

Wascana Centre 2023 Master Plan Review and Renewal Community Pop-Up, June 2023 Stage 2: Vision and Objectives

Welcome to this community pop-up event for the Wascana Centre 2023 Master Plan Review and Renewal.

This is a quick and casual way for our team to hear directly from community members in locations across Regina.

In Stage 1, we heard the key topics and issues that matter most when it comes to Wascana Centre. In Stage 2, we are sharing a draft vision and updated principles for the area and we need your feedback.

Please feel free to talk with our team, leave comments on the sticky notes provided, or fill out our online survey.



Feedback

We welcome your feedback on our work to date.

Please use one of our tablets or go to wascana.ca and follow the link to complete the online survey from your own device. The survey will remain open until June 19, 2023.

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How Feedback Informs the Master Plan Review and Renewal

Feedback provided through each public participation and engagement activity was reviewed and considered in the context of whether it can be addressed using the Master Plan process and is it supported by the existing policy framework. Feedback from each activity was then synthesized by the project team into key themes and messages for the entire stage to help evaluate and identify ideas we heard across diverse groups.



Key Messages from Stage 1

Heritage and Culture

- Update the definition of heritage and how culture, history and heritage are considered in the master plan.
- Create spaces to support Indigenous ceremony, acknowledge Indigenous presence, and honour treaty rights.

Tensions Between Uses/Users

- Manage the number of users and diverse uses of Wascana Centre while minimizing risk to people and sensitive ecological places.
- Consider hierarchy or priority within the Purposes (Pillars).
- Identify ways to avoid over-programming and over-developing well-used areas within the Centre.

Redefining Landscape Character

- Consider changes to what defines the park landscape and experience.
- Expand low-impact and sustainable management practices throughout the Centre .
- Identify opportunities to limit the use of pesticides and chemicals and support more regionally-adapted and native plantings.
- Prioritize the ecological quality and function of the landscapes within the Centre.

Strengthen Language

- Clarify definitions of the uses allowed in Wascana Centre.
- Consider ways to protect against uses that do not support the Five Purposes, especially commercial development.
- Consider suitability of smaller scale commercial uses to provide amenity to park users.

Addressing Representation

- Ensure all potential users and communities can contribute to the master plan process.
- Engage communities and provide opportunities for communities to have an active role in initiatives that directly impact them beyond the master plan update.

Decision Making

- Improve communication and awareness about the master plan and decision making process.
- Facilitate public awareness about management, programming, and funding for spaces and facilities within Wascana Centre.

Read the full Stage 1 What We Heard Summary at https://wascana.ca/pub/wcmp-2023_what_we_heard.pdf

Evolution of Wascana Over 110 Years

The concept of Wascana as a place of significance predates the establishment of the provincial capital. However, the first recorded plan for this area was prepared over 100 years ago to coincide with the development of the Legislative Grounds. That plan set out an organizing framework of spaces that would inform the development of this plan, and laid the groundwork for an approach to stewardship and land management that is unlike any other.

The plan is not static.

Both the form and content of the plan have changed significantly over the 110 year history of planning for Wascana Centre. Uses, spaces, and structures have been added, removed, expanded and reduced. In 1982, a report with supporting planning directions was introduced to explain the rationale behind different shifts in the layout of Wascana Centre. These directions (or principles) shed light on public and institutional priorities for each update.

