



Previous Council Direction & Background

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The previous Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy (Council Policy CS007) was in effect from 2002 July 23 until Council rescinded this policy in 2016.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 In 2016 June 28, Council rescinded the Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy (Council Policy CS007) and approved the 2016-2026 Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy and subsequent Implementation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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2016 June 28

PFC2016-0512 Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy

1. Approve the Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy and confirm affordable housing as a Council Priority;
2. Approve the Implementation Plan in principle and direct Administration to bring forward budget recommendations for 2017 and 2018 for Council consideration through Action Plan mid-cycle adjustments;
3. Direct Administration to provide a progress update on the Implementation Plan to Council through the Priorities and Finance Committee by Q2 in 2017 and 2018;
4. Rescind the 2002 Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy (Council Policy CS007).

2017 May 16

PFC2017-0220 Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy Q2 2017 Update

1. Accept the report and its attachments as information;
2. Extend current funding for the Housing Incentive Program through to the end of 2019;
3. Rescind policy CPCS004 (The City of Calgary Homelessness Strategy);
4. Rescind policy CS001 (Acquisition of Affordable Housing Lands for Municipal Purposes).

2018 June 05

PFC2018-0584 Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy Q2

1. Receive the following update as per the annual Q2 reporting requirement established in PFC2016-0512 and accept the report and its attachments as information.

2019 July 02

PFC2019-0872 Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy Q2 2019 Update

Community Services briefing to Priorities and Finance Committee
This briefing meets the direction as per PFC2018-0584 to provide a progress update by Q2 2019 on the Foundations for Home: Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy 2016-2025 (the Strategy) and the accompanying Implementation Plan (the Plan). The City has met or exceeded all short-term 2018 targets and is on track to achieving the vision and objectives outlined in the Strategy.



Bylaws, Regulations, Council Policies

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.