



Report Number: EC2023-0131

Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2023 January 31

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: INCENTIVIZING LOW CARBON INVESTMENTS

Sponsoring Member(s) of Council: Councillor Spencer

WHEREAS The City of Calgary Climate Strategy encourages the development of a range of permitting and financial incentives to promote the uptake of energy efficient and climate resilient building design practices.

WHEREAS The City of Calgary Climate Strategy requires the review and update of planning policies, guidelines, regulations, and processes for alignment with the Climate Strategy and to incentivize innovation.

WHEREAS the Climate Implementation Plan stipulates the integration of climate mitigation and adaptation principles and requirements through updates to key processes and bylaws.

WHEREAS one of the priorities of our community economic development strategy, Calgary in the New Economy, is to “build a city with a net zero economy” and stipulates that our success will be measured by our investment in the energy transition.

WHEREAS incentive programs that support the energy transition will encourage business development locally, attract new businesses and talent, and be a positive contribution to our business environment.

WHEREAS The City of Calgary owns underutilized land that could be used to attract low carbon investment.

WHEREAS ATCO is building two solar farms on contaminated brownfields in southeast Calgary investing into the low carbon future.

WHEREAS Administration is reviewing the opportunities to provide incentives such as potential rebates, grants, process-based and tax-based incentive programs to support investments in low carbon land development.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Administration to negotiate with ATCO specifically pertaining to the use of incentives for their two solar farms in southeast Calgary and return to Council no later than Q2 2023 with recommended options and next steps.

Attachment(s):

1. Notice of Motion Checklist