

Advancing Climate Action through the Land Use Bylaw IP2023-0362

Infrastructure and Planning Committee

May 10, 2023



Recommendation

That the Infrastructure and Planning Committee recommend that Council give three readings to the proposed Charter Bylaw amending the Land Use Bylaw (Attachment 2) to implement climate adaptation and mitigation actions.

Background

- November 15, 2021, Calgary City Council declared a Climate Emergency
- The Calgary Climate Strategy: Pathways to 2050, Net Zero Homes Buildings, emphasizes the importance of retrofitting existing buildings and incorporating climate resilient designs into development
- Buildings represent approximately two thirds of Calgary's greenhouse gas emissions
- Proposed amendments advance climate action through the land use bylaw:
 - Supporting improvements to Calgary's existing building stock
 - Clarifying the Land Use Bylaw's role in climate action

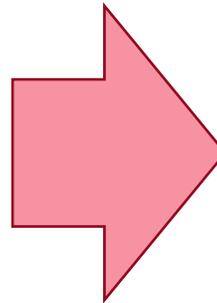
Development Permit Exemptions for Insulation Retrofits

Goal

Simplify municipal permitting for insulation retrofits

Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Expand the existing development permit exemption into all land use districts – fast tracking projects to directly proceed to building permit



Development Authority's Discretion & Climate

Land Use Bylaw 1P2007



The Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 is comprised of thirteen parts.
This includes parts 1, 2 and 11-13.

Goal

- Formalize climate mitigation & adaptation as valid planning matters when considering discretionary development permits
- Introduce climate language into Land Use Bylaw

Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment

- Include climate mitigation and adaptation among the list of items the Development Authority must consider when making decisions on discretionary development permits
- Formalize the Development Authority's ability to place climate mitigation and adaptation-related conditions on discretionary development permits



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