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News Release

## **COVID-19 Impacts the City's Casual Employees**

The City of Regina employs approximately 2,800 permanent, term and casual employees who provide the programs and services our citizens rely on each and every day. COVID-19 has temporarily changed what 'every day' means to residents, and staff.

The City is making every effort to help contain the spread of COVID-19; we are adjusting services to ensure the health and safety of our workforce and our citizens. Similar to many other municipalities, decisions to close facilities, pause programs and adjust non-critical services requires layoffs. Today, the City of Regina provided notice for 360 casual employee layoffs.

"We are working to balance the 'every day' for the foreseeable future, and that means shifting to provide the critical services that our residents can count on in these uncertain times," says City Manager, Chris Holden. "Our people are important. Like many other employers, the City of Regina must make difficult decisions, and, these decisions are never easy. We are confident that the financial programs the Government of Canada is offering, including Employment Insurance and Canada Emergency Response Benefit Program, will support people in our city during this unprecedented situation."

The City appreciates the strong working relationship and cooperation we have with our unions and associations during these difficult times.

Casual staff are employees whose hours are typically scheduled on a weekly or monthly basis, based on work need. Examples include cashiers, equipment operators, lifeguards and maintenance staff.

We recognize that this will result in hardship and we are ensuring that those affected know how to access the financial supports offered by our federal and provincial governments.

Updates about City programs and services are posted regularly at [Regina.ca/coronavirus](https://www.regina.ca/coronavirus).

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