

# BRIEFING

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Infrastructure Services Briefing to  
Infrastructure and Planning Committee  
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## Update Status – Alternate Uses for the Former Greyhound Station

### PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

Administration has been working to execute a program for alternative uses for the former Greyhound Station property. The primary outcome of engagement with external parties is an awareness that the economic conditions have changed significantly through the pandemic and while there is strong interest in the site, the approach most likely must change to a model whereby The City will invest in the site and recover its costs over time rather than the initial intention which was to garner an anchor tenant with the ability to invest capital in the site in exchange for a low or nominal rent. This briefing is to update members of Council and to close off the file until the related exploratory work is completed and Administration has more clarity.

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**On 2021 September 13, Council approved a Motion Arising** directing Administration develop a scope of work to execute a program for alternative uses for the former Greyhound Station property, including subsequent costs, timelines, and next steps. Further, Administration was directed to engage with potential private sector and not for profit groups with the ability to activate the former Greyhound Station property for alternative uses that will help meet the goals of our Eventful City Strategy, Downtown Strategy, Cultural Plan for Calgary, Winter City Strategy, and potentially increase tax base, reduce crime, promote activity, and increase ridership at the Sunalta LRT station.

- Draft community engagement and communications strategies have been prepared. Administration has consulted internally among RE&DS (as lead), Arts & Culture, Communications, Calgary Neighbourhoods, Downtown Strategy, Planning, and externally with: Calgary Economic Development and several interested private parties, including both private for-profit and not-for-profit entities to determine interest and a list of known opportunities and outcomes for the site.

**On 2022 May 12, Council approved a Deferral Briefing Request** for an extension to develop an adaptive reuse through activation of the building and site and to deliver an accessible and vibrant cultural space that supports Calgary's diverse creative industries.

**Since 2022 May, Administration has prepared a procurement request for proposal** for a consulting firm to assess and develop plans for adaptive reuse of the building and site to include engagement with the community and other interested parties and associated budget to modify the structure and address system lifecycle requirements. Administration is evaluating next steps given the changes in economic conditions and once a new approach is defined, Committee and Council will be updated.

### ATTACHMENTS

None