

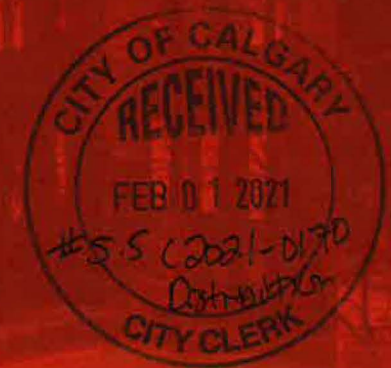


# Reintroduction of Fluoridation to the Water Treatment Process - Vote on a Question

Utilities and Environmental Protection

C2021-0170

ISC: Unrestricted





## Why We Are Here:

Council directed Administration to prepare a Vote on a Question (“ballot questions”) for the 2021 General Election, related to reintroducing fluoridation as part of the Water Treatment process.



## Considerations to Reintroducing Fluoridation

- Estimated Cost to reintroduce fluoridation over 20-year lifecycle is \$30.1 million plus \$2-4 million in additional non-scheduled Plant maintenance activities.
- Current operating and capital budgets do not include the costs associated with drinking water fluoridation. Should Council direct this work in the future, a budget request will be prepared.
- If Council was to direct Administration to proceed with water fluoridation, it is estimated that it would take 18-24 months to implement.
- The City has the authority to conduct a plebiscite regarding fluoridation if Council so chooses.





## Potential Vote on the Questions

Administration is proposing the following questions for Council's consideration:

1. Should The City of Calgary reintroduce fluoride to the drinking water system?
2. Should fluoride be added to drinking water in Calgary?
3. Are you in favour of adding fluoride to drinking water in Calgary?



## Recommendations

That council receive this report for the corporate record.