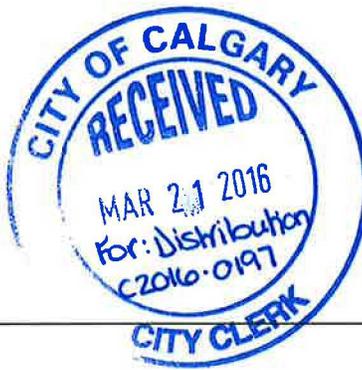


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RAILWAY CORRIDOR POLICY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rail safety, and development adjacent to rail, has been the subject of recent attention, both locally and globally. As a city with a major rail corridor, this is an important concern for Calgary.

As growth occurs across the city, it is important to have the most effective solutions for balancing safety requirements next to rail while also maximizing the efficient use of land, both within established and new areas.

This report outlines the current approach to processing development permit applications adjacent to rail, and also seeks direction for Administration to work toward an improved policy framework for addressing these issues, starting with a terms of reference which would be established, no later than 2016 Q2, and working in conjunction with industry. A new framework is intended to yield an improved approach for both The City and Industry by providing more clarity and certainty, while balancing safety and development potential. This framework would include establishing methodologies and approaches that would achieve the objectives of providing safety for building occupants protecting buildings, and providing emergency response to a railway incident.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council:

1. Direct Administration to consult with industry stakeholders to review the draft deliverables for a Rail Policy Framework as identified in Attachment 24, **and** report back to Council with a terms of reference that includes deliverables, scope of work and timelines no later than 2016 Q2;
2. Direct that Attachment 5, ~~and the in-camera PowerPoint presentation~~ remain confidential pursuant to Sections 23(1)(b), 24(1)(a)&(b) and 27 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* until the Railway Corridor Policy is approved by Council and published on Calgary.ca; and
3. **Direct that the In Camera discussion and Power Point presentation remain confidential pursuant to Section 27 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.**

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

At an in-camera session of Council on 2015 December 18, Council adopted the following recommendations in respect to report C2015-0957:

1. Refer Recommendation 1 as contained in the PowerPoint presentation, to the Administration, for a Report back to the 2016 March 21 Strategic Meeting of Council, based on today's In-camera discussion;
2. Request that the Mayor write to the Minister of transport and the President of the FCM requesting that, in the interest of enhancing public safety, the federal government pass legislation to reduce risks posed by rail traffic traveling through urban areas be significantly reduced; and
3. Keep the verbal report, In-camera PowerPoint presentation distribution, and discussions confidential pursuant to Sections 24(1)(a), 24(1)(b), and 27 of the *Freedom of*