



## OUR PATH FORWARD

**Regina – a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family.**

As a community, we are fortunate to have many caring individuals and groups who tackle complex issues and help others. This has been true of Regina's Homelessness Community Advisory Board and the launch of its five-year plan to end homelessness. The first step in this journey began over a year ago, building on what is already in place to assist people who are homeless. The plan recognizes the hard work done by people in government, non-profit organizations, and the private sector. Support has been provided for such initiatives as shelters, the food bank, and addiction services to relieve the suffering of those who are homeless.

Still, much work remains. The number experiencing homelessness in our community is conservatively estimated at 2,000 people over the course of a year. My hope is that the most basic need, shelter, is available for our truly vulnerable and at-risk community members who are without a place to call home.

Robert Byers

## OUR PARTNERSHIPS

A caring and committed partnership was formed between the City of Regina and the Regina Homelessness Community Advisory Board. The objective was to create and implement a comprehensive five-year plan to end homelessness. The *Plan to End Chronic and Episodic Homelessness in Regina* is the product of seven months

### Plan to End Chronic and Episodic Homelessness in Regina

of research and public consultation. Tackling this issue in a comprehensive, co-ordinated and focused manner is the core of the plan. Creating the plan was a remarkable process of community engagement, which included members of faith communities, Indigenous leaders, social agencies, developers, landlords, individuals with family members who have been homeless, and those who have experienced homelessness first-hand. We listened and learned of personal struggles and the need for help and hope. We also heard the desire of those who are or have been homeless to

be full, participating members of our community. Our committee knows that changing the status-quo and deep-rooted causes of homelessness can seem sizable.

**With passion and belief in the necessity for change, we can create the transformation needed within our community.**

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# A PROUD MOMENT!

It has been 10 years since Namerind opened the doors of the Winnipeg Street Pharmacy. Bev Brooks, pharmacy manager, was instrumental in establishing the pharmacy operation. In discussing the expansion of the business over these years, Bev is "proud to see how the business has grown" from filling 145 prescriptions to over 2,000 prescriptions each month! This, along with her guiding belief that "people and relationships are important," has allowed the business operation to increase year-over-year with new, diverse patients and groups with varying needs. Having to hire staff to support the practice was "a big moment" for the pharmacy. Pharmacist, Trent Ferguson shares the philosophy of relationship-building and enjoys his work. They have many people who they serve on a regular basis, assisting with their health care needs. As Trent affirms, their "passion for providing exceptional work and service has built relationships and loyalty" over the years. The pharmacy team pulls together to go the extra mile to "grow and adapt" to changing patient needs, including translation services. Nikita, one of the pharmacy assistants, believes she has increased her "experience, knowledge, patient service, and problem-solving skills." She appreciates "greeting and helping patients and making them smile." "The pharmacy has been a successful and sustainable part of Namerind's success, and it was heartwarming to see so many people come to celebrate their 10th anniversary," Bev stated. She feels "blessed to be a part of the Namerind organization and looks forward to future innovative initiatives that Namerind has become so well known for in the community."



# FAMILY FUN DAY!

Namerind's annual Family Fun Day has grown each year and this year was no different! We were delighted to have so many families, friends and colleagues join us at Candy Cane park on June 28. Thanks to everyone who helped celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer vacation! We had a delicious bar-b-que lunch plus face painting, games and dino bouncers for the kids. Great fellowship and fun was had by all and we are looking forward to an even bigger event next year!



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## SPRING, SUMMER, FALL, WINTER ....

Namerind appreciates our ENVIRONMENT! As such, we are going paperless! We are pleased to announce our newsletter is now being sent electronically. If you know of others who would like to receive our newsletter electronically, please ask them to send an e-mail to [reception@namerind.com](mailto:reception@namerind.com)



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