

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Administration is asking Council to reconsider the decision of Resolution 3 of the Downtown Calgary and Economic Uncertainty: A Coordinated Response, NM2017-01 at the 2017 January 23 Regular Meeting of Council and the motion arising “to explore the creation of an Economic Development Fund to respond to the prolonged economic challenges and capitalize on new opportunities that will create jobs, drive economic recovery and revitalize the downtown core” at the 2017 March 6 Strategic Meeting of Council.

Administration recommends that both the report back on the Downtown Economic Summit and the report to explore the creation of an Economic Development Fund come forward to Council at the Regular Meeting of Council on 2017 May 29. Bringing these reports back to Council on the same date allows for a robust discussion about economic development as it relates to both Calgary’s City Centre and the city as a whole while still adhering to Council’s direction to have both reports come forward in 2017 Q2.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council:

1. Reconsider their decision, with respect to reporting to City Council at a Strategic Session by Q2, 2017, as directed by Resolution 3 of the Downtown Calgary and Economic Uncertainty: A Coordinated Response, NM2017-01 contained in the Minutes of 2017 January 23 Regular Meeting of Council and to the motion arising (C2017-0214), with respect to reporting to Priorities and Finance Committee no later than Q2 2017, contained in the Minutes of 2017 March 6 Strategic Council Meeting;
2. Direct that the reporting prepared in response to Resolution 3 of the Downtown Calgary and Economic Uncertainty: A Coordinated Response, NM2017-01 and the motion arising “to explore the creation of an Economic Development Fund to respond to the prolonged economic challenges and capitalize on new opportunities that will create jobs, drive economic recovery and revitalize the downtown core” to the 2017 May 29 Regular Council Meeting for consideration.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

Council at its meeting on 2017 January 23 dealt with NM2017-01, Downtown Calgary and Economic Uncertainty: A Coordinated Response (Councillor Farrell and Councillor Woolley):

*“ADOPT, Moved by Councillor Farrell, Seconded by Councillor Woolley,
that Councillor Farrell and Woolley’s Motion, NM2017-01 be adopted,
after correction, as follows:*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council direct
Administration to work with Calgary Economic Development to organize a
Downtown Economic Summit with Calgary Economic Development’s Real
Estate Advisory Committee (including members from **CMLC**, NAIOP,
BOMA, UDI and private sector) and the Economic Strategy Leadership &*

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Implementation Team (including members from the Calgary Chamber, Vibrant Communities Calgary and the Government of Alberta) and other economic thought leaders to identify emerging trends and opportunities to ensure The City uses its capacity to best position resources for the future.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration and Calgary Economic Development create a short-, medium- and long-term action plan report;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Administration and Calgary Economic Development present findings from the Downtown Economic Summit and action plan report to City Council at a Strategic Planning Session by late Q2, 2017.”

Council at its meeting on 2017 March 6 dealt with a motion arising Moved by Councillor Woolley, Seconded by Councillor Farrell:

“MOTION ARISING, Moved by Councillor Woolley, Seconded by Councillor Farrell, that with respect to Report C2017-0214, Council direct Administration to explore the creation of an Economic Development Fund to respond to the prolonged economic challenges and capitalize on new opportunities that will create jobs, drive economic recovery and revitalize the downtown core. This will include funding options and opportunities for public and private partnerships and report back through the Priorities and Finance Committee no later than Q2 2017.”

BACKGROUND

At a meeting held on 2017 February 14, the Administrative Leadership Team (ALT) discussed the proposed agendas for Strategic Council Meetings in 2017 Q2. The City Manager's Office was directed to prepare a report to the 2017 April 24 Regular Council Meeting requesting that Council reconsider its previous decision to refer the report back on the Downtown Economic Summit to a Strategic Planning Session by late Q2, 2017.

On 2017 March 6, Councillor Woolley brought forward a motion arising to direct Administration to explore the creation of an Economic Development Fund and report back through the Priorities and Finance Committee no later than Q2 2017.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Administration recommends that both the report back on the Downtown Economic Summit and the report to explore the creation of an Economic Development Fund come forward to Council at the Regular Meeting of Council on 2017 May 29. Bringing these reports back to Council on the same date allows for a robust discussion about economic development as it relates to both Calgary's City Centre and the city as a whole, while still adhering to Council's direction to have both reports come forward in 2017 Q2.

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In addition, the agendas for the upcoming Strategic Council Meetings in Q2 2017 are scheduled with two priority items: *Green Line* on 2017 May 15 and *Exploration of Olympic Bid* on 2017 June 19. As of 2017 February 14, neither Strategic Council Meeting agenda allows time for a report back on the Downtown Economic Summit.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

Calgary Economic Development (CED) and the Calgary Municipal Land Corporation (CMLC) have been consulted as to the most effective and efficient methods of addressing the reporting.

Strategic Alignment

N/A

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

N/A

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

N/A

Current and Future Capital Budget:

N/A

Risk Assessment

Administration is unable to bring the report back on the Downtown Economic Summit to a Strategic Council Meeting on 2017 Q2 due to scheduling conflicts as determined on 2017 February 14 at a meeting of the ALT. Should Council decide that a report back at the 2017 May 29 Regular Meeting of Council is insufficient, another report for reconsideration will need to come forward to Council at a later date. This could reduce Administration's ability to report back on the Downtown Economic Summit in 2017 Q2.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

Administration recommends that Council reconsider its decision to refer Resolution 3 of the Notion of Motion NM2017-01, Downtown Calgary and Economic Uncertainty: A Coordinated Response and the motion arising "to explore the creation of an Economic Development Fund..." to the 2017 May 29 Regular Council Meeting to allow for a robust discussion on economic development in Calgary and be as effective and efficient as possible with time at City Council meetings.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None