

## **PARKING POLICY MONITORING DEFERRAL REQUESTS**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To allow for sufficient time for data collection on two parking policy initiatives, Administration is requesting a deferral of both the Carshare Parking Policy and Multi-Family Residential Parking Reduction Policy monitoring reports to the 2018 January meeting of the SPC on Transportation and Transit. This will also assist balancing the parking strategy workload to address other priority initiatives over 2017.

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the SPC on Transportation and Transit recommend to Council to defer the update report on the implementation of the Carshare Parking Policy to no later than the 2018 January meeting of the SPC on Transportation and Transit.
2. That the SPC on Transportation and Transit recommend to Council to defer the update report on the implementation of the Multi-Family Parking Policy to no later than the 2018 January meeting of the SPC on Transportation and Transit.

### **RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPC ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT, DATED 2017 JANUARY 18:**

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That the Administration Recommendations contained in Report TT2017-0045 be approved.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY**

On 2015 March 30, Council approved report TT2015-0121: Carshare Parking Policy. This included the recommendations:

1. Approve amending A Parking Policy Framework for Calgary (TP017) by adding the following as per Attachment 1:
  - a. Additional definitions in Section 5.1.
  - b. New text and Policy 37.a in Section 5.1.2.
  - c. New Section 5.1.6 (Carshare Parking Policies).
2. Direct Administration and the Calgary Parking Authority to revise existing contracts with carshare organizations, as necessary, to align with the new carshare parking policies.
3. Direct Administration to report back to the SPC on Transportation & Transit no later than 2016 September with an update report on the implementation of the carshare parking policies.

On 2016 June 20, Council approved a deferral request for recommendation #3 as part of report TT2016-0390 to respond to recommendation 3 no later than 2017 March.

On 2015 May 25, Council approved report TT2015-0223: Multi-Family Residential Parking Reduction Policy. This included the following recommendations:

1. Approve amending A Parking Policy Framework for Calgary (TP017) by replacing the empty Section 5.2.1 (Parking in Activity Centres, Corridors and other Transit-Oriented Development

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Areas) with the contents of Attachment 1, as amended on Page 2 of 2, Policy 1. e., by adding the following words at the end of the paragraph:

“The Development Authority may recommend against reductions to visitor parking if it is determined by the Authority that on-street impacts, or visitor accessibility, would be unacceptable.”; and

2. Direct Administration to report back to the SPC on Transportation & Transit no later than 2017 June with an update report on the implementation of the multi-family parking reduction policies.

### **BACKGROUND**

The carshare parking policies are designed to support carshare activity (e.g. car2go) in Calgary in recognition of the mobility and affordability benefits these services offer. Several elements of the policy are also designed to address observed problems around clustering and parking beyond posted time restrictions, particularly in the downtown.

Implementation of the carshare parking policies requires an updated contract with each carshare organization that reflects the new rules and fees. Upon completion of a new contract with active carsharing companies, approximately six months of data would be required to accurately assess the impact of the policies on carshare parking activity, and the success of those policies in addressing the observed problems.

The multi-family residential parking reduction policy is designed to support significant parking reductions for buildings in locations that provide a wide variety of travel alternatives, have adjacent public parking options available and are likely to have minimal community impacts. The intent of the monitoring report is two-fold: to assess the impacts of recently approved projects after construction completion and to assess the overall uptake of the policy.

### **INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS**

Administration continues to work towards a finalized carshare agreement with car2go, currently the only active carsharing service in Calgary. It is expected this contract will be complete early in 2017. The completion of the contract is important as it will allow for full implementation of mechanisms to discourage parking clustering and congestion. Roughly six months of data is needed to determine if the parking clustering policies are sufficiently working, or if modifications to the policy are needed. Reporting back by 2018 January would allow for sufficient time to assess the effectiveness of the policy and propose any changes.

With respect to the multi-family residential parking policy, it is expected that the N3 condominium building in the East Village will be completed and ready for occupancy early in 2017. After occupancy, Administration will be able to assess some of the impacts of the development in more detail to determine if any modifications might be warranted to the policy regarding future development proposals. Allowing report back in 2018 January would facilitate this.

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Additionally, Administration is working on several other parking initiatives over 2017. This includes implementation of the initiative to allow for public parking at existing parking lots, long-stay on-street parking, approval of the Downtown Parking Strategy and beginning the review of the residential parking permit program. Approval of these deferral requests would greatly help balance the workload over the course of 2017.

### **Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication**

Car2go is aware of the deferral request. There are no other engagement activities with respect to the monitoring reports at this time.

### **Strategic Alignment**

The carshare parking policies and multi-family parking reduction policies are consistent with policy objectives in the Municipal Development Plan and Calgary Transportation Plan.

### **Social, Environmental, Economic (External)**

Carsharing provides a wide range of social, environmental and economic benefits, as identified in report TT2015-0121.

The benefits related to multi-family parking reductions are identified in report TT2015-0223.

### **Financial Capacity**

#### **Current and Future Operating Budget:**

No implications were identified.

#### **Current and Future Capital Budget:**

No implications were identified.

### **Risk Assessment**

Further delays to implementation of the carshare parking policies may cause businesses and other parkers to feel that The City is not adequately meeting their needs. However, The City needs time to assess the effectiveness of the policy mechanisms before proposing any changes.

Delaying the monitoring report on multi-family parking reductions does not present any significant risks.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Deferral of the carshare and multi-family parking policy monitoring reports will allow for sufficient time to collect the data needed to inform any subsequent steps on the policies, and will better balance the parking policy work load.