Next Generation Planning System Overview

Initiated in 2019, the Next Generation Planning System will improve the way we plan Calgary’s future. This systematic approach will help us implement and realize the Municipal Development Plan, which provides the foundation and framework for how we plan our city for citizens who live here now and citizens who will call Calgary home in the future.

Currently made up of nine initiatives, the next generation of planning provides a coordinated and clear planning system for the whole city. It removes outdated and redundant policy, and creates a more robust toolbox to enable development and investment in Calgary.

The system combines policies that will allow us to plan a great Calgary with effective programs, strategies and tools, which enable growth and development to continue building a great city. The nine initiatives leverage and inform each other, from a citywide vision to development and construction.

Planning and enabling a great Calgary
Next Generation Planning System

Working with, and building on existing policies, the Next Generation Planning System realizes thriving communities that provide housing, amenity, work and travel choices to everyone. It enables development and investment through clear plans, and strategies and tools that guide and support growth. The Next Generation Planning System consists of the following initiatives, addressing both policy and implementation activities to realize these development and community outcomes.

Municipal Development and Calgary Transportation Plans (MDP and CTP): update policy
The MDP and CTP are The City’s long-range land use and transportation plans that look upwards of 60 years into the future, when Calgary’s population is expected to reach over two million people.

Implement policy to PLAN A GREAT CALGARY.

- **Guidebook for Great Communities**: new policy
  Ensuring communities in Calgary can offer more housing, shops, work and service choices, while simplifying the planning process with consistent city-wide classifications for the urban form. It will be used to guide and shape Local Area Plans in the new Local Area Plan program.

- **Local Area Plans**: new program
  Using a multi-community approach to local planning, by grouping communities based on shared connections and physical boundaries. This approach makes stronger connections between communities and to key amenities and infrastructure. It helps to identify common issues and opportunities between communities, while removing duplicate and irrelevant policies and plans.

- **Heritage**: new policy
  Providing new policy tools and financial incentives to increase conservation of heritage resources.

- **Renewed Land Use Bylaw**: update policy
  Aligning the Land Use Bylaw with the Guidebook for Great Communities and the Local Area Plans so that the final built form accurately reflects the vision for our communities. The renewed Land Use Bylaw will focus on regulating the aspects that impact a person’s experience at the street-level.

Enable growth and development to BUILD A GREAT CALGARY.

- **Established Areas Growth and Change Strategy**: new strategy and implementation plan
  Coordinating public investment, while supporting existing communities through their growth. It links to current policy efforts and supports developers to help build our city.

- **Offsite Levies Review**: update to policy
  Preparing a new off-site levy bylaw under current legislation, to enable growth-related capital infrastructure in established and new communities.

- **Main Streets**: next phase of program and implementation/construction
A continuum that goes from changes to land use that will support development opportunities to a streetscape master plan that is designed to support these changes and can be constructed in a coordinated fashion.

- **Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Strategy: next phase**
  Carrying out the implementation actions. It supports higher-density, mixed-use buildings and public realm design that prioritizes walking and cycling and maximizes the use of transit services.