



Calgary



**City Planning and Policy Priorities  
and Workplan Report 2021**

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**SPC on Planning and  
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# 2020 Accomplishments

## Response to COVID-19

- on-street retail and expanded patios
- rethinking the downtown strategy
- removing commercial parking requirements
- virtual public engagement

## 2020 Policy Work Plan

- Municipal Development Plan/Calgary Transportation Plan 10 year review and update
- Calgary Chestermere Intermunicipal Development Plan
- Westview Area Structure Plan
- Updated heritage preservation policy and 7 heritage designations
- Established Areas Growth and Change Strategy

## Enhanced Focus 2021

### **Business Support and Economic Recovery**

- Enable business activity despite COVID constraints
- Focus resources on immediate actions – delay Land Use Bylaw Renewal

### **The Next Generation Downtown**

- Enable and encourage new and existing businesses
- Diversify downtown – residential, office, commercial, cultural

### **Equity**

- City-building for diverse, inclusive communities
- Plans that reflect Calgary's population

### **Climate Action**

- Support/Implement Calgary's Environmental Strategy and the Climate Adaptation Plan



# Policy Priorities 2021

<p><b>A</b></p>	<p><b>Implementing the Municipal Development Plan/Calgary Transportation Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core Indicator review</li> <li>• Guidebook Refinement &amp; Sustainment</li> <li>• Urban Design Quality Outcomes</li> <li>• HealthYYC Playbook</li> </ul>	<p><b>A City-Wide Growth Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A city-wide approach to investment, funding and growth decisions</li> <li>• Established Area Growth and Change Strategy</li> <li>• Industrial Area Growth and Change Strategy</li> </ul>	<p><b>B</b></p>
<p><b>C</b></p>	<p><b>Modernize Community Planning &amp; Transit Oriented Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete multi-community plans</li> <li>• Enable desired growth and investment in all communities</li> <li>• Transit Oriented Development Strategy Implementation</li> </ul>	<p><b>Connecting Planning and Investment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main Streets Implementation</li> <li>• Off-site levy initiatives</li> <li>• Aligning city-wide growth strategy and local area plans</li> </ul>	<p><b>D</b></p>
<p><b>E</b></p>	<p><b>Downtown Strategy – The Next Generation Downtown</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rethink to thrive in Downtown</li> <li>• Greater Downtown Strategy</li> <li>• Maintain capacity to support downtown initiatives</li> <li>• Future of Stephen Avenue Implementation</li> </ul>	<p><b>Corporate Initiatives &amp; Legislative Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity to support corporate initiatives, e.g. climate action, economic recovery</li> <li>• City response to legislative requirements</li> <li>• Landfill and setbacks review</li> <li>• Flood Resiliency</li> </ul>	<p><b>F</b></p>

# Considerations

## Importance of City Building

- Policy workplan supports the “Place” pillar of Calgary’s Economic Strategy
- A prioritized workplan is key for land development, community growth and business activity in Calgary
- It creates certainty, removes barriers and enables development and investment
- It helps with future-proofing our neighbourhoods and the city

## Risks

- Unknowns in pandemic and post-pandemic environment
- Important to maintain focus



## Revised Timelines

### Initiatives requiring revised timelines:

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;
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.

# Recommendations

## Administration Recommendations

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

1. Base its City Planning & Policy Workplan for 2021 on the proposed policy priorities as contained in Attachment 2; and
2. Adjust the reporting timelines for three local area plan initiatives and two city-wide growth strategy initiatives as per the recommendations contained in Attachment 5.