

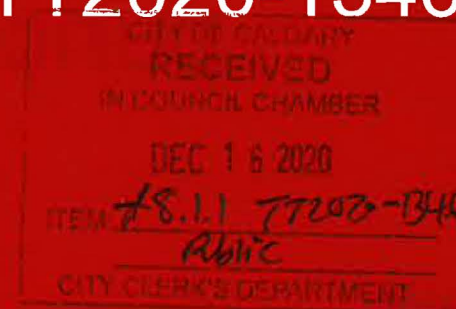
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Residential Parking Program Review TT2020-1346

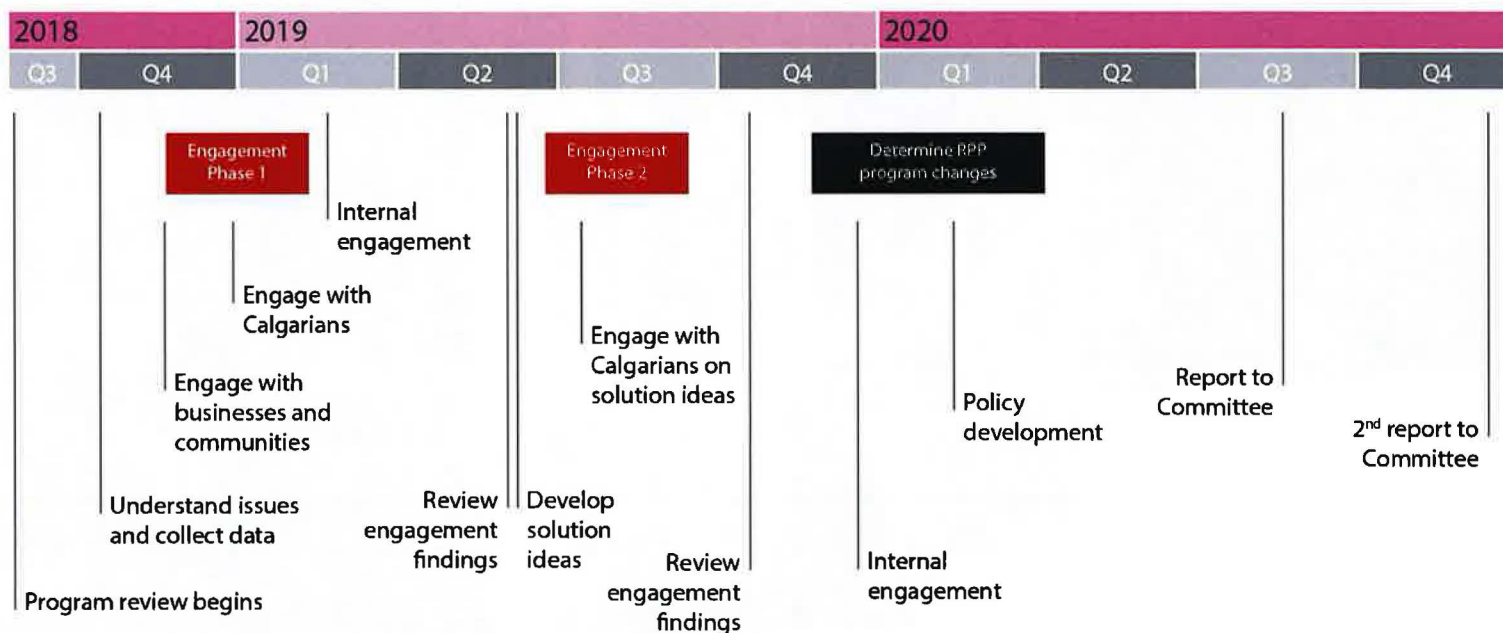
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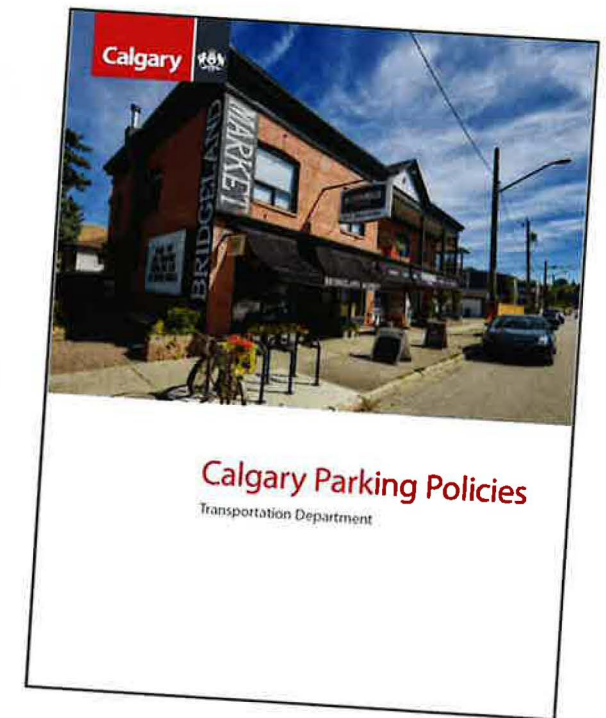
Project Context and Background

- Council directed review to address substantial policy gaps.
- Underway since 2018.
- Referral motion to refine recommendations and provide Council additional options.



