

**Planning & Development Services Report to  
Intergovernmental Affairs Committee  
2023 September 07**

**ISC: UNRESTRICTED  
IGA2023-0918**

**City of Calgary – Foothills County Annexation Negotiation Committee Disbandment**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to offer Council the opportunity to decide on the disbandment of The City of Calgary – Foothills County Annexation Negotiation Committee.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION**

Following Council direction to initiate the annexation process with Foothills County, City of Calgary Administration collaborated with Foothills County Administration to prepare a draft Terms of Reference required to establish an Annexation Negotiation Committee. The draft Annexation Negotiation Committee Terms of Reference was approved, and Council members were appointed to the Committee on 2022 July 26 (IGA2022-0625). On 2023 July 25, Calgary City Council approved a recommendation from Administration to immediately withdraw from the process of annexing Foothills County lands into The City of Calgary (IGA2023-0794).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That with respect to Report IGA2023-0918, the following be approved:

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee recommend that Council disband The City of Calgary - Foothills County Annexation Negotiation Committee and thank its members for their service.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE,  
2023 SEPTEMBER 7:**

That Council disband The City of Calgary - Foothills County Annexation Negotiation Committee and thank its members for their service.

Opposition to Recommendation: Councillor McLean

**CITY MANAGER/GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

General Manager Dalglish concurs with this report.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- On 2022 May 20, The City of Calgary (The City) gave notice to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal, Foothills County (The County) and other local authorities, proposing to annex land from The County into The City.
- On 2022 July 26, the Annexation Negotiation Committee was established, and three members of Council were appointed to the Committee.
- On 2023 July 25, Calgary City Council approved a recommendation from Administration to immediately withdraw from the process of annexing Foothills County lands into The City of Calgary. Therefore, the Annexation Negotiation Committee is no longer required.
- Disbanding the Calgary – Foothills County Annexation Negotiation Committee in a timely manner contributes to the efficient use of the City’s resources.

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### DISCUSSION

The City initiated the annexation process of approximately 415 acres of land on 2022 May 20 by submitting a Notice to Annex to Foothills County, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and the Land and Property Rights Tribunal.

A key part of the annexation process is for the municipalities to negotiate an annexation agreement. To commence negotiations, an Annexation Negotiation Committee (the Committee) was established, and three members of Council were appointed to the Committee on 2022 July 26 (IGA2022-0625). Currently members of Council on Committee are Councillor Spencer (Co-Chair), Councillor Demong, and Councillor Penner.

Over the course of the annexation process, there were a total of five Annexation Negotiation Committee meetings held between 2022 December and 2023 June.

Following the first phase of public consultation and the completion of technical analysis of the proposed annexation area, a decision was made by Calgary City Council to withdraw from the annexation process. The decision was supported by Foothills County.

The purpose of the Annexation Negotiation Committee was to negotiate a draft Annexation Agreement between the City of Calgary and Foothills County to be brought forward to the respective Councils for consideration. As the City of Calgary has withdrawn from the annexation process, the Annexation Negotiation Committee is no longer required resulting in the recommendation to disband the Committee.

### EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public engagement was undertaken                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Dialogue with interested parties was undertaken     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public/interested parties were informed | <input type="checkbox"/> Public communication or engagement was not required |

The City of Calgary issued a media release on 2023 July 28 advising that The City has withdrawn from the annexation of lands from Foothills County. There is no public communication or engagement required to disband the Committee.

### IMPLICATIONS

#### Social

Not Applicable

#### Environmental

Not Applicable

#### Economic

Not Applicable

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**Service and Financial Implications**

**No anticipated financial impact**

No anticipated financial impact.

**RISK**

There is no anticipated risk associated with disbanding the Annexation Negotiation Committee.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Previous Council Direction

Department Circulation

General Manager/Director	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform
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