

# Background and Previous Council Direction

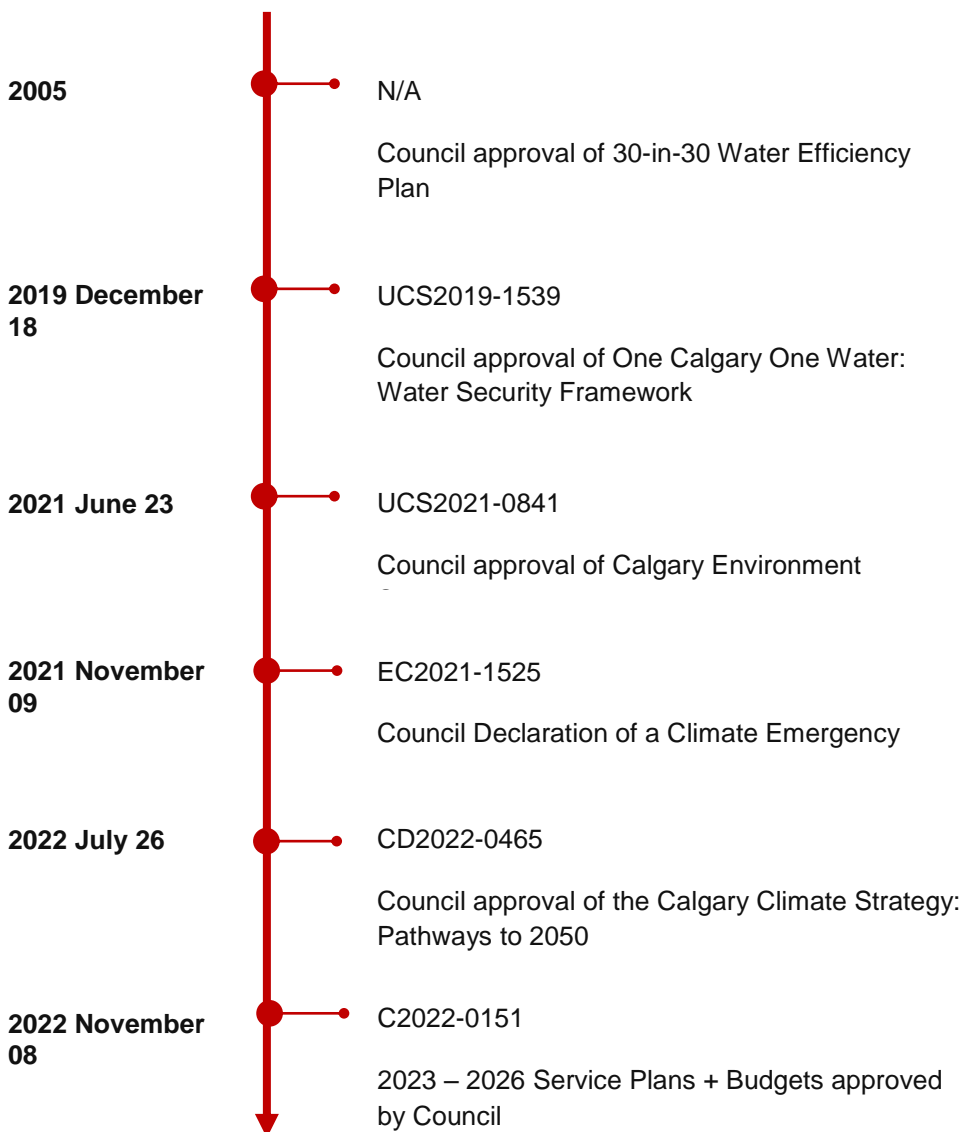
## Background

Planning and preparing for a drought resilient city and region respond to Council's Declaration of a Climate Emergency (UCS2019-1539) and is driven by calls to action in Calgary's Climate Strategy: Pathways to 2050 (CD2022-0465) and the One Calgary One Water: Security Framework (UCS2019-1539). Importantly, the Plan builds off decades of proactive planning and major milestones around water efficiency, drought preparedness and water security.

## Previous Council Direction

Previous Council Direction is outlined in a timeline in Figure 1.

**Figure 1: Timeline – Drought Resilience related decisions at The City of Calgary**



## Bylaws, Regulations, Council Policies

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### **Water Utility Bylaw – Part VII: Water Conservation**

Legislates the mandatory inclusion of water efficient fixtures in all new construction or renovation.

### **Water Utility Bylaw – Part VIII: Emergencies and Outdoor Water Use Restrictions**

Provides authority to The City of Calgary to declare mandatory outdoor water use restrictions should there be a reason to require reduced water usage, including drought conditions. Schedule "E" of the Bylaw outlines permitted water activities across the four stages of mandatory outdoor water use restrictions.

### **Water Utility Bylaw – Part XII: Water Meters**

Legislates the mandatory metering of flat rate water customers.

### **Water Utility Bylaw – Part VII: Water Conservation**

Legislates the mandatory inclusion of water efficient fixtures in all new construction or renovation.

### **Council Declaration of a Climate Emergency**

Calls for The City to accelerate the timelines for climate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, develop strategic business plans and budgets across all departments for climate risk reduction opportunities, and collaborate and engage with First Nations communities.