RPP Review History and Goals

- There is no residential parking policy today.
- Several program components no longer function.
- What does the program want to achieve?
 - Functional program,
 - Easy to use and equitable,
 - Costs are reduced and value is maximized.



What Did We Hear?

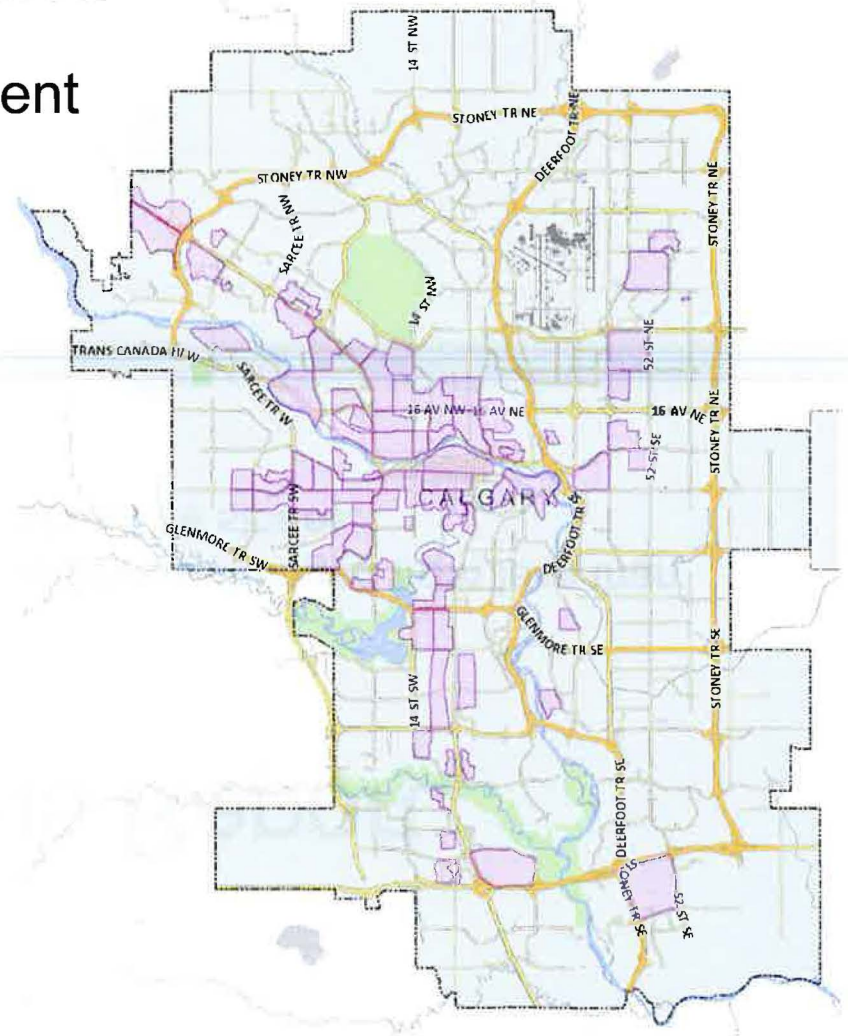
- Policy reforms are sound and should be implemented.
- Committee's October amendment on eligibility criteria reflects Committee's feedback.
- Additional fee models should be prepared to provide more options for Committee and Council.

Updates from Previous Report:

- Committee's amendment retained:
 - Eligibility threshold for multi-residential buildings changed from less than 40 units and 6 stories to less than 20 units and 4 stories.
- Additional fee scenarios developed.

Review of Current State

- Established in 1974 for areas adjacent to downtown core.
- Now 80 zones.
- Considerable red tape.
- Limited data and analysis is used.
- Some data is no longer available.
- Eligibility rules are unclear.
- Operates at financial loss.

