

Background and Previous Council Direction

This attachment provides background and previous Council direction related to the City Planning Policy Service Line, and the related Roadmap work plan (IP2022-0053).

Background

Area Structure Plans (ASPs) are long-range statutory planning documents, and act as the first step in setting general land use concepts and establishing overarching planning policies to guide development along the city's perimeter. ASPs outline land use, infrastructure requirements, environmental study areas, mobility, transit, emergency response provision, and school site requirements, and are prepared for residential or industrial areas. The plans rely on citywide development policies and standards to create a local level vision for places where Calgarians will live, play, and work. ASPs are Local Area Plans in greenfield areas.

The creation of an ASP is a collaborative effort involving significant City and landowner resources, as well as engagement, and since 2013 have been funded by landowners.

Previous Council Direction

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION / DESCRIPTION
2022 February 15	IP2022- 0053	City Planning Policy Roadmap 2022 Report Council directed that Administration: "1. Implement the 2022 policy planning initiatives based on the priorities of this report and the approach as outlined in the City Planning Policy Roadmap in Attachment 2; 2. Develop a 2023-2026 City business plan and budget cycle to support the priorities of the City Planning Policy Roadmap presented in Attachment 2, and return to a strategic session of the Infrastructure and Planning Committee by no later than 2022 June to engage the committee in the deliberations; and 3. Adjust reporting timelines of individual initiatives and/or consolidate existing initiatives into new programs as outlined in Attachment 4."

Bylaws, Regulations, Council Policies

Growth decisions and authorities are governed by the following policies and regulations.

Municipal Government Act, 2020

The Municipal Government Act guides how municipalities operate. It regulates how municipalities are funded and how they should govern and plan for growth. This includes regulating the use of financial tools to support growth and change.

Municipal Development Plan, 2020

In accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Calgary's Municipal Development Plan provides the long-term strategic framework for growth and development to achieve the following seven goals: Compact Urban Form, Urban Design Excellence, Greening the City, Great Communities, Connected City, Prosperous Economy, and Strategic Growth.

Section 5 of the Municipal Development Plan provides direction on strategic growth to achieve the best possible social, environmental, and economic outcomes. The New Community Planning Guidebook (Volume 2, Part 1 of the Municipal Development Plan) contains policy guidance on the development, design, and implementation of new communities.