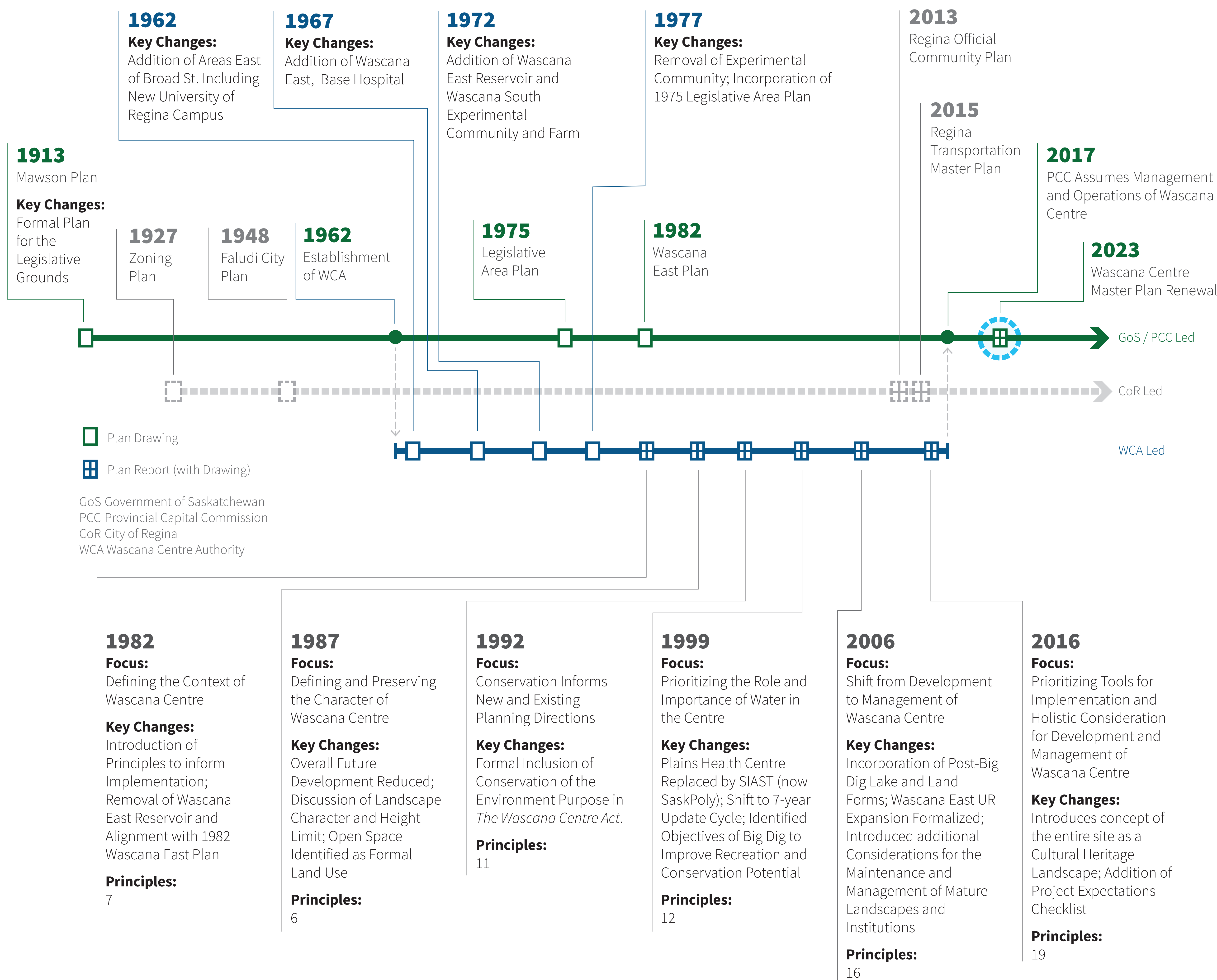
Factors Impacting the 2023 Review

Usability of the Plan

We have heard about a desire to make this update a more accessible and usable tool for decision makers, staff and the public.

Reconciliation

We will reflect cultural and value-based shifts in the updated plan.



Timeline: Planning Evolution for Wascana Centre (DTAH)

A Vision For The Next 100 Years

Wascana Centre is a place to gather, share, and celebrate the history and diversity of Saskatchewan. It embodies the stewardship of public land for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations through conservation, recreation, education, and culture.

Principles

Within the master plan, principles provide over-arching guidance and intent for how to implement various initiatives. Some principles are broad and apply to conditions throughout Wascana Centre (such as Universal Access), while others only relate to specific elements within the plan (such as Pedestrian Trails).

Many of the principles noted below were included in the 2016 Master Plan Update. For 2023, we have reorganized the principles into groups to make them easier to understand. We have also provided a statement summarizing the intent of the principle to help direct application of the principles.

* New Principle for the 2023 Master Plan Update.

△ Revised Principle for the 2023 Master Plan Update. Either combined, split, or renamed from one or more Principles in the 2016 Master Plan Update.

Experience

Of Wascana Centre

Universal Access

Make Wascana Centre a place for visitors of all ages and abilities to enjoy.

Plan for All Seasons

Promote Wascana Centre as a destination year-round.

Safety and Well-Being*

Ensure Wascana Centre supports safe and comfortable experiences for all visitors.

Views

Within, to and from Wascana Centre

Significant Views[△]

Protect views to landmarks to support navigation and celebrate the character of Wascana Centre.

Views within the Centre[△]

Enhance lakeshore and pathways views to support placemaking within Wascana Centre.

Surrounding Views[△]

Ensure buildings and structures surrounding Wascana Centre positively contribute to the park's character.

Culture and Character

Of Wascana Centre

Reconciliation*

Support the role of Wascana Centre as a place of truth-revealing, gathering, and healing for Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

History*

Reveal the ongoing story of Wascana Centre from diverse perspectives.

Mature and Developing Areas

Prioritize improvements within spaces that can accept change throughout Wascana Centre.

Landscape Character

Cultivate experiences that are true to the unique landscapes and nature of Wascana Centre.

Built Heritage

Protect and celebrate features that embody the legacy and significance of Wascana Centre.

Commemoration^Δ

Create meaningful opportunities within Wascana Centre to honour and celebrate the people of Saskatchewan.

Public Art, Interpretation and Communication^Δ

Engage visitors to Wascana Centre through art, storytelling, and effective information sharing.

Movement

Within Wascana Centre

Active Transportation^Δ

Prioritize safe and comfortable movement year-round for pedestrians and cyclists throughout Wascana Centre.

Pedestrian Trails^Δ

Create a variety of pathway experiences to enhance pedestrian movement throughout Wascana Centre for all ages and abilities.

Micro-Mobility*

Provide a safe and convenient movement network that supports shorter distance personal transportation options for trips to and from Wascana Centre.

Orientation and Wayfinding^Δ

Provide an intuitive and accessible information and directional system to help navigate Wascana Centre.

Roads Through Wascana

Create safe and equitable routes to support the needs of people visiting and working within Wascana Centre.

Scenic Drives

Leverage unique views and routes to create significant experiences along roadways within Wascana Centre.

Access Routes and Parking

Create convenient and accessible connections and parking to support activation throughout Wascana Centre.

Operations and Management

Of Wascana Centre

Landscape Management

Deliver sustainable and nature supportive approaches to managing the land of Wascana Centre.

Water Use^Δ

Reduce dependence on irrigation and potable water use throughout Wascana Centre.

Water Quality*

Practise nature supportive approaches to improving water quality throughout Wascana Centre.

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