

## Previous Council Direction



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**Meeting:** Combined Meeting of Council  
**Meeting Date:** 2019 March 18

### NOTICE OF MOTION

**RE: CITY-WIDE ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN**

**Sponsoring Councilor: COUNCILLOR COLLEY-URQUHART AND MAYOR NENSHI**

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**WHEREAS** the environment is the community's most valuable asset to build a sustainable future that is healthy and resilient, underpinned by a strong economy that is vibrant and attractive for investment;

**AND WHEREAS** One Calgary highlighted the many important, yet disparate, pieces of the environmental work across The Corporation;

**AND WHEREAS** Calgary does not have a unifying long-term Environmental Strategy and Action Plan (Environmental Strategy), that comprehensively brings together the environmental direction for the City as a whole;

**AND WHEREAS** The absence of a unifying over-arching Environmental Strategy, presents challenges for decision-making on environmental matters for both Council and the Community;

**AND WHEREAS** The City's existing planning documents provide direction for specific matters such as water, waste, climate change and biodiversity separately and without the support of an overall comprehensive Environmental Strategy;

**AND WHEREAS** An Environmental Strategy should include assessing current and future environmental risks, providing citizens with a higher quality products and services, and ensuring Calgary remains an economically competitive and attractive Smart City;

**AND WHEREAS** a clearly defined Environmental Strategy will allow for clear communication between national and local priorities, reinforce Calgary's strategic positions and further support The City's position as an environmental leader;

**AND WHEREAS** the Environmental Strategy will provide the direction necessary to achieve the Council Priority of *A Healthy and Green City*, aligning to the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and The City's Environmental Policy, while guiding other existing key environmental plans and policies within one overarching framework;

**AND WHEREAS** the process for developing the Environmental Strategy and Action Plan will include engagement with the community, stakeholders and City staff to establish a long-term vision for the environment in Calgary.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:**

Direct Administration to:

1. Develop a City-wide Environmental Strategy and Action Plan; and
2. Report back through the SPC on Utilities and Corporate Services no later than December 2020.