elections; see pp. 3 & 4

BVCA BOARD POSITIONS

Interim President	Sean Sass
Vice-President	Jesse Green
Treasurer (*)	Wendyl Saretzky
Secretary	Pam Fichtner
Pre-School chair	Megan Bartake
Members at large (*All)	Garry Colin, Sarah Story, Jason Blair, Susan Pederson

NON-BOARD POSITIONS

City of Saskatoon	Kevin Ariss
Parks and Civics	Mike Winter
Programs	VACANT
Volunteer coordinator	VACANT
Soccer	Paolo Fenu
Rink	Guy & Tanya Boechler and Pat Bowers
Newsletter	Warrick Baijous
Website	Jesse Green
Facebook	Susan Pederson, Mandy Madsen
Community garden	VACANT
Pump track	Jared Madsen

MOVIE AND POTLUCK IN THE PARK

Join us for a potluck and movie night at Buena Vista park! Tables will be set up near the playground, and the movie will be projected on to the pool building.

- Date:** September 11
- Time:** Potluck at 6:30pm
Movie at 7:30pm/when it is dark enough
- Movie:** Shaun the Sheep
- Provided:** Snacks, drinks, cups, plates, cutlery
- Bring:** Potluck dish and serving spoon, bug spray, blankets, chairs



Shaun the Sheep

(*) Vacant for AGM on Oct. 19, 2016; positions are for 2 years

BVCA REGISTRATION NIGHT—SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 BUENA VISTA SCHOOL GYM—6:30-8:00PM

Program	Day/Time	Where	Cost
ADULT FITNESS			
All Levels Yoga	Mon. 8-9 pm	BV School, 3 rd Floor	\$60 (10 classes)
Pilates	Tues. 6:45-7:45 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 classes)
Co-Ed Volleyball	Tues. 8-10 pm; or Wed. 8-10 pm	BV School Gym	\$25/person
Boot Camp Cardio	Thurs. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 classes)
Total Body Sculpt	Thurs. 8-9 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 classes)
ADULT RECREATION/CRAFT			
Beginner Traveler Spanish	Mon. 7-8 pm	BV School Library, 2 nd Floor	\$60 (10 classes)
Intermediate Traveler Spanish	Mon. 8-9 pm	BV School Library, 2 nd Floor	\$60 (10 classes)
Book Club	Every 3 rd Thurs. of the month	BV School Library, 2 nd Floor	\$5/person
Beginner Social Dance	Fri. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	\$30/couple (8 classes)
Intermediate Social Dance	Fri. 8-9 pm	BV School Gym	\$30/couple (8 classes)
CHILDREN/YOUTH			
Martial Arts for Kids (6-14)	Mon. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	\$50 (10 classes)
Supervised Youth Drop In (9-13; start date TBA, check BVCA website for all details)	Wed. 6:30-8 pm	BV School Gym	Free
Family Gym Time (access to equipment; must be supervised)	Fri. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	\$15/family
Indoor Soccer	Register with SK Soccer for competitive and over age 10.		
Learn to Play Soccer (3-5; equipment provided; parents must coach)	Mon. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	\$25 (10 sessions)
Soccer (U6, U8, U10; boys & girls; parent coaches required)	Registration is in late Sept. online: bvcaskatoon.ca		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ All dates and times are subject to change. Check for up-to-date information at bvcaskatoon.ca. ◆ Class will run based on reaching minimum required registration numbers. Classes are run on a not-for-profit basis. ◆ Non-refundable \$5/individual or family BVCA membership fee is required. Late registrations are subject to a \$10 surcharge. ◆ Refund Policy: Once class begins, No Refunds. All other refunds at the discretion of the BVCA. ◆ BVCA honours other community association memberships and supports "shared programming". ◆ KidSport funding available to ensure everyone can participate in programs: e-mail us for funding. All inquiries are confidential. ◆ Minors are to be supervised by parent/adult guardian while on School property at all times. ◆ Email buenavista1910@gmail.com with any questions, or for KidSport funding. 			



BVCA NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Free Classifieds for members & non-profit groups, preschools and recreational-based organizations, within the Buena Vista neighbourhood, shall be published as space permits.

Email buenavista1910@gmail.com for more information.



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MVA and protection of the Northeast swale.

SUSTAINABLE, WALKABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS

Our community is well positioned to serve as a model for walkability within Saskatoon with its locational efficiencies and population capable of supporting 'shop local' options and more frequent transit service. Our grid-style streets also offer great potential for expanded active transit infrastructure, including bike boulevards and cycling corridors as your BVCA has identified. The absence of adequate pedestrian walkways around Buena Vista stands in contrast to goals of a fully walkable neighbourhood, however. As your City Councillor I will strongly support the continued work to improve neighbourhood connectivity and advocate for complete streets designed for bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit.

I hope to be able to build on the work of Charlie Clark with the same respect for strong consultation and a desire to promote a civic culture of acceptance and cooperation in serving our communities.

Mike McKague

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It was a privilege to volunteer with the Nutana Community Association. Over the four years as Civics director, and then four years as President, I encountered many neighbourhood issues and worked with City staff, or Council to make the neighbourhood better. Many issues that currently affect Buena Vista and other neighbourhoods in Ward 6 I have some experience with already. I also have repeatedly seen a glimpse of how slowly the pace of change is at City Hall regarding planning, resolution of issues and adoption of recommendations.

