

Good afternoon,

As you may be aware, Saskatoon Water is beginning to roll out its [Flood Control Strategy \(FCS\)](#) which includes 9 new projects throughout 10 of Saskatoon's top flood zones between now and 2027. One of the proposed projects is the construction of a dry storm pond in Churchill Park. Dry ponds are designed to hold the water that would otherwise cause nearby flooding during intense rainfalls. As a key stakeholder, I wanted to reach out to you with an update on this proposed dry pond location.

If approved by City Council on March 1, this will be the second project under the strategy. The first is the construction of a dry pond in W.W. Ashley District Park, which starts February 12. If the Churchill Park dry pond project is approved, Saskatoon Water will move forward with design plans and proceed with construction in 2022. Construction would include the dry storm pond as well as upgraded storm water and sewer infrastructure near the intersections of: Cairns Ave/Ruth St, Munroe Ave/Bute St, York Ave/Ruth St, and Albert Ave/Bute St.

Once complete, the dry pond and connecting infrastructure would reduce the flood risk for as many as 71 nearby properties that experience issues during intense rainfalls.

During construction, the large and 3 smaller multi-purpose fields would not be useable in 2022 and possibly 2023, depending on sod establishment. Each multi-purpose field will be re-constructed during the project within Churchill Park and will be usable once the sod has established.

If the Churchill Park dry storm pond project is approved, Saskatoon Water will plan public engagement sessions this summer to provide more information about the project (including design details), hear from nearby residents, and answer any questions.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. To learn more about the FCS, visit [saskatoon.ca/floodplan](http://saskatoon.ca/floodplan).

Thank you,

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