

## RESIDENTIAL STREET DESIGN FINAL UPDATE

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is the second and final update on the implementation of the Residential Street Design Policy since it was approved by Council in November 2012. At Council's direction in May 2013, Administration continued to work with the Urban Development Institute (UDI) and the Shallow Utility Consortium to work through outstanding implementation issues. Most issues have been resolved. In addition, an Industry Bulletin **is being released December 13, 2013** to provide clarity around public street tree requirements of applicants. Moving forward, administration of the policy (including resolving transitional design issues) will be the responsibility of the Corporate Planning and Applications Group (CPAG).

### ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit recommend that Council:

1. Receive this Report for information.
2. Direct Administration to finalize the two outstanding issues (Public Tree Final Acceptance Certification and Transitory Designs) with incorporation into the 2014 UDI standard development negotiations.

### RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPC ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT, DATED 2013 DECEMBER 13:

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That Council:

1. Receive this Report for information.
2. Direct Administration to finalize the two outstanding issues (Public Tree Final Acceptance Certification and **Transitional** Designs) with incorporation into the 2014 UDI standard development negotiations.

Excerpt from the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the SPC on Planning and Urban Development, dated 2013 December 13:

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"And further that the Legislative Assistant attach the distributed letter and Revised Attachment 1 to Report TT2013-0793 prior to being forwarded to Council."

### "CLERICAL CORRECTION

At the request of the Administration a clerical correction was made to Report TT2013-0793, on Page 1 of 4, in the section entitled "Executive Summary", fourth sentence, by deleting the words "was released November 7" following the words "an Industry Bulletin" and by substituting with the words "is being released December 13"

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### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY**

The following are the Council Meeting Minutes from its 2013 May 27/28 Meeting on Report TT2013-0226: Residential Street Design Policy Implementation Update:

ADOPT, Moved by Alderman Colley-Urquhart, Seconded by Alderman Farrell, that the SPC on Transportation and Transit Recommendations contained in Report TT2013-0226 be adopted, as follows:

1. That Council receive this Report for information, after amendment, as follows:
  - A. On page 3 of the Report, in the Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication section, Industry Bulletin, by deleting the date "28 March 2013" and substituting with the date "05 April 2013".
  - B. On page 4 of 9 of Attachment 1 contained in Report TT2013-0226, Section 1.5 (1) Street Trees, Subsection 1.5.2 Growing Area Requirements, item (1), by deleting the last sentence as follows:

"The calculation for the growing area shall follow the methodology as specified in Appendix B of this Policy."
  - C. On page 9 of 9 of Attachment 1 contained in Report TT2013-0226, by deleting Appendix B in its entirety.
2. Direct Administration to continue monthly working group meetings with UDI to:
  - a. Implement the Policy, and
  - b. Work on revised development agreement conditions regarding integration, timing, construction, inspection, and final acceptance of public sidewalks, low impact development, and public trees.
3. Direct Administration to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit with a further update no later than 2013 December;

Opposition to Recommendations 1B and 1C:  
G-C. Carra, D. Hodges

Excerpt from the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the SPC on Transportation and Transit, held 2013 April 17:

- "4. And further, that the City Clerk attach the distribution received today prior to Report TT2013-0226 being forwarded to Council."

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*The distribution was a letter from UDI Executive Director appreciating Administration's efforts, but stating that "we have not achieved a resolution (on implementation issues) of a level of detail required for implementation to be fully executed at this point."*

### BACKGROUND

Council unanimously approved the Residential Street Design Policy on 2012 November 05. The Policy ensures a shift toward more sustainable suburban streetscapes (e.g. improved pedestrian facilities) and a greater quantity and variety of street trees while providing the development industry flexibility in the housing product they choose to build.

Council also approved recommendations that would ensure continued dialogue with industry on how to implement residential streets under this new policy. This dialogue has continued for one year and most implementation issues have been resolved. Dialogue will continue between Parks, Urban Development and UDI to fulfill Recommendation 2.b.

### INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

#### Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

##### Recommendation 2.a (TT2013-0226):

Since the 2013 April 17 committee meeting most implementation issues have been resolved. The original Technical Issues Working Group with UDI that was formed in early 2013 met on three occasions (May 16, Aug 14, and Nov 05). In an effort to be more responsive to industry's concerns, an internal working group was formed in April with staff from Parks, Urban Development and Transportation Planning and met regularly over the past six months. The issues can be grouped into four main categories:

- 1) Urban forestry requirements (including conditioning)
- 2) Existing to new residential street standard transitions
- 3) Shallow utility location details
- 4) Final Acceptance Certificate (FAC) process for public trees

Urban forestry requirements and resolution around transitions have been established and are summarized in the Industry Bulletin (Attachment 1). Shallow utility location details have been resolved with the affected stakeholders. The FAC process is not resolved and continues to be discussed between Parks and UDI.

##### Recommendation 2.b (TT2013-0226):

Recommendation 2 of this report will ensure that development agreement conditions regarding integration, timing, construction, inspection, and final acceptance of public trees are completed in 2014. There will be no change to the development agreement conditions for sidewalks. The

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opportunity for incorporating low impact development into the narrow residential street cross-section is extremely limited.

### **Strategic Alignment**

This report supports the implementation of the 2012 November 05 Council approved Residential Street Design Policy (TP0018).

### **Social, Environmental, Economic (External)**

There are no social, environmental or external economic impacts associated with this report.

### **Financial Capacity**

#### **Current and Future Operating Budget:**

Current and future capital budgets are not impacted by the report. Under the Policy, additional future operating budget will be required for Roads and Parks starting with the 2015-17 Business Plan and Budget for the lifecycle/maintenance of additional public trees and sidewalks.

### **Risk Assessment**

Successful implementation of the Residential Street Design Policy is contingent on timely resolution of implementation issues between CPAG and the development industry.

### **REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Approval of Recommendation 2 will ensure resolution of the two outstanding issues regarding implementation of the Residential Street Design Policy.

### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. **Revised** Urban Development Institute – Calgary: Information Bulletin #152
2. **Distribution – Letter from the Urban Development Institute - Calgary**