

# Background

Calgary and Chestermere staff, along with Chestermere’s consultant and project manager, have been working collaboratively since October 2019 on an intermunicipal transit connection between Calgary and Chestermere, with Calgary Transit as the service provider. A Transit Feasibility Study was completed in fall 2020. Based on the results of the Feasibility Study, Councils from both municipalities directed their respective Administrations to proceed negotiating a Transit Service Agreement. The project team created a Heads of Agreement (HOA) to form the basis of the Transit Service Agreement, and requests Council’s approval of the HOA to proceed with finalizing and implementing the formal agreement.

## Previous Council Direction

### Chestermere-Calgary Transit Project Timeline

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
12/10/2020	IGA2020-1354	<p><b>Chestermere-Calgary Transit Project</b></p> <p>That Council (1) Direct administration to develop a clear process for evaluating and prioritizing extensions of transit beyond our borders, including but not limited to Calgary Transit priorities, benefits to Calgary, and policy on cost recovery returning to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee no later than Q3 2021; (2) Proceed with negotiations for a regional transit service agreement with the City of Chestermere and return to the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee with an update on negotiations by Q1 2021; and (3) Request that Mayor Nenshi send a letter to the Mayor of the City of Chestermere confirming Calgary’s willingness to enter negotiations.</p>
6/18/2020	IGA2020-0676	<p><b>Chestermere-Calgary Regional Transit Feasibility</b></p> <p>An update outlined timing and next steps: “If Calgary and Chestermere City Councils direct their Administrations to proceed with the Regional Transportation Feasibility Project, Administrations for both cities will begin negotiation and development of a transit service agreement including operating costs and cost recovery. The possible implementation of a regional transit connection between Calgary and Chestermere is still feasible for 2021 as originally planned.”</p>
9/19/2019	IGA2019-1194	<p><b>Calgary and Chestermere – Update on Regional Transit Discussions (Verbal)</b></p> <p>That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee direct Administration to continue discussions with Chestermere Administration exploring the possibility of transit service between Calgary and Chestermere and report back to IGA with an update on discussions by Q2 2020.</p>

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**City of Calgary, City of Chestermere Direction (Verbal)**

To begin discussions with Chestermere Administration exploring the possibility of transit service between Calgary and Chestermere and report back to IGA with an update on discussions in Q4 2019.