



AGENDA

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

January 21, 2021, 9:30 AM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

Members

Mayor N. Nenshi, Chair
Councillor G-C. Carra, Vice-Chair
Councillor G. Chahal
Councillor P. Demong
Councillor J. Farkas
Councillor J. Gondek
Councillor E. Woolley

SPECIAL NOTES:

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Members may be participating remotely.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. OPENING REMARKS
3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA
4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
 - 4.1. Regular Minutes of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, 2020 December 10
5. CONSENT AGENDA
 - 5.1. DEFERRALS AND PROCEDURAL REQUESTS
None
 - 5.2. BRIEFINGS
 - 5.2.1. Business Improvement Area Regulation Advocacy Update, IGA2021-0074
 - 5.2.2. Calgary Metropolitan Region Board – December 2020 Board Meeting Update, IGA2021-0050

- 5.2.3. Calgary Metropolitan Region Board - December 2020 Governance Committee Meeting Update, IGA2021-0101
- 5.2.4. Calgary Metropolitan Region Board – December 2020 Land Use and Servicing Committee Update, IGA2021-0039
- 5.2.5. City of Calgary – City of Chestermere Intermunicipal Committee December 11, 2020 Meeting Update, IGA2021-0103
- 5.2.6. City of Calgary – Rocky View County Intermunicipal Committee December 2020 Meeting Update, IGA2021-0102

6. POSTPONED REPORTS

(including related/supplemental reports)

None

7. ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

- 7.1. Calgary Metropolitan Region Board - January 2021 Advocacy Committee Meeting Update (Verbal), IGA2021-0111
- 7.2. Calgary Metropolitan Region Board – January Board Meeting Update (Verbal) - IGA2021-0136
- 7.3. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) Verbal Update – January 2021, IGA2021-0119
- 7.4. Government of Alberta's Red Tape Reduction Report - Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP), IGA2021-0087

8. ITEMS DIRECTLY TO COMMITTEE

- 8.1. REFERRED REPORTS
None

- 8.2. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION
None

9. URGENT BUSINESS

10. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1. ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

- 10.1.1. Update on the Calgary Metropolitan Region Growth and Servicing Plans (Verbal), IGA2021-0085
Held confidential pursuant to Section 21 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

- 10.1.2. Regional Strategy Update 2021(Verbal), IGA2021-0107
Held confidential pursuant to Section 21 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
- 10.1.3. Bill 7 Property Tax Incentives (Verbal), IGA2021-0134
Held confidential pursuant to Section 21 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

10.2. URGENT BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**December 10, 2020, 9:30 AM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT: Mayor N. Nenshi, Chair (Remote Participation)
Councillor G. Chahal (Remote Participation)
Councillor P. Demong (Remote Participation)
Councillor J. Farkas (Remote Participation)
Councillor J. Gondek (Remote Participation)
Councillor E. Woolley (Remote Participation)

ABSENT: Councillor G-C. Carra, Vice-Chair (Council Business)

ALSO PRESENT: A/ General Manager Christine Arthurs (Remote Participation)
Legislative Coordinator M. A. Cario
Legislative Advisor A. de Grood

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Nenshi called the Meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Nenshi, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Demong, Councillor Farkas, and Councillor Gondek.

Absent for Roll Call: Councillor Carra (Council Business) and Councillor Woolley (joined at 9:40 a.m.).

2. **OPENING REMARKS**

Mayor Nenshi provided opening remarks and a traditional land acknowledgement.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Farkas

That the Agenda for the 2020 December 10 Regular Meeting of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee be confirmed.

MOTION CARRIED

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- 4.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, 2020 November 12

Moved by Councillor Demong

That the Minutes of the 2020 November 12 Regular Meeting of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee be confirmed.

MOTION CARRIED

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Gondek

That the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

5.1 DEFERRALS AND PROCEDURAL REQUESTS

- 5.1.1 Deferral of Bearspaw Tri-Lateral Task Force in response to IGA2019-0809 to the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee no later than 2021 April 15, IGA2020-1418

5.2 BRIEFINGS

- 5.2.1 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Update – December 2020, IGA2020-1398
- 5.2.2 Calgary Metropolitan Region Board – November 2020 Board Meeting Update, IGA2020-1359
- 5.2.3 Calgary Metropolitan Region Board - November 2020 Governance Committee Meeting Update, IGA2020-1393

MOTION CARRIED

6. POSTPONED REPORTS

None

7. ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

- 7.1 Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) Update – December 2020 (Verbal), IGA2020-1407

Councillor Demong provided a verbal update and was thanked by Committee.

