

WORKING GROUP - SECONDARY SUITES ENFORCEMENT (DEFERRAL)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Working Group on Secondary Suites has been formed with key members of Administration and three members of Council. Due to scheduling conflicts, the first meeting of the Working Group cannot be held until 2015 January. Therefore, after consulting with the three Council members who volunteered to participate on the group, Administration is requesting that this report be deferred until 2015 March. This will give the committee sufficient time to adequately discuss the relevant issues.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the SPC on Planning and Urban Development recommends that Council defer this report until 2015 March.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPC ON PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DATED 2014 OCTOBER 31:

That the Administration Recommendation contained in Report PUD2014-0840 be approved.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

At the 2014 September 22 Regular Meeting of Council, Administration was directed, through a Motion Arising, to establish a Working Group to explore all issues related to existing illegal/unsafe secondary suites, including compliance enforcement, reporting, incentives and penalties. The Working Group is to be comprised of three members of Council and include key Administrative support.

At the same meeting, Councillor Farrell introduced a Notice of Motion on Secondary Suites which considers the impact of suites on adjacent neighbours. This work was referred to the Working Group.

BACKGROUND

City Clerks consulted with all members of council to seek interest in involvement in the Working Group. The three Council members assigned are Councillors Sutherland, Chabot and Pootmans. Representation from Administration includes staff from: Inspections and Permit Services (IPS), City Wide Policy & Integration (CPI), Local Area Planning & Implementation (LPI), the Calgary Fire Department (CFD), Animal & Bylaw Services (ABS) and the Law Department.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Attempts to coordinate a meeting with the Working Group before the end of 2014 have been unsuccessful and the first meeting of the group will not occur until 2015 January. For that reason, Administration is asking to defer this report until 2015 March. This will give sufficient time for the group to explore the issues related to illegal and unsafe suites.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

None for this report

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Strategic Alignment

Not applicable

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

Not applicable

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

None

Current and Future Capital Budget:

None

Risk Assessment

There are no risks associated with deferring this report. The additional time will allow the working group to have sufficient time to discuss the relevant issues.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

The members of the Working Group are unable to meet until early 2015. Administration is requesting that this report be deferred until 2015 March in order to give the group time to discuss the relevant issues.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None