

Previous Council Direction

At the 2021 September 13 Combined Meeting of Council, the Clean Energy Improvement Program Bylaw was approved, under PFC2021-1198, to be publicly advertised and Administration was directed to return to Council before the end of Q4 2021 for public hearing and three readings of Proposed Bylaw 53M2021.

The Clean Energy Improvement Program is a financing program designed to make energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades more accessible to homeowners. The Clean Energy Improvement Program leverages an innovative financing solution known as Property Assessed Clean Energy (also called PACE), which allows property owners to access long-term financing and preferred interest rates for clean energy improvement projects (e.g., insulation, windows, HVAC equipment, solar photovoltaic installations). Repayment is facilitated through an added charge to the participant's property tax bill. In the event the owner sells the property, the repayment obligation can stay with the property and the new homeowner would take on the repayment while benefiting from the energy and cost savings of the improvement.

The City of Calgary published the Climate Resilience Strategy and Mitigation and Adaptation Plans in 2018.

The City of Calgary's Mitigation Action Plan identifies Buildings and Energy Systems as one of five major themes to manage Calgary's energy use and help limit climate change. One of the actions within this theme is to 'enable innovative financing mechanisms to fund improved energy performance'. Enabling and launching the Clean Energy Improvement Program in Calgary is a first step in moving this action forward.

In March 2020, in response to the economic challenges and impacts of COVID-19, Calgary's Council approved the creation of the Economic Resilience Task Force. The Economic Resilience Task Force provided recommendations for four economic recovery programs to attract investment, create jobs, and drive economic growth. One of the four programs included green investments and financing. The Clean Energy Improvement Program was proposed to the Economic Resilience Task Force by the provincial program administrator of the Clean Energy Improvement Program as a potential initiative to launch under the green investments and financing program. The Economic Resilience Task Force supported Administration's decision to move forward with exploring development of the proposed Clean Energy Improvement Program.

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Moved by Councillor Farrell

Seconded by Councillor Colley-Urquhart

That with respect to Report PFC2021-1198, the following be adopted:

That Council:

Direct Administration to publicly advertise the proposed Bylaw 53M2021; and

Direct Administration to bring the proposed Bylaw 53M2021 to Council for Public Hearing and three readings no later than Q4 2021.

For: (14) Councillor Keating, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Carra, Councillor Chu, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Demong, Mayor

Nenshi, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Chahal, and Councillor Davison
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Program Development Timeline

