

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

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.