

Overview of Adjusted Reporting Timelines

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development recommend that Council direct Administration to adjust the reporting timelines for:

1. Area 34 Millican-Ogden & South Hill Multi-community Plan (PUD2018-1027) to return to Council, through the SPC on Planning and Urban Development, no later than 2022 Q4;
2. Area 8 Chinook Multi-community Plan (PUD2019-0128) to return to Council, through the SPC on Planning and Urban Development, no later than 2022 Q4;
3. Area 4 Hillhurst/Sunnyside Multi-community Plan (PUD2019-0128) to return to Council, through the SPC on Planning and Urban Development, no later than 2022 Q2; and
4. Transportation capital project review (PFC2020-0963), to return to Council, as part of the budget adjustments for 2022; and
5. New Community full operating cost model (PFC2019-1062), to return to Council, through the Priorities and Finance Committee, no later than 2022 Q1.

BACKGROUND

Adjusted Reporting Timelines of Local Area Plans Due to the Deferral of the Guidebook for Great Communities

In 2018 the City Planning & Policy service embarked on a new approach to the planning of our communities. It consists of two key components: a guidebook and community plans that combine multiple communities into one, cohesive plan.

The Guidebook for Great Communities provides common, best practice policies that all communities desire into a single document. This creates consistency and certainty in terms of policy direction and how policies are to be applied during development. By doing so the Guidebook levels the playing field for citizens and businesses and supports the growth of inclusive communities for everyone.

The multi-community plan approach fosters balanced outcomes for interconnected communities by putting their growth areas into a common context. This allows their individual strengths to be leveraged and provides for coordinated planning and investment decisions. Through the new multi-community plan approach, The City will be able to more rapidly provide modern planning tools to communities and investors than by continuing the previous path of individual community plans. This also allows plans to be more frequently updated and to better reflect new developments and needs.

The Development and Deferral of the Guidebook for Great Communities

The Guidebook for Great Communities was originally scheduled for review by Council in 2019 September, but Administration requested a deferral to 2019 October to provide more time for the development of key policies. In 2019 October the Guidebook was presented to the SPC on Planning and Urban Development and the committee provided a further month to allow for a panel discussion to occur in 2019 November. In 2019 November the SPC on Planning and Urban Development then deferred the Guidebook to 2020 March to allow stakeholders to review its alignment with the North Hill Community Plan.

In 2020 March the Guidebook returned to the SPC on Planning and Urban Development together with the North Hill Community Plan with a recommendation to proceed to public hearing in 2020 April. Soon afterwards the decision was made to delay the public hearing to allow Calgarians to focus their time and energy on the new COVID-19 pandemic instead of having to dedicate their attention to the review of a planning policy document.

In 2020 July the Guidebook and North Hill Community Plan were presented to the SPC on Planning and Urban Development and Administration was directed to undertake further revisions and report back in 2021 January with a refined document (PUD2020-0721).

This latest shift in timing has affected Administration's ability to deliver local area plans in 2020. Since the new multi-community plans use the policies contained in the Guidebook, its deferral to January 2021 caused Administration to pause work on plans that were underway. The timelines for the three plans below must, therefore, be adjusted to work with the new completion date of the Guidebook. In addition, the service has continually prioritized local area planning (LAP) work and aligned it to the Established Area Growth and Change Strategy, which has meant adjusting the workplan and order of the LAPs.

The proposed timing adjustments to the three local area plans are as follows:

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- Area 4 Hillhurst/Sunnyside Multi-community Plan (PUD2019-0128) to return to Council, through the SPC on Planning and Urban Development, no later than 2022 Q2.

Adjusted Reporting Timelines to Citywide Growth Strategy Work to Increase Efficiency and Adapt to Newly Directed Work

On 2020 October 19, Administration delivered two reports to the Priorities and Finance Committee regarding city growth: the 2020 New Community Growth Strategy (PFC2020-0963), and the Growth Strategy Monitoring Report (PFC2020-0962). Discussions at PFC, Council and a subsequent meeting of the SPC of PUD on 2020 December 2 (PUD2020-1369) led to the direction by Council of four new pieces of work in 2021. With the benefit of a comprehensive reflection on the 2021 Citywide Growth Strategy

work plan, Administration would like to align two pieces of work to increase efficiency in their undertaking and defer another to early 2022.

1. The following two pieces of work can be combined into a common report back in Q4 2021 as part of the budget discussions for 2022. As well, elements of (a) will be integrated into the Off-Site Levy Review process and included in the report to Council at its conclusion.
 - a. Administration was directed to complete a review of capital transportation infrastructure in New Communities to identify opportunities for deferral and/or rightsizing that may allow reallocation of capital to the Established Area; and
 - b. Administration was directed to identify city-wide growth-related investment recommendations for the 2021 budget discussions.
2. Administration is directed to develop a more comprehensive model of operating costs related to new community development (PFC2019-1062). This work is scheduled for return to Council by 2021 Q3. With the additional directed work requested by 2020 Q1, Administration can begin this work but will require a longer delivery date of this operating cost analysis. Administration has identified 2022 Q1 for the new report back timing, which will align well with the next anticipated review of new community growth business cases.