- 7.2 Municipal Measurement Index Update (Verbal), IGA2020-1416

A presentation entitled "Municipal Measurement Index - Update" was distributed with respect to Verbal Report IGA2020-1416.

Moved by Councillor Demong

That with respect to Verbal Report IGA2020-1416, the following be approved:

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee receive the presentation for the Corporate Record.

For: (6): Mayor Nenshi, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Demong, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Gondek, and Councillor Woolley

MOTION CARRIED

7.3 Chestermere-Calgary Transit Project, IGA2020-1354

A presentation entitled "Calgary - Chestermere Regional Transit" was distributed with respect to Report IGA2020-1354.

Moved by Councillor Farkas

That pursuant to Sections 21 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations) and 24 (Advice from officials) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, Committee now move into Closed Meeting at 10:22 a.m., in the Council Lounge, to discuss confidential matters with respect to the following Item:

- 7.3 Chestermere-Calgary Transit Project, IGA2020-1354

MOTION CARRIED

Administration in attendance during the Closed Meeting discussions with respect to Report IGA2020-1354:

Clerks: M.A. Cario and A. Degroot. Advice: G. Arthurs, D. Morgan, D. Corbin, A. McIntyre, K. Cote, J. Proche, M. Sklar, M. Surgenor-Sands, N. Younger, and J. Zukowski.

Committee reconvened in Public Meeting at 10:52 a.m. with Mayor Nenshi in the Chair.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Nenshi, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Demong, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Gondek, and Councillor Woolley.

Absent from Roll Call: Councillor Carra (Council Business).

Moved by Councillor Farkas

That Committee rise and report.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chahal

That with respect to Report IGA2020-1354 the following be approved, **as amended:**

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee recommend that Council:

1. **Direct Administration to develop a clear process for evaluating and prioritizing extensions of transit beyond our borders, including but not limited to impact on City Transit priorities, benefits to Calgary, and policy on cost recovery returning to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee no later than Q3 2021.**

2. Proceed with negotiations for a regional transit service agreement with the City of Chestermere and return to the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee with an update on negotiations by Q1 2021.
3. Request that Mayor Nenshi send a letter to the Mayor of the City of Chestermere confirming Calgary's willingness to enter negotiations.
4. **Direct that the Closed Meeting discussions remain confidential pursuant to Sections 21 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations) and 24 (Advice from officials) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.**

And further, forward this report as Proposed Urgent Business to the 2020 December 14 Combined Meeting of Council.

For: (6): Mayor Nenshi, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Demong, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Gondek, and Councillor Woolley

MOTION CARRIED

8. ITEMS DIRECTLY TO COMMITTEE

8.1 REFERRED REPORTS

None

8.2 NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

None

9. URGENT BUSINESS

None

10. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

None

10.2 URGENT BUSINESS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Farkas

That this meeting adjourn at 10:57 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

The following items have been forwarded to the 2020 December 14 Combined Meeting of Council:

URGENT BUSINESS:

- Chestermere-Calgary Transit Project, IGA2020-1354

The next Regular Meeting of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee is scheduled to be held 2021 January 21 at 9:30 a.m.

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Deputy City Manager's Office Briefing to
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Business Improvement Area Regulation Advocacy Update

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

To provide an update on Council direction to advocate to the province to review the Business Improvement Area Regulation (BIA), with particular attention paid to the percentages of those who request and those who object to potential changes.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

On 2019 October 21, Council directed Administration to engage the province, seeking the aforementioned changes to the BIA Regulation and report back through the Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) Committee by Q2 2020 (C2019-1340).

Following that direction, Administration identified the Government of Alberta's Municipal Government Act (MGA) Review as the best opportunity to advance these goals. Distinct from the MGA Review that concluded in 2019, this more recent review is focused on changes that will reduce "red tape" and support economic growth and job creation. The existing BIA Regulation (an offshoot of the MGA), and specifically the process for establishment and dissolution, lack transparency and can create confusion for local businesses. Administration believes that changes to the BIA Regulation could create greater certainty for business, making them prime candidates for the MGA Review.

However, like many things, the Government's red-tape-focused MGA Review has been slowed by the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, Administration also deferred the report back to IGA using the general deferral authority granted by Council at the onset of the pandemic (C2020-0698).

In the meantime, we expect that the governance provisions of the MGA will be the subject of this review in the spring and summer of 2021, and Administration has made a formal request of Municipal Affairs that the BIA Regulation is included in those discussions, flagging the benefits of clarity for business and our shared goal of reducing red tape.

