



Report Number: PFC2021-0117

Meeting: Priorities & Finance Committee

Meeting Date: 2021 January 12

## NOTICE OF MOTION

**RE: Restrictive Covenant at 6 New ST SE - No More Blank Walls on Public Spaces**

**Sponsoring Councillor(s): COUNCILLOR GIAN CARLO CARRA**

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**WHEREAS** the owners of 4 New ST SE (A3; 17;1,2) submitted a Development Permit Application DP2020-3048 almost a year ago, which proposes a single family dwelling;

**AND WHEREAS** The City of Calgary is the owner of the adjacent property at 6 New ST SE (A3;17;1) which currently functions as non-reserve open space (an off-leash dog park and a portion of the Bow River Pathway System), and shares a property line with the Applicant's Property;

**AND WHEREAS** the Application proposes that the northerly building face of the single detached dwelling face the park with windows and decks and doors;

**AND WHEREAS** the National Building Code – Alberta Edition requires that unprotected openings be restricted in size and number within a limiting distance setback from the property line of a parcel with the aim of reducing the probability of fire spreading from one building to another adjacent building;

**AND WHEREAS** the Application proposes more unprotected openings in number and/or size, than is otherwise permitted under the Code given the distance between the proposed building and the property line;

**AND WHEREAS** while the Code technically applies in this case but practically does not apply as there are no circumstances in which the City would build or allow to be built a structure on the parkland that could catch on fire next to the Application;

**AND WHEREAS** Council has previously directed Administration to develop processes to promote passive through active interfaces between private parcels and public space through the 2016 NoM No More Blank Walls on Public Spaces;

**AND WHEREAS** this Application has been delayed due to Administration not having developed such processes and the Applicants are currently being asked to purchase a restrictive covenant, registered against the City Property in favour of the Applicant's Property, which would prohibit development in a specific area of the City Property as shown on the attached site plan;

**AND WHEREAS** standard practice for Real Estate & Development Services is to administer dispositions of land (including restrictive covenants) at market value;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorize the Director, Real Estate & Development Services to approve the terms and conditions for a restrictive covenant agreement (including approving of any rectifications, corrections, changes, additions, amendments or deletions of any terms and conditions which are necessary in order to facilitate the negotiation, completion and administration of such restrictive covenant) in exchange for an Administrative fee to be determined by the Director of Real Estate and Development Services,

but at nominal consideration, which prohibits development on a portion of the City Property in favour of the Applicant's Property in support of the Application as shown on the attached site map (more or less), subject to confirmation that the restrictive covenant area is determined to be surplus to municipal requirements through standard circulation processes under the Corporate Land Management Framework, and any requirements to advertise the disposition of land below market value pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act* (Alberta);

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the service fee for Administration's services be drawn from the tax uplift on the Application until it is paid off at which point the totality of 4 New Street SE's taxes shall be submitted to general revenue;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Administration ensure that the Guidebook for Great Communities has sufficient policy to ensure that there will be no more blank walls on public spaces is and also to report back to Council through the SPC on Utilities and Corporate Services no later than 2022 March 30 with an improved process that would allow The City to enter into restrictive covenant agreements to extend the limiting distance to ensure no more blank walls on public spaces without having to seek Council approval for every case.