Infill Guidelines – The Nutana Community Association was instrumental to coordinate a community based update for Saskatoon's Infill Guidelines. We worked to help the City recognize that appropriate infill guidelines need to work within the context of the neighbourhood. The outcome of Saskatoon's updated guidelines in an elimination of the opportunity to build roughly the 5% biggest and tallest new homes in our neighbourhoods. I also have worked with the City on Garage and Garden suites guidelines, completely changing what was initially proposed as those plans would have created a less safe neighbourhood.

Community Safety (Kilburn Hall area) – Whether we are discussing Ward 6 Safety and Crime concerns around Kilburn Hall, or on lower Saskatchewan Cres, or around The Light-

house downtown, I will urge residents to do exactly the same thing. It is imperative that residents report all crimes to the Saskatoon Police Service. Only real data will change where police resources are allocated. The police service does not care about perceived violence and crime, but will work to help areas of the city where crimes are consistently reported.

Active Transportation Plan – Of all the plans that taxpayer money has funded, I am most excited about the recommendations included in the active transportation plan. If we adopt the relatively inexpensive recommendations in this plan, Saskatoon will be rewarded with Health, Social, Environmental and Economic benefits. I believe Saskatoon can be a world class city, and the outcomes of this plan are a big step in that direction.

Meewasin Funding – It is absolutely vital that the Meewasin Valley Authority continue to hold custodial and planning responsibilities for Saskatoon's River Valley. I use Meewasin on a daily basis and recognize it as the best part of our City. We already have an award winning, world class river valley. We must continue to ensure it is managed well so residents can benefit from its access for generations to come. Saskatoon must take a leadership role in the continued conservation of Meewasin.

Josie Steeves

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Hello, Buena Vista!

My name is Josie Steeves, and I'm running to represent you on Saskatoon's City Council. I moved into Ward 6 in 2004 to attend the University of Saskatchewan, and it has been home ever since. I am currently finishing a PhD and working with Align, a co-operative consulting business I founded in our community.

We have a lot on our plates in Saskatoon. Our community has seen unprecedented growth in the last decade. Our city is diversifying, and is richer culturally and economically as a result. I want to make sure this diversity is represented in our institutions, and that we serve all members of our community to the fullest extent.

Ultimately, I value a compassionate society that empathizes with the needs of all its residents through policies and programs focused on equity, invest in community-driven and sustainable policy development, and are carried out through evidence-based decision-making. My values, I believe, will make Saskatoon a stronger and more inclusive city. Below is

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a taste of my vision.

Cities have become major service providers to some of the most marginalized members our community, and we are responsible for much of the infrastructure relied on daily. Local governments impact residents' lives more than the provincial or federal governments, but, without the financial resources needed to fulfill their mandates. The recent cuts to the MVA and the Lighthouse are just the most current incarnation of a longstanding fiscal imbalance between the federal, provincial, and municipal governments. Whenever something falls into a jurisdictional black hole, cities are usually left to pick up the pieces and make things work. Saskatoon needs to actively advocate for our needs and diversify our revenue streams.

You shouldn't have to be an expert to be heard. The city has made amazing strides in community consultations, and staff must be applauded for their work. However, it should be easier for citizens to bring ideas or identify problems to the city and its governance bodies, instead of waiting for the city to come to them. There has to be a better way.

This city was built for cars, but this reality is changing. In 2011, a larger proportion of Saskatoon commuted by bicycle than Toronto. Part of establishing an active and public transit plan is investing in roads, pedestrian pathways, and bridges. The City has been making strides in the promotion of active and public transportation, but we need to continue pushing the envelope and maintain our leadership role. Protected bike lanes downtown are wonderful, but we also need to maintain infrastructure that feeds downtown for safer integration with traffic.

This is by no means a complete digest of who I am and what I stand up for. I'd love to get to know each of you, and please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions

BRIDGE UPDATES

Visit saskatoon.ca/bridging for more information

NORTH COMMUTER PARKWAY

Pier 1 is progressing, embankment work starting on west side, east side continues. Work under for new lanes on Central Ave.

TRAFFIC BRIDGE

Work continues on both north and south abutments. First new span of bridge expected later this summer. The image to the right shows a rendering of the proposed pathway design for the south side of the bridge. Meewasin Valley Authority will be reviewing the design prior to approval.



PROTECT OUR RIVER!

Water from your street drains directly to the South Saskatchewan River – UNTREATED.

Eight actions you can take to help keep our river clean:

- Wash your car at a carwash to prevent soap from entering storm drains.
- Scoop your dog's poop and put it in the garbage.
- Take hazardous household chemicals to designated drop-off locations.
- Fertilize lawns and gardens naturally with compost, grass cuttings, and topsoil.
- Keep insects away with natural predators such as birds (houses), ladybugs (leaf litter), spiders (leave webs), and bats (boxes).
- Pull weeds by hand or host a weed pulling party.
- Sweep dirt and sediment onto the lawn not the street.
- Fix car leaks so fluids don't get washed down the storm drains.

RAINWATER ONLY



Yellow Fish Road™

Help build awareness by painting storm drains in your neighbourhood with a yellow fish and the words "rainwater only" This helps remind your friends and neighbours that what goes down our storm drains affects our river.

To learn more about Yellow Fish Road, visit www.yellowfishroad.org or call the Girl Guides at 306-652-3275 to borrow a painting kit and get involved.