Administration will continue to keep the IGA Committee updated as the MGA Review unfolds, including specific updates on the inclusion of the BIA Regulation in those discussions.

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Calgary Metropolitan Region Board – December 2020 Board Meeting Update

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

The purpose of the briefing is to update Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on the work of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) from their meeting on 2020 December 18. The Mayor represented The City for the first half of the meeting and Councillor Carra the second half.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- In closed session, the Board discussed and voted on the next Board Chair. It was revealed on 2021 January 7 by Jeff Genung, Vice Chair of the CMRB and Mayor of Cochrane, that Greg Clark has accepted the offer to be the next Board Chair. He will assume the role of the Board Chair on 2021 March 1, though he will be working with the CMRB Chair and administration, as well as Board members to ensure he is fully prepared to officially act as Chair in March.
- The Board received for information an update on the Growth and Servicing Plan from the consultant. Mayor Nenshi suggested that 2021 February 26 be confirmed as a meeting date of the Board to ensure adequate time for discussion on the Growth and Servicing Plans before a Board vote. This was supported.
- CMRB Administration presented a multi-year budget from 2021 to 2023. The budget for 2021 was approved and the budget for 2022 to 2023 was accepted for information.
- The Board discussed the transition from the Interim Regional Evaluation Framework to the updated Regional Evaluation Framework that will accompany the Growth Plan. The CMRB sought a legal opinion, which stated that the Interim Regional Evaluation Framework is in effect until the Minister of Municipal Affairs approves the Growth Plan through a Ministerial Order.
- The CMRB Administration brought forward a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs in which she stressed “how important it is that municipalities work together to find efficient ways to deliver key services, including recreation”. The Minister requested responses from either the CMRB or its members by 2021 January 15. CMRB Administration recommended that individual member municipalities submit responses to the Minister individually. This was accepted for information.
- The Board voted to post recorded meetings of the Board and its committees beginning on 2021 March 20.
- The Board discussed the potential for resuming in-person meetings and agreed to delay and revisit this topic at a later date.
- Mayor Brown of Airdrie raised concerns regarding the timeline to complete the Growth and Servicing Plans. During the Board discussion, some members explained concerns and challenges with the process to complete the Plans. Cllr. Carra expressed the value of continuing to advance the work on the Growth and Servicing Plans within the time allotted by the Minister. It was suggested that the CMRB submit a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting an extension. Dale Beesley from the Province indicated that

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a request for an extension would not likely be successful and that the Board should work to complete the requirements of the CMRB Regulation.

- Assistant Deputy Minister Dale Beesley provided a COVID-19 update from the Province on the COVID Care Team and offer of hotel space for some people with COVID who are not able to isolate.

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Calgary Metropolitan Region Board - December 2020 Governance Committee Meeting Update

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

The purpose of this briefing is to update the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on the work of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Governance Committee from their meeting on 2020 December 17. Cllr. Chahal represented The City of Calgary at this online meeting.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Committee reviewed the proposed Reserve Funds Policy and recommended it be brought to the Board for approval. The proposed policy is intended to ensure that the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) retains enough reserves in its accounts to fund core operating expenses for a six-month period. The reserve will be six months of the average of budgeted core operating expenses for the current fiscal year and the upcoming fiscal year. This figure will be reported in budget documents for review by the Governance Committee and approval by the Board.

The Committee reviewed and provided feedback on the proposed dispute resolution framework with separate processes for Regional Evaluation Framework (REF) decisions and all non-REF decisions of the Board. There were a wide range of opinions on the best processes for dealing with disputes. Some members of the CMRB continue to support a role for the Municipal Government Board whose current role includes intermunicipal disputes. CMRB Administration will consider the feedback and undertake further work on dispute resolution. These items are expected to proceed to the Board for decision in February.

Lastly, the Committee considered the proposed wording of the Treaty 7 Territory Land Acknowledgement. Since 2018, the CMRB has been working on building relationships with Indigenous communities within (and adjacent) to the geographic boundaries of the Calgary Metropolitan Region. Acknowledging the land is an important part of reconciliation. As the CMRB Indigenous engagement efforts continue to advance there was interest in discussing the possibility of adding an Acknowledgement of Treaty 7 Territory Lands at the opening of CMRB Board and Committee meetings. Administration brought forward a proposed land acknowledgement for the Committee to consider. The Committee provided feedback to Administration and requested that the proposed wording be provided to the named groups prior to going to the Board for a decision.

The next meeting of the Governance Committee will be held 2021 February 5.

