

Background and Previous Council Direction

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At the direction of Council (PFC2019-0223), Administration explored new heritage conservation policy tools and financial incentives. Administration proposed policy options for a made-in-Calgary approach to conserving heritage areas in the city through PUD2020-0758. In preparing PUD2020-0758, Administration retained O2 Planning + Design (O2) to explore and test options for policy tools to support the conservation of Heritage Areas. O2 researched best-practice heritage policy areas from around North America. The policy tools envisioned by PUD2020-0758 represented a significant new approach to Calgary’s heritage conservation, intended to allow The City to recognize and incentivize the conservation of more than 4,000 heritage assets.

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DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2020 July 27	PUD2020-0758	<p>MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>That with respect to Report PUD2020-0758, the following be adopted: That Council direct Administration to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Undertake a two-year phased program (2021 – 2023) to implement the heritage area policy tools, using the recommended thresholds, through the local area planning process, Land Use Bylaw amendments, or associated land use redesignations, and return to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development to report on the progress in Q1 2024; 2. Alter the City-wide Historic Resource Conservation Grant Program by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Preparing a mid-cycle budget request for a \$2 million increase to the base budget and funding for the City-wide Historic Resource Conservation Grant Program from \$500,000 to \$2.5 million; b. Restructuring the grant program to direct \$2 million to non-residential conservation projects with a cap of \$1 million per project, and reserve \$500,000 for residential projects with the existing cap of \$125,000; and, 3. Return to the Priorities and Finance Committee no later than Q1 2022 with the residential tax credit financial incentive package for consideration in the 2023-2026 budget deliberations.
2019 March 05	PFC2019-0223	<p>MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>That with respect to Report PFC2019-0223, the following be approved, after amendment:</p> <p>That the Priorities and Finance Committee direct Administration to conduct further analysis on heritage preservation tools and financial incentives and report back to SPC on Planning and Urban Development no later than Q4 2019.</p>