

**Operational Services Report to
Infrastructure and Planning Committee
2023 January 11**

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Calgary Parking Policies Commercial Areas Update Report Due Q4 2022 to Q2 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Infrastructure and Planning Committee recommend that Council defer the Calgary Parking Policies Commercial Area Update report due Q4 2022, to return by end of Q2 2023.

HIGHLIGHTS

- This report is recommending a deferral of the Calgary Parking Policies Commercial Area Update report to Q2 2023.
- The aim of the update to the Calgary Parking Policies is to streamline commercial parking management policies, internal processes and respond to new developments in managing commercial area on-street parking.
- Currently, the introduction or changes to on-street parking pricing areas requires Administration to present a report to council explaining the use of pricing to manage parking in a commercial area.
- As the introduction or changes to pricing areas is primarily supported by data, the intent is to have an approved process within the Calgary Parking Policy to streamline the majority of this process for Administration to follow without requiring a presentation and report to Council for each change.
- Background and Previous Council Direction is included as Attachment 1.

DISCUSSION

Project Genesis

At the May 10, 2022, Combined Meeting of Council, through a Motion Arising, Council adopted "That with respect to Report IP2022-0392, the following Motion Arising be adopted: That Council direct Administration to bring back an update to the Calgary Parking Policies to streamline the process for changes to the paid parking zones and return to Council through the Infrastructure and Planning Committee no later than Q4 2022."

Administration to date has developed potential updates to the Calgary Parking Policies in response to the noted Motion Arising. Administration requires additional time to finalize the policy amendments to the Calgary Parking Policy and allow for internal engagement and collaboration with the Calgary Parking division, following their integration into The City of Calgary from the Calgary Parking Authority. With the integration, Administration has the additional items to address in combination with the original motion to provide efficiencies and address gaps. Administration will refine the potential updates to the Calgary Parking Policies Commercial Area Update, along with supporting and housekeeping policy and bylaw updates related to parking in commercial areas.

Project Summary

As part of the ongoing Council Policy management program for the Calgary Parking Policies, several updates are desired to support operating commercial on-street parking legally and efficiently. Evolutionary updates that respond to new technologies and a more efficient parking management model have been scheduled but delayed for several years. Recent Council direction has confirmed the need to make policy adjustments, and to simplify certain processes with the objectives of the project to:

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- Streamline parking management zone (paid area) implementation, whereby reports are only needed for more significant changes;
- Modernize on-street rate calculation process, whereby rates can be adjusted more often and are subject to a minimum rate;
- Enable different metered zone types, whereby registration required zones and other specialized zones are legal, guided by policy and enforceable; and
- Accommodate other related minor changes, whereby minor updates to the policies or bylaw to support Calgary Parking and Mobility initiatives are incorporated.

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public engagement was undertaken | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dialogue with interested parties was undertaken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public/interested parties were informed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public communication or engagement was not required |

Public communication and engagement is not required on this project as customers and citizens should see no changes to how they use the parking service. The forthcoming changes are internal in nature only.

Dialogue/relations with internal interested parties is the primary engagement process and consists of a technical working group.

IMPLICATIONS

Social

Not applicable.

Environmental

Not applicable.

Economic

The changes that this project will deliver is aimed to streamline operational decisions and provide efficient processes for managing public parking.

Service and Financial Implications

Other:

The current process requires Administration to bring an amendment of the Calgary Parking Policies to Council and present a report explaining the use of pricing as a mechanism to manage parking in a commercial area. The streamlined process is anticipated to clearly lay out the parameters within an updated and approved Calgary Parking Policies for which pricing mechanisms may be introduced and reduce the frequency in which Administration presents to Council when new pricing areas are introduced or modified.

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RISK

As an established process for introducing or modifying paid parking areas exists and internal processes is the item to be updated, there is minimal risk that this change will adversely affect the outcomes.

Administration will withhold any paid parking area introductions or modifications until the forthcoming update to the Calgary Parking Policy is approved.

As the project progresses with the final report, Administration will further identify potential risks, likelihood, impact and mitigation strategies as part of the final recommendations.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Previous Council Direction, Background

Department Circulation

| General Manager/Director | Department | Approve/Consult/Inform |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|
| Doug Morgan | Operational Services | Approve |
| Troy McLeod | Mobility | Inform |
| Chris Blaschuk | Calgary Parking | Consult |
| Canace Bain, on behalf of Ravi Seera | Mobility Operations | Inform |