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Calgary Metropolitan Region Board – December 2020 Land Use and Servicing Committee Update

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

The purpose of the briefing is to update the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on the work of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board, Land Use and Servicing Committee from their meeting on 2020 December 11. Cllr. Carra represented The City at the Committee.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- The Committee received updates on the public engagement process, Indigenous engagement process and work plan to complete the Growth and Servicing Plans. Each update was received for information.
- A number of policies were brought to the Committee for approval in principle including the Flood Prone Areas Policy, Economic Well-Being Policy, Agricultural Economic Policy and Environmentally Sensitive Areas Policy. In general, the Committee struggled with the approach to approve the policies in principle.
- The Committee discussed the Flood Prone Areas Policy at length. Some municipalities did not agree with advancing policy that is relevant to only a portion of the member municipalities and not others. The Committee voted 6 to 4 in approving the policy in principle.
- During the Committee discussion on the Economic Well-Being Policy, the Committee supported the policy in principle. Cllr. Carra raised the need for the Calgary Metropolitan Region to formally commit to establishing a regional economic development entity. An informal vote on the topic indicated support from the majority of the Committee members; however, the Committee did not commit to any actions on this matter.
- The Committee discussed the Agricultural Economic Policy. A motion was made to redirect the policy to regional administration for further discussion. The motion was supported by the Committee.
- A number of municipalities expressed concerns with the Environmentally Sensitive Areas Policy. Cllr. Carra made a motion to send the policy to regional administration for further discussion. This was supported by the Committee.

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City of Calgary – City of Chestermere Intermunicipal Committee December 11, 2020 Meeting Update

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

The purpose of this briefing is to update Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on the discussions of the City of Calgary – City of Chestermere Intermunicipal Committee meeting held 2020 December 11. Councillor Chahal and Councillor Carra attended on behalf of The City of Calgary.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Councillor Carra and Mayor Chalmers were acclaimed as Co-Chairs of the Intermunicipal Committee for the upcoming year.

The Committee discussed the recent Commonwealth Association of Planners commendation awarded to the *Calgary – Chestermere Interface Intermunicipal Development Plan* project. The Committee extended congratulations to the project team and reflected on the success of the project as a good example of regional collaboration.

The Committee also continued their discussion of the potential extension of Calgary Transit service into Chestermere. The City of Chestermere indicated that they are prepared to enter negotiations with The City of Calgary. It was also discussed that The City of Calgary's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee had approved moving forward with negotiations at the 2020 December 10 meeting. Following the Intermunicipal Committee meeting, Calgary City Council approved negotiations with Chestermere on 2020 December 14.

The Committee also had further discussions on the long-term completion of 17th Avenue / Chestermere Boulevard and Calgary's prioritized maintenance of the corridor as an emergency route.

Administration will coordinate on the scheduling of Intermunicipal Committee meetings for 2021.

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Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
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City of Calgary – Rocky View County Intermunicipal Committee December 2020 Meeting Update

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

The purpose of the briefing is to update the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on the City of Calgary / Rocky View County Intermunicipal Committee meeting, which took place on 2020 December 4. Councillor Chahal and Councillor Magliocca represented The City.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Councillor Chahal and Deputy Reeve Kim McKylor were acclaimed as Co-Chairs of the Intermunicipal Committee for the upcoming year.

The Committee received a presentation on the Rocky View County Municipal Development Plan and concerns were identified by City of Calgary Administration. Rocky View County Administration indicated that they would be working with City of Calgary Administration to seek resolution to outstanding concerns.

Rocky View County presented an overview of the “Electoral Boundary Reform” project recently approved by Rocky View County Council. The changes will see the number of Councillors reduced from nine to seven along with changes to the electoral boundaries.

The Committee received a presentation from Rocky View County on a development proposed near Old Banff Coach Road. City of Calgary Administration had identified a number of concerns with the application and had requested it be brought to the Intermunicipal Committee. Rocky View County Administration indicated that the applicant is undertaking revisions to the proposal and have been provided The City of Calgary’s concerns for their consideration.

Administration will coordinate on the scheduling of Intermunicipal Committee meetings for 2021.

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Government of Alberta's Red Tape Reduction Report – Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee receive this report for the Corporate Record.

HIGHLIGHTS

- This report is about following a Red Tape Reduction Report requirement by the Government of Alberta (GoA). A decision from City Council is not required.
- What does this mean to Calgarians? Funding received through the Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP) provides capital investment in important infrastructure which benefits all Calgarians.
- Why does this matter? Following through on GoA reporting requirements is necessary to retain The City's MSP funding.
- Administration worked cross corporately to gather information on progress made on red tape reduction in the three key areas identified by the GoA.
- The City of Calgary submission will illustrate progress on red tape reduction in all areas outlined by the GoA.
- The same reporting requirement exists for 2021.
- Strategic Alignment to Council's Citizen Priorities: A well-run city. While initiatives funded by the MSP benefit all Council Citizen Priorities, fulfilling the GoA's reporting requirement especially aligns with this priority.

