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Foundations for Home – Calgary's Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy

Background

The previous Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy (Council Policy CS007) was in effect from 2002 July 23 until Council rescinded this policy in 2016. At the 2016 January 11 Meeting of Council, Council directed Administration to: "accelerate the update to The City of Calgary's Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy and report back to Council through PFC no later than July 2016;" and, "support Administration's continued participation in the Community Housing Affordability Collective through December 2016, reporting back to PFC with a completed Terms of Reference by end of Q1, 2016."

At the 2016 March 21 Strategic Session of Council, (C2016-0267), a presentation was provided to Council to discuss the mandate for affordable housing at The City of Calgary and to inform the Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy. In 2016 June 28, Council rescinded the Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy (Council Policy CS007) and approved the 2016-2026 Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy and subsequent Implementation Plan.

As detailed below, administration provided briefings in 2017, 2018, and 2019. In the last briefing to Council in 2019 July, it was stated that upcoming work would include a refreshed Plan for 2021-2025. Items for affordable housing implementation to deliver the Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy were later consolidated and streamlined into the 2019-2022 business plan and budget in the affordable housing service area. Affordable Housing service line priorities will be presented as part of the upcoming 2023-2026 business plan and budget process for Council consideration in November 2022.

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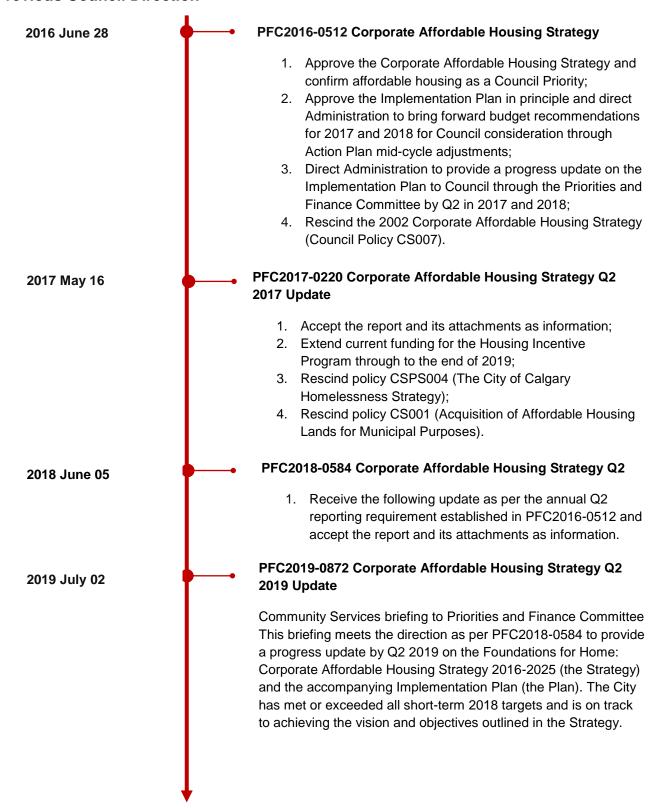


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A City goal, as per the Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy (CAHS), is to increase the supply of affordable housing to ensure people at all income levels can live and work in every neighbourhood of our city. Administration continues to support and remove barriers for the non-market housing providers, market developers, and other stakeholders to build new affordable housing units through expedited approvals, leveraging city land through the Non-Market Housing Disposition Policy, improving the housing system, and advocating for new funding programs from the other orders of government.

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