

# Blanket Rezoning

City of Calgary Public Hearing

## Housing minister warns against resistance to ending exclusionary zoning

'Be more ambitious than your neighbours' if you want federal funding, Fraser tells cities



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“There are cities who won’t receive funding because they don’t want to end exclusionary zoning in Canada. I know some of them and maybe they will change their ways.”

“If you want to tap into the fund, Be more ambitious than your neighbours.”

Federal Minister of Housing,  
Infrastructure and Communities  
Sean Fraser

“That includes getting rid of low-density zoning and regulations that exclude affordable and social housing in residential areas, and instead allowing mixed-use development and high-density residential within proximity to urban cores and transit corridors.”

“I am not sure that we should be talking ourselves out of our goals as a city.

And so to try and talk ourselves and find ourselves ways out of it,

I am not sure I am highly supportive of those kind of questions that sort of lead to debate.”

Councillor Penner



# Home is Here

## The City of Calgary's Housing Strategy

2024–2030


Approved by Council 2023 September 16

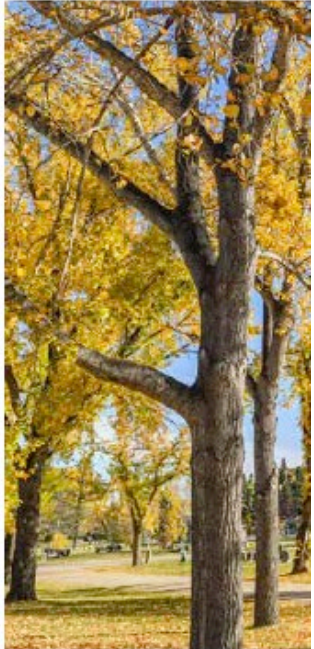
