



City Boulevards: The non-public non-right-of-way

How to make Saskatoon's Incomplete Streets Useable

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Problems

- ❖ Land not maintained by either city or adjacent homeowners.
- ❖ Actively dangerous: narrow streets with no sidewalks and parked cars force pedestrians onto streets with blind approaches onto busy intersections.
- ❖ Owners have often de facto annexed land without payment.



Proposal

- ❖ Sell boulevards to adjacent homeowners.
- ❖ Use revenue to build sidewalks and NTR items in community.
- ❖ Finance purchase via property tax increment over 10-20 year amortization.



Win-Win-Win

- ❖ Zero net cost to city improvements of needed infrastructure.
- ❖ Homeowners get legal title to more land and sidewalk / community amenities.
- ❖ Increased property tax revenue to city on permanent basis.

