

Previous Council Direction

In 2019 Administration began delivering an annual report on the priorities that guide the City Planning and Policy Service Line. The priorities reflected Council's directives as well as external factors that had to be addressed by Administration. A prime example of the latter was the required shift to support business recovery during the COVID-19 pandemic. In previous years the annual report spoke to Administration's interpretation of the needs and priorities and how it would allocate its staff resources to address them in that year. The reports included for information, a City Planning and Policy Workplan as an attachment. This document was operational in nature.

Context

Although all previous annual reports were supported by Council, Administration continued to be challenged when allocating its resources to advance priority initiatives. New demands and unanticipated initiatives required attention. Due to the operational and more tactical nature of the report constant adjustments were required on an annual basis.

Over the years, Administration realized that constant fine-tuning will be required and that the annual conversation with Council would be more effective and meaningful if it focused on the broad, strategic moves that must be pursued to lead The City to a desired future state. This report represents that shift away from an annual, operational discussion towards a longer-term, strategic conversation with council to determine the course and moves over the next four years.

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On 2021 January 13 the City Planning and Policy Priorities and Workplan Report 2021, PUD2021-0046, was delivered to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development. The report was moved by Councillor Woolley. The committee supported the report's recommendations:

That with respect to Report PUD2021-0046, the following be approved:

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development recommend that Council direct Administration to:

1. Base its City Planning & Policy Workplan for 2021 on the proposed policy priorities as contained in Attachment 2; and
2. Adjust the reporting timelines for three local area plan initiatives and two city-wide growth strategy initiatives as per the recommendations contained in Attachment 5.

For: (8): Councillor Gondek, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Carra, Councillor Demong, Councillor Keating, Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Woolley, and Councillor Farkas

At the Combined meeting of Council on 2021 February 08 Council adopted the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development from 2021 January 13 regarding the City Planning and Policy Priorities and Workplan Report 2021, PUD2021-0046.

Previous Reporting Timeline

