

Previous Council Direction

Below is the context and previous council direction around this report.

Context

For a number of years, Council has heard that Calgarians want to be more informed on planning and land use matters. As a result of land use bylaw amendments that were approved under bylaw 56P2022, an amendment to the land use bylaw which included the Housing Grade Oriented (H-GO) district and amendments to the Residential Grade Oriented Infill (R-CG) district, to enable “missing middle” housing, Council determined that Calgarians needed more information to increase their awareness and understanding of the approved changes. It was also identified that Calgarians and Council did not have a clear understanding of the communication and engagement process and want to have more insight into how we engage and communicate planning changes. Council directed Administration to develop and implement a communication strategy to increase understanding of the changes and to report back on current engagement practices. This report responds to Item 3 in the Motion Arising, touching on Items 1 and 2.

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The table below provides details of Council direction in 2022 to provide information on current communication and engagement policy on planning and land use matters.

Timeline of Previous Council Direction

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2022 October 05	IPC 2022-0989	<p>Motion Arising with respect to Report IPC2022-0989</p> <p>On 2022 October 5, Council directed Administration to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a communications plan: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. that clearly outlines the changes resulting from bylaw 56P2022 and clarifies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The process for redesignating land as H-GO, including the role for Council and members of the public in that process; b. The changes to the R-CG district and the process to apply for a development as a result of this bylaw, including the opportunities available for public engagement in that process; c. The principles that Administration considers in their recommendations and decision on land use changes and development permit applications; and d. The immediate changes resulting from this bylaw for existing communities, if any. ii. That targets community associations directly, and is also available to other members of the public on The City’s website;

2. Implement the communications plan within existing resources; and
3. Prepare a report on Administration's practices for public engagement on planning and land use matters, and to report back to Council no later than Q2 2023.