

Waste Management Facility Working Groups

In Summer 2020, the Landfill Setback Working Group decided to reset as two teams to better handle two different scopes of work and the increased corporate needs related to a broader range of waste management facilities and application types.

These two working groups were established by the City to help resolve issues related to:

- a. Processing applications properly and providing information all stakeholders
- b. Responding to Council notices of motion and policy and bylaw initiatives

Both groups have helped the City clarify and streamline waste management facility-related application processes and ensure a business-friendly and responsible approach to development in Calgary.

Processing Applications

The **Waste Management Facility Applications Coordination Team** (WMFACT) started meeting in August 2020. It is an internal working group, led by Community Planning, and composed of representatives from Customer Advisory Services, Streams 3 and 4 and Subdivision in Community Planning, Business Approvals, Water Resources, Environmental and Safety Management, Fire, Calgary Emergency Management Agency, Law, and Calgary Growth Strategies. This team aims to clarify and communicate the municipal applications processes for waste management facilities and the prohibited uses in their setbacks to Administration, Council, and the public. This team will also track the progress of waste management facility-related applications, resolve issues with applications, and document decisions to use as precedent. The team meets weekly to discuss issues that arise.

In April 2021, WMFACT launched an updated website (www.calgary.ca/pda/pd/landfill-setbacks) designed to provide clarity for all waste management facility-related applications. It includes an interactive map of all waste management facilities and their setbacks, as well as the Waste Management Facility and Setback Variance Guide, which was unanimously adopted by the Executive Leadership Team. This document provides information to applicants, landowners, tenants, waste management facility operators, impacted parties, and internal staff for all waste management facility-related applications.

Through this working group, a process has been developed to track each application and monitor its progress internally and with the Province. This application-specific tracking system alerts City Administration when files may be hitting roadblocks and helps identify situations where improvements can be made to the application process.

Because applicants and City staff have expressed frustration at the length of time applications requiring a variance have spent with the Province. To help remedy this, representatives from WMFACT have created a recurring meeting with Provincial representatives to ensure that files are not stagnant while being reviewed with the Province.

Notices of Motion

The **Subdivision and Development Regulation Notice of Motion Working Group** (SDRNOM), started meeting in September 2020 to respond to larger policy issues relating to the Subdivision and Development Regulation (SDR). This working group is led by Calgary Growth Strategies and has members from Stream 4 in Community Planning, Environmental and Safety Management, Calgary Emergency Management Agency, Fire, Water Resources, Waste and Recycling, Intergovernmental and

Corporate Affairs, and Law. The purpose of this group is to directly address notices of motion from Council and to work on high-level policy, bylaw, and decision-making initiatives. To date, the SDRNOM Working Group has helped respond to the three Notice of Motions.

Both groups have proven to be valuable tools the City is employing to streamline applications in SDR setbacks and create a business-friendly approach to development in Calgary