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**Transforming Transportation for People with Disabilities**

The Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission (SHRC) recognized the work being done in the City of Regina to improve public transportation for people with disabilities at the annual Provincial Paratransit Meeting in Regina today.

The SHRC also released its report, “Achieving Accessible Transportation: A Systemic Approach for Saskatchewan,” which describes how stakeholders are working together to transform public transportation for people with disabilities in Saskatoon and Regina.

“This report captures a commitment to systemic outcomes, and to a shared vision for what working collaboratively can achieve,” said David Arnot, Chief Commissioner of the SHRC. “Regina is a perfect example of this. The community advocates, transit service providers, and the city leadership, including the Mayor and Council, have demonstrated that meaningful change is possible when everyone is on board.”

The provincial Disability Strategy, launched in June 2015, stresses that accessible public transportation is about helping people with disabilities get from place to place, and it is about creating an inclusive society. Today’s report highlights improved taxi, paratransit, and standard transit service for people with disabilities that enable both participation and inclusion.

“Effective and accessible transit service is a vital need in our community as we strive to be as inclusive and sustainable as possible,” said Mayor Michael Fougere. “We have focused on affordable upgrades that are available to all cities looking to make a big impact in the lives of transit users with disabilities, and we will continue to implement all recommended changes mentioned in the SHRC’s report.”

“This document is intended as a blueprint for all other municipalities,” said Chief Commissioner Arnot. “Whether adapted in part, or adopted in whole, it is my belief that there is much to be gleaned from the benchmarks established in this report.”

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