
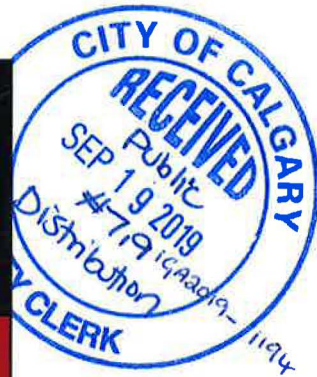



Calgary 

IGA2019 -1194 Calgary and Chestermere – Update on Regional Transit Discussions
 Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
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 2019 September 19



Calgary 

Previous Council Direction

Calgary
 2019 February 4 – City of Calgary Council directed Administration (Transportation) via VR2018-0121 - City of Calgary, City of Chestermere Direction (Verbal), to begin discussions with Chestermere Administration exploring the possibility of transit service between Calgary and Chestermere and report back to IGA with an update on discussions in Q4 2019.

Chestermere
 2019 February 5 – City of Chestermere Council passed a motion directing Administration to expedite discussions with the City of Calgary Administration to develop a transit service plan between the City of Calgary and the City of Chestermere.



Ongoing Administration Conversations

- City of Calgary Administration have been in contact with City of Chestermere Administration, **but did not create cost estimates for Chestermere's report to Council.**
- **A consultant team provided cost estimates in Chestermere's report to Council based on industry standards from the Canadian Urban Transit Association Handbook.**
- City of Calgary Administration (Transit and ICS) reviewed and provided comments on Chestermere's draft report.

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Chestermere Report to Chestermere Council on Regional Transit

- 2019 August 13 – City of Chestermere Administration presented a report to Committee of the Whole on transit service between Chestermere and Calgary.
- The report included a high-level cost-benefit analysis of four transit service options:

Option	Description	Annual Operating Cost Estimate
1	Extension of Calgary Transit's MAX Purple Route	\$1.5 - \$2 Million
2	Limited Peak Period Trips as an extension of Calgary Transit's MAX Purple Route	\$120,000 - \$165,000
3	Local Route to East Hills	\$120,000 - \$350,000
4	Express Route to Downtown Calgary	\$130,000 - \$350,000

Cost estimate provided by the consultant based on the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) Handbook. Further discussion with Calgary Transit is needed to refine cost estimates if Option 1 is pursued.

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Chestermere Council Direction

Direction to Chestermere Administration:

2019 August 13 – Chestermere Committee of the Whole carried the following motion:

Moved by Councillor Burness that the Committee direct staff to initiate a more detailed discussion with Calgary Transit, and to undertake a further study of the following two options:

1. *A formal express route to downtown Calgary with several stops within Chestermere; and*
2. *A peak-period extension of Calgary Transit's MAX Purple route.*

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Considerations and Next Steps

Considerations

- Actual costs will be dependent on a variety of factors, including trip length, number of stops, turn-around locations etc
- Factors such as fleet, fares, revenue, ridership, and specific local routing need to be considered to confirm and further refine costs.
- Financial sustainability (cost recovery) of the service
- The report does not commit Calgary Transit to provide service to Chestermere.
 - **City of Calgary Council direction would be required to extend transit service beyond Calgary city limits.**

Next Steps

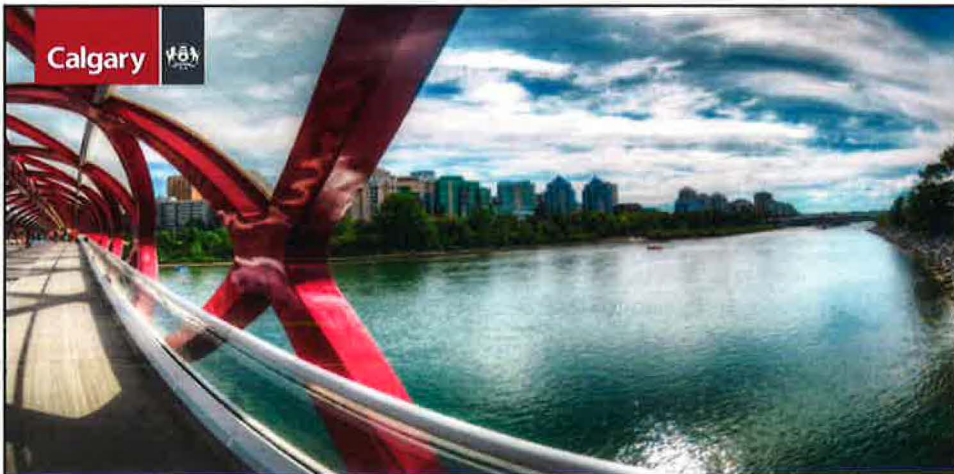
- Regular meetings between City of Calgary Administration and City of Chestermere Administration.
 - First meeting tentatively scheduled for 2019 October 4.
- **Follow the cross corporate process/protocol.**
- Report back to IGA by Q2 2020.

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Recommendation

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee direct Administration to continue discussions with Chestermere Administration exploring the possibility of transit service between Calgary and Chestermere and report back to IGA with an update on discussions by Q2 2020.

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Questions?

Thank you