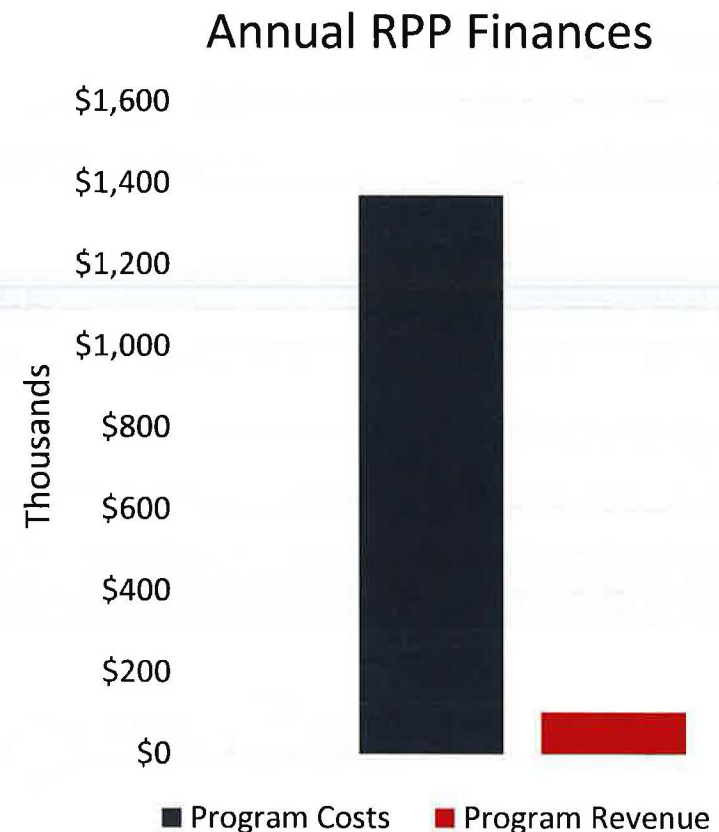


Summary of Policy Changes

Topic	Existing Program	Proposed Program	What it Addresses
New/changed Zones	Bylaw amendment	Administration update	Faster and more responsive to citizens
Parking Restrictions	By petition only; residents choose signs	Use data to choose signs	Uses a consistent and fair approach for all areas
Permit Fees & Caps	Mostly free Unlimited permits	Several options Reasonable caps	More equitable fee distribution. Reduces risk of overselling
Eligibility	Unclear rules and low awareness of program	Clear rules for eligibility	Fair approach that reflects demand and limited supply
Ongoing Changes and Updates	No changes or review ever	Periodic checks (every 3 years)	Re-confirm zones needed and working

Financial Considerations

- Costs \$1.4M annually.
- Recovers \$100K annually.
- Policy aims to reduce annual costs over time with incremental efficiencies.
- What are these costs?
 - Customer service staff,
 - Electronic permits and software,
 - Enforcement and equipment,
 - Analysis and engineering,
 - Signs and maintenance.



Fee Options for Consideration

- Three scenarios outlined in attachment 1 offering different fee/tax-support ratios.

Current Program

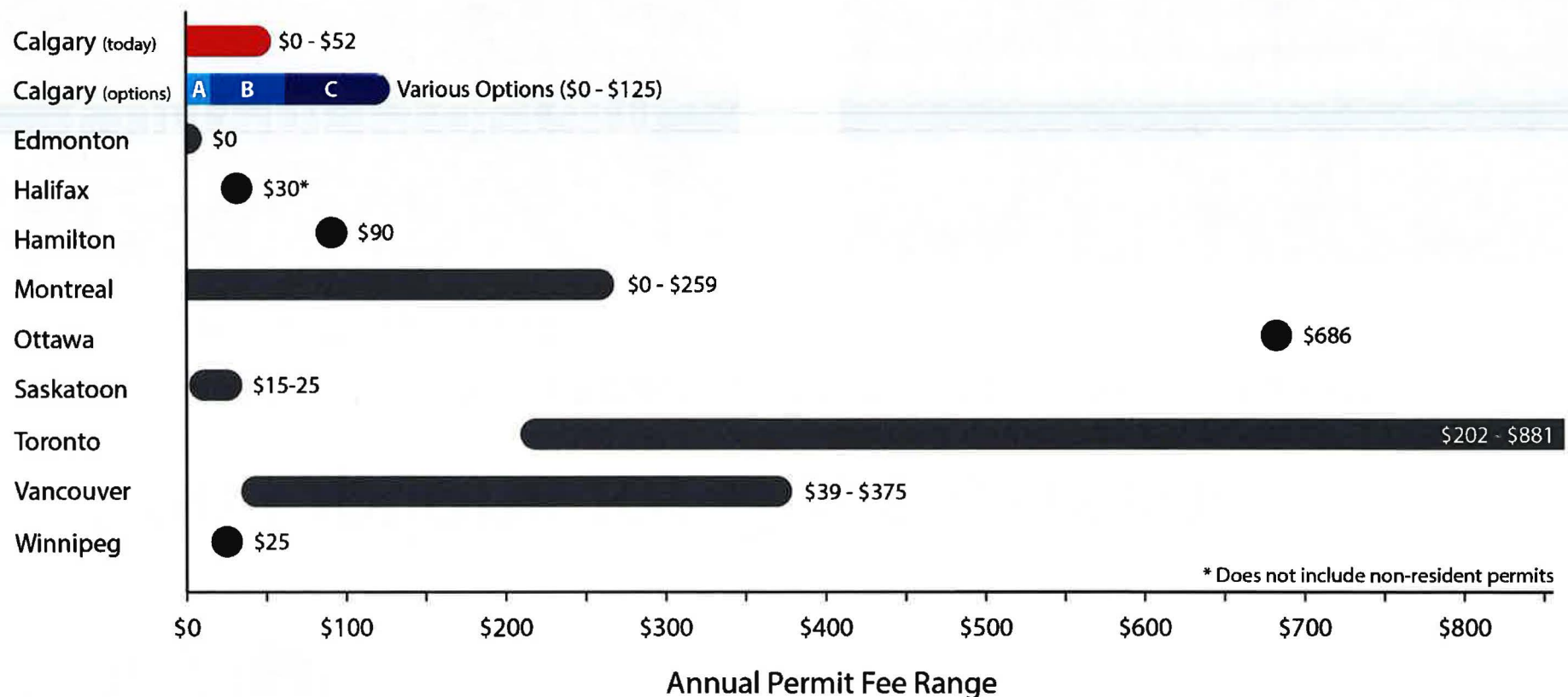
- Various fees (\$0/\$25/\$52) based on zone or eligibility rules
- Low cost recovery
- Low efficiency