DISCUSSION

In June 2019, the GoA passed the *Red Tape Reduction Act* with the intention to identify, reduce and eliminate processes that cause regulatory and administrative burdens. The government is aiming to cut red tape by 33 per cent over its four-year term. The work is undertaken with the goal of implementing change that promotes job creation, innovation and competitiveness, facilitates a strong and attractive investment climate in Alberta, and preserves and promotes public safety.

In this context, the GoA expects all municipalities in Alberta that receive funding under the MSP to reduce red tape and requires reporting on related initiatives for both the years 2020 and 2021.

For the purpose of the MSP red tape is defined as unnecessary time and resources spent by citizens and businesses to comply with regulatory and administrative requirements imposed by legislation, regulation, and associated policies. More specifically, red tape reduction in the context of the reporting required means action taken in support of the following objectives:

- Make it easier to start up a new business in the city of Calgary.
- Streamline processes and shorten timelines for development and subdivision permit approvals.
- Make Calgary a more attractive destination for new investment and/or tourism.

The City is required to prove measurable progress in at least one of the key areas identified by the GoA. We are confident that we will illustrate measurable progress on red tape reduction in

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all areas. Information gathered for this report is currently coordinated across the following business units:

- Business & Local Economy
- Calgary Approvals Coordination
- Calgary Neighbourhood, Partnership Management
- Community Planning
- IT-Innovation, Smart Cities
- Roads
- Supply Management

For reporting purposes, the GoA has provided a form that will need to be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs by 2021 February 1.

The same reporting requirement exists for the year 2021, with submission to Municipal Affairs due on 2022 February 1.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION (EXTERNAL)

- ☐ Public Engagement was undertaken
- ☒ Public Communication or Engagement was not required
- ☐ Public/Stakeholders were informed
- ☐ Stakeholder or customer dialogue/relations were undertaken

As the Red Tape Reduction Report requires The City to report on its own initiatives to reduce unnecessary time and resources spent by citizens and businesses to comply with regulatory and administrative requirements imposed by legislation, regulation, and associated policies throughout 2020, public engagement and communication was not required.

IMPLICATIONS

Social

Initiatives reported on in the Red Tape Reduction Report include support for Tourism Calgary to strengthen a vibrant local destination, funding for Civic Partners operating cultural attractions, or social-benefit driven procurement practices. These are only a few examples how red tape reduction benefits social outcomes.

Environmental

Red tape reduction initiatives by The City in 2020 entailed, amongst others, the enabling of micromobility operators, including e-scooter and e-bike businesses, which provide mobility alternatives for Calgarians that support a reduced carbon footprint. Cutting red tape also supported local businesses with the aim to keep more money in the local community, which helps with the reduction of carbon emissions.

Economic

The City of Calgary implemented many different initiatives throughout 2020 to cut red tape and support local businesses. Some examples of these initiatives include:

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- Implementing a process for temporary patios on private and public land in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Providing clear, easy to understand approval processes on The City's website.
- Funding to support transformative investments that develop innovation ecosystems and key sectors identified in Calgary's economic strategy.
- Flexible core operating funding for Platform Calgary (Calgary Technologies Inc.) to support entrepreneurs and innovation, and construction of the new Platform Innovation Centre.
- Investing in the Shophere pilot project to provide small businesses access to free support to enhance or develop online commerce.

All these initiatives support the creation of a diverse, business friendly climate in Calgary.

Service and Financial Implications

Existing operating funding - Base

The content for the Red Tape Reduction Report was developed using existing operating funding and resources. No further financial implications are expected.

RISK

While it is stated in the form provided by the GoA that MSP funding is not conditional on reducing red tape, it is also made clear that Municipal Affairs will review the submitted information and determine whether it's sufficient based on the actions identified. The 2020 Red Tape Reduction Report must be approved by the Minister before the 2021 MSP payment will be released.

For the subsequent reporting of progress made on red tape reduction throughout 2021, it is stated by the GoA that a refund of MSP funding may be required if there is insufficient progress in reducing red tape in 2021.

At this point, it is not entirely clear what the GoA would deem as insufficient in this context. And while the risk to The City of Calgary is likely rather low given the extensive red tape reduction initiatives, we have undertaken over the past year alone, and are continuing to undertake, Administration will carefully follow any development in this area.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None

Department Circulation

General Manager	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform