

Notice of Motion – Bylaw Setback Reform, PFC2020-0106
Councillor Farrell

Recommendation:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council directs City Administration to report to Council no later than Q3 2020 with recommendations on the following:

1. Criteria needed to support applicant-provided improvements within bylaw setbacks, and between the curb and building edge generally, in order to achieve enhanced public realm and context specific mobility improvements, while still allowing for a flexible approach based on site and area specific considerations;
2. The formalization of a process used by CPAG, CPAG partners, and City asset owners to review and assess development applications with the intent to better achieve the above setback objectives;
3. Clarify the intent of the bylaw setbacks in supporting public realm and context-specific mobility improvements by renaming the Road Rights-of-Way Property Line Setbacks table within Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 and by adding a purpose statement;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that City Council Directs City Administration to bring forward updates to relevant bylaw setbacks at the time of local area plan and/or multi-community plan creation/update, including currently underway plans, with particular consideration to:

1. Creating streetscape plans and/or cross sections for streets with bylaw setbacks, where prioritized, that provide guidance to applicants and/or the City of Calgary for how improvements should be implemented;
2. Decreases or increases to bylaw setback allowances, where appropriate;
3. Removal of bylaw setbacks that are no longer required;
4. Supporting below- and/or above-grade building projections into the bylaw setbacks that still consider utility impacts, enable street furniture/tree provisions, and support enhanced public realm;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the future renewal of the Land Use Bylaw consider further policy direction that better and consistently aligns the bylaw setbacks with the objectives of the Municipal Development Plan, Calgary Transportation Plan, Complete Streets Guide, Main Streets program, and other relevant policies.

Excerpt from the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Priorities and Finance Committee, held 2020 January 21:

“Moved by Councillor Farrell

That with respect to Notice of Motion PFC2020-0106, the following be approved:

That Notice of Motion PFC2020-0106 be forwarded to Council for consideration.

MOTION CARRIED”

Attachment 1 – Notice of Motion

Attachment 2 – Notice of Motion Checklist