

Calgary - Chestermere Regional Transit

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

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Initial 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.

- **2019 August 19:** IGA directed 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.
- **2020 June 18:** IGA received an update outlining timing and next steps including:
 - *“If Calgary and Chestermere City Councils direct their Administrations to proceed with the Regional Transportation Feasibility Project, Administrations for both cities will begin negotiation and development of a transit service agreement including operating costs and cost recovery. The possible implementation of a regional transit connection between Calgary and Chestermere is still feasible for 2021 as originally planned.”*

Preferred Service Option

MAX Purple Peak Extension & Multiple Chestermere Stops*



Details

- Full Cost recovery model
- 2 am trips & 2 pm trips
- 2-way trips
- All MAX Purple stops
- No East Hills loop
- Cost: ~ \$170,000
- *Stop locations not confirmed

2020 October 20: Chestermere City Council approved the following motion:

1. Direct Administration to proceed with next steps on a transit connection with The City of Calgary;
2. Direct Administration to focus further work on the hybrid MAX Purple extension service option, which includes multiple stops in Chestermere; and
3. Direct Administration to draft a letter to The City of Calgary requesting formal negotiation of a transit service agreement, to be signed and executed by the Mayor and Chief Administration Officer.



Letter to Mayor and Council: 2020 Nov. 5

“Chestermere is committed to working collaboratively with the City of Calgary and believes this project will benefit the residents and businesses of both our municipalities.

This letter confirms the City of Chestermere’s administrative commitment to jointly, with the City of Calgary, advance the Transit Feasibility Study negotiations. The project has been added to our 2020 and 2021 workplans, and a reciprocal letter of commitment would allow the formal negotiations to proceed.”

Recommendations

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee recommend that Council:

1. Direct Administration to proceed with negotiations for a regional transit service agreement between The City of Chestermere and The City of Calgary for Calgary Transit to provide a limited transit service connection to Chestermere that is cost-neutral, to The City of Calgary.
2. Return to the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee with an update on negotiations with the City of Chestermere 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 into negotiations.



Questions

Thank you