

Previous Council Direction and Background

Background

The City's Calgary Climate Strategy: Pathways to 2050 indicates that as a part of its zero-carbon energy transition that 40 percent of total electricity used in Calgary is generated within city boundaries from renewable sources. Parallel to this, Bill 7 from 2019 effectively granted permissions for council to implement a tax incentive by bylaw for non-residential properties.

ATCO Ltd. began discussions with various Councillors to explore the idea of providing a tax incentive to their solar sites under these sections of the MGA. On February 14th, 2023 a notice of motion was carried which outlined that Administration would explore the brownfield ATCO Solar Farms as a pilot for a future incentive program on brownfield sites and return to Council with recommendations, next steps, and lessons learned as a part of a larger program by the end of 2023.

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DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION
2023 February 14	EC2023-0131	<p>Notice of Motion - Incentivizing Low Carbon Investments That with respect to Notice of Motion EC2023-0131, the following be adopted:</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to explore the brownfield ATCO Solar Farms as a pilot for future incentive programs on brownfield sites and return to Council with recommendations, next steps, and lessons learned as a part of a larger program by Q4 2023.</p> <p>For: (7): Councillor Carra, Councillor Walcott, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Penner, Councillor Wong, Councillor Mian, and Councillor Dhaliwal</p> <p>Against: (4): Councillor Wyness, Councillor Pootmans, Councillor McLean, and Councillor Chu</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p>
2021 July 5	IGA2021-0823	<p>City of Calgary Corporate Approach to Property Tax Incentives Pursuant to Bill 7, IGA2021-0823 That with respect to Report IGA2021-0823, the following be adopted:</p>

That Council:

- 1) Direct Administration to use the framework in the Attachment when considering or developing a program to use property tax incentives pursuant to Bill 7; and
- 2) Continue to advocate to the Government of Alberta for additional property tax measures that would assist in Calgary's downtown recovery efforts, including but not limited to residential uses.