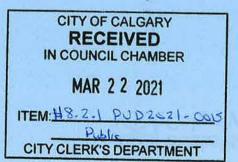




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Solar Access and Development Transitions





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 - allows for more flexibility than simple "yes / no" rezoning decisions.
 - Incentive for better built forms that allow for continued solar access to neighbours
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CALGARY CLIMATE HUB

Solar Access and Development Transitions Relevance to Climate and Sustainability:



Climate Hub and Sustainability Calgary support the Guidebook concept
 A key step towards a more energy efficient, low carbon and resilient city

Solar Access

- Necessary for healthy, attractive living spaces, gardens and public spaces.
- Align with city sustainability goals
- Long term access to sunlight for solar power and passive solar buildings.

Orderly Transitions

- Help community cohesion and stability, whilst still enabling change
 - Improves community acceptance of Guidebook and its principles
- Helps people plan and invest for longer term
 - Good for GHG reduction and sustainability
- Higher density living
 - cost effective economic infrastructure