



Report Number: EC2023-1004

Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2023 September 06

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Concurrent R-CG Up-zoning Application Pilot Program

Sponsoring Member(s) of Council: Councillor Sharp, Councillor Wong, Councillor Chabot, Councillor Demong, Councillor Wyness, Councillor McLean, Councillor Chu

WHEREAS Calgary faces a serious housing shortage;

AND WHEREAS Council has a responsibility to take steps to increase housing supply and improve affordability;

AND WHEREAS The City's housing strategy must include measures to simplify and expedite the process of applying for housing permits throughout the city, including density increases in existing low-density districts;

AND WHEREAS many current administrative processes for Land Use Amendment applications are needlessly redundant, time consuming, and expensive, thereby being a potential deterrent to the development of new housing;

AND WHEREAS Council respects and affirms the rights of citizens to participate in the process for individual Land Use Amendment applications, including addressing their elected representatives at the Public Hearing of City Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to:

- 1) Prepare a plan to implement a pilot program for concurrent R-CG up-zoning applications, with elements for consideration to include:
 - a) Streamlining, integrating, and simplifying the Land Use Amendment and Development Permit application requirements;
 - b) Targeting a timeline that takes no longer than five months for application, processing, and review of concurrent applications, which is consistent with the current average timeline associated with standalone Development Permit applications;
 - c) A cost model that is consistent with the current costs associated with standalone Development Permit applications;
 - d) Exempting concurrent R-CG upzoning applications from the requirement for review by the Calgary Planning Commission before seeking approval for a Land Use Amendment from Council;
- 2) Seek any approval from Council, including bylaw amendments, needed to effect this pilot program as necessary and no later than 2024 Q1;
- 3) Report back to Council semi-annually with an update on the pilot, including the number of applications received, processing times, and any effects on housing supply;

4) Report back to Council on the pilot program by April 2025;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Executive Committee forward this Notice of Motion to the 2023 September 12 Regular Meeting of Council as a Matter of Urgent Business.