

South Caswell Redevelopment

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. When will Saskatoon Transit be moving from their current Caswell Hill location?

Starting January 13, 2017, Saskatoon Transit will be moving from its current Caswell Hill location, to the new Civic Operations Centre (COC) on Valley Road. The move will involve the relocation of existing equipment needed for Transit Operations, including all buses located on the sites.

The current Saskatoon Transit employee parking lot will continue to be utilized by Transit staff for approximately six (6) months, or until the site is required for redevelopment purposes. Additional signage will be installed, and Transit staff using the lot will be issued a parking permit.

2. What can the neighbourhood expect during the move of Saskatoon Transit?

Transit office staff and office equipment will be moved to the COC between Friday, January 13 and Sunday, January 15. Transit shop equipment will be moved between Monday, January 16 and Thursday, January 19. Transit buses will be relocated from the Caswell Hill location to the COC after leaving for their daily routes. Transit buses that are under repair will be towed to the COC between Monday, January 16 and Thursday, January 19. Regular bus service will not be affected during the transition and will continue as usual.

3. Will there be security measures in place once Saskatoon Transit has moved out?

Yes. A Safe & Secure Plan (Plan) has been established for the sites, and will be implemented once Saskatoon Transit moves from their current location, and maintained during the transition period. This Plan includes measures to ensure the buildings and outdoor storage areas are secured from unwanted access and/or vandalism. In addition to these measures, video surveillance will continue to be operational on the sites. To protect against property risk or damage, the City will consistently monitor and inspect the sites once Saskatoon Transit vacates the area.

4. Will there be additional lighting and fencing installed around the Transit Facility?

At this time, there will be no additional lighting or fencing installed. A CPTED review will be undertaken on the sites in the new year. This includes lighting, fencing, signage and the evaluation of potential hiding areas. The information gathered during the audit will help solidify the safety and security of these sites in the transition period. The community will be notified of the audit date.

5. What kinds of activity can be expected at the Transit Facility in the next few months?

After the move is complete, the Caswell Hill location will continue to be managed by the City until it's sold for redevelopment. During this time, the current Saskatoon Transit employee parking lot will continue to be utilized by Transit staff. Environmental testing and remediation will also occur, as well as potential servicing upgrades and/or site preparation activities. It is anticipated that this work will occur on the City owned sites throughout 2017.

6. Who should be contacted regarding concerns or problems?

The City will work to protect against damage to the sites, however if you notice anything out of the ordinary on the sites after Saskatoon Transit has moved from the area, please call the appropriate number noted below:

<u>Criminal Activity:</u>	Emergency 911
	Non-emergency 306-975-8300
<u>Graffiti:</u>	306-975-2828
<u>Illegal Dumping:</u>	306-975-2486
<u>Property Damage:</u>	306-975-3300

7. When will the neighbourhood begin to see the Transit sites redevelop from the current industrial uses?

It is anticipated that Caswell Hill residents and stakeholders could see the redevelopment of the current Transit sites begin in 2018, once environmental testing and remediation, and potential servicing upgrades and/or site preparation activities are complete.

8. What is the South Caswell Concept Plan?

In early 2010, City Council approved the South Caswell Concept Plan to help guide redevelopment once the sites were vacated by Saskatoon Transit. The vision for the redevelopment of the Caswell Hill bus barns is to establish a unique mixed-use area that will provide additional park and open space for residents, create a range of housing options, and support the local arts community. The intended outcomes of the project were to address several key issues including: the current land use incompatibility, the deficiency of local park space, the desire to establish a 'creative hub' for the local arts community, and the need to establish stronger linkages to Downtown.

9. In 2014, Caswell Hill residents and stakeholders were notified that the South Caswell Concept Plan will need to be amended. Why?

Completed environmental (phase I and phase II) and structural assessments have provided further information on the re-use potential of the buildings and land. The engineer's report on which buildings can be re-used differs from the approved Concept Plan. In addition, the 2014 environmental results show that some changes to the plan need to be discussed based on the varying levels of contamination on-site. As such, the 2010 Concept Plan will need to be amended to address the new information, while still reflecting the overall vision identified by neighbourhood residents and stakeholders. The amendment process is expected to begin once additional environmental testing is completed and adaptive re-use options are further explored.

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