Option A (for future consideration)

- Minimal Fees (\$0/\$15)
- No barrier to entry
- Some cost recovery
- Some efficiency expected

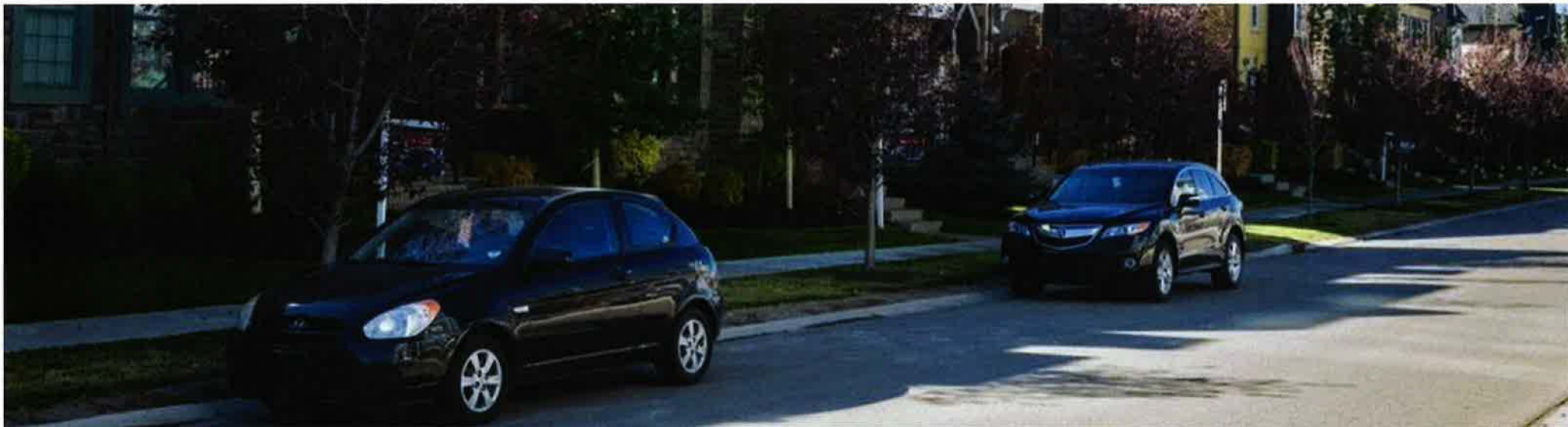
Fees Across Canada

Annual Residential Parking Permit Fee Ranges in Canadian cities



Next Steps

- Present recommendation to Council In January 2021
- Begin ongoing data collection throughout 2021
- Phase out disqualified permits in 2022
- Review fees as part of next budget cycle



Recommendations

1. Approve changes and additions to residential parking policies by:
 - a. Adopting changes to the Calgary Parking Policies TP017 contained in Attachment 1, and,
 - b. Rescinding the Visitor Parking Permit Policy LUP005 (Attachment 2).
2. Endorse fee option A contained in Attachment 1 as the policy fee structure.
3. Freeze permit fees at the current levels for the remainder of the budget cycle (2021-2022) to provide economic relief.
4. Review the program fees and cost recovery ratio in preparation for each four year budget cycle.
5. Give three readings to the proposed bylaw in Attachment 3 to amend bylaw 26M96 "Calgary Traffic Bylaw".
6. Abandon bylaw 45M2020 that was before Council on 2 November 2020 (Attachment 4).