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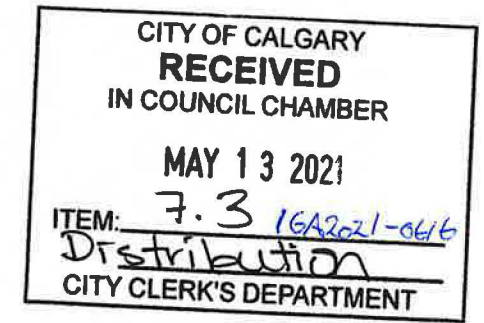


Follow-up re Fiscal Framework Vote on a Question

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, May 13

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Key Message and Recommendation



At the February 1 Strategic Meeting of Council, Council directed that the wording for a plebiscite on the fiscal framework be determined in consultation with other municipalities

- Consultations have not revealed significant interest

Should IGA/Council wish to proceed it could:

- Select from one of four questions presented in the February 1 report
- Wait (within limits) for the province to announce its own question on Equalization
- Propose another question

Recommendation

That the IGA Committee recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for the Corporate Record.
2. Direct Attachment 2 remain confidential pursuant to Section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, to be reviewed by 2021 December 31.



Example questions

The following examples and associated risks were shared in the February 1 report to the Strategic Meeting of Council

A yes/no question on a specific change to the fiscal framework

- “Should The City advocate for the provincial government to eliminate its property tax requisition, leaving all property tax dollars with The City of Calgary, yes or no?”

A yes/no question mirroring the provincial referendum on Equalization

- “Should Council advocate to the province to stop collecting provincial property tax dollars from Calgarians in a way that moves that money outside of Calgary, yes or no?”

A yes/no question on the recommendations of the Financial Task Force

- “Should Council advocate to the province to implement the recommendations of the Financial Task Force that require provincial cooperation, yes or no?”

A yes/no question on the “fairness” of the fiscal framework

- “Should The City advocate for a fair deal for cities, yes or no?”

Important dates

June 30

- Deadline for decision on the wording of any vote on a question to enable Elections Calgary to meet its statutory notice requirements

September 7

- Deadline for Government of Alberta to deliver its own referendum questions for inclusion on municipal ballot



Recommendation

That the IGA Committee receive this report for the Corporate Record.