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Item # 5.1.1

**Planning & Development Deferral to
Community Development Committee
2022 September 27**

**ISC: UNRESTRICTED
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Deferral of the Status Updates on the Building Accountability Notice of Motion and the Growth and Development Climate Framework

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community Development Committee defer the status updates from EC2021-1698 Building Accountability in the Declaration of a Climate Emergency and Call to Action, as well as PFC2021-0121 Growth and Development Climate Framework and Carbon Budget due Q3 2022, to return by end of Q1 2023.

Background

Calgary City Council declared a Climate Emergency on 2021 November 15. On 2021 December 14, Council directed Administration to build accountability to the Declaration into future climate action and reporting through a Notice of Motion (EC2021-1698). Further, at the 2021 March 16 Meeting of Priorities and Finance Committee, Administration introduced the Growth and Development Climate Framework (PFC2021-0121) as well as the concept of a Carbon Budget.

Both of these items are due to report back to Council in Q3 2022 on the progress of the actions. Administration is seeking a deferral to return to Council by the end of Q1 2023.

Deferral

With the Climate Emergency Declaration and the July 2022 approval of the newly aligned *Calgary Climate Strategy – Pathways to 2050*, Council and Administration recognize the need for enhanced accountability and transparency around climate action and reporting. During the 2022 July 05 Council Meeting, Administration committed, as the next step in delivering action on the Declaration and Climate Strategy, to develop a Climate Implementation Plan in alignment with the 2023-2026 Service Plans and Budgets.

This deferral of the progress reports on both the accountability and growth and development climate frameworks provides the information to Council in the following revised sequence: [a] strategy aligned to the new net zero by 2050 target (2022 June/July), [b] implementation plan and budget (2022 November), and [c] progress report on accountability and development climate frameworks (2023 Q1). Further benefits of this staged approach are a leveling of the volume of information provided at each stage, and improved Administration capacity to focus and work on deliverables at each stage.

As Administration has advanced the building accountability and growth and development climate framework work over the past year, some deliverables will be included as part of the implementation plan and budget stage.

To accommodate this sequencing of information, Administration is requesting deferral until 2023 Q1 of the progress report on the actions within the Accountability Notice of Motion (EC2021-1698) and Growth and Development Climate Framework (PFC2021-0121).