

## The way I see it.... *The little city that could*

As a young boy so many, many years ago, I can still remember vividly the story of the little engine that could. It was a story that was firmly implanted in my little head, and was at times, kind of a dream of what I wanted to be when I grew up.

There was nothing I could not do when I remembered what the little engine could accomplish. What a great story for a youngster.

And how many people get to open the cover of your favourite bedtime story and actually become part of the story later in life...Well I know it may be a secret to the rest of the world, but the good citizens of Swift Current are on the verge of living that boyhood bed time story.

You see we are living amongst the little city that can.

About a one and a half years ago a small group of people had the vision to open up the good book Swift Current and rewrite the bedtime story. The only thing that really changed was that the engine was now a city.

Their vision was that of a city with a great health care facility, one that served the entire region with the most up to date modern equipment and a building to house it. A facility that would attract the best health care professional, instead of having them leave the community.

There was the vision to create and expand education in the Southwest Region. There was a vision to reconnect with the youth and work to keep them in the community instead of supplying the world with the best of the future.

There was a vision to identify and

respond with the key issues of the senior citizens...and away of saying thank you for making this, a community that we are so be proud of today.

There was a vision to rediscover the downtown area and make it the centre of the vibrant community we all know it can be.

Well the vision that these community saving people had is alive and spreading like wildfire today through all arteries of the city. Meeting of the minds are cropping up all over and throughout the city.

There have been meetings to give the city a new brand or identity.

What is this great community really known as, to not only the good citizens of the city, but the outside world?

This initiative will be soon to take full flight, and will give Swift Current something to be very proud of...stay tuned folks, it is all beginning to happen and with a force that will be heard across the country.

The youth have met and have some great ideas that will go along way to retain and recruit the future of the community. The word from the youth is that Swift Current is a great community and one that they would love to stay and start a career in. Can it be done? Well their response is...this is a committee that is going to make a difference. Hey what a great attitude, and I believe that they will follow through with their commitment.

There has been a group that is looking at ways to revitalize the downtown

area...and word from this group is that

there is not enough space to house all the business that will be coming into this unique area of the city. They also said this will not be small, but a district that will entice the province and well beyond to make a destination stop.

Word from the health care facility is that they have gotten the attention of the government as witnessed by the Minister of Health, John Nilson, who personally made a stop in Swift Current to see and hear first hand why a new health care facility is such a high priority for the region.

Chances are good folks of Swift Current, if you see a building with more than five cars parked in front of it; it is a group of people firmly and committed to the "Action Swift Current" movement.

I am sorry to the outside world, but this is quickly becoming the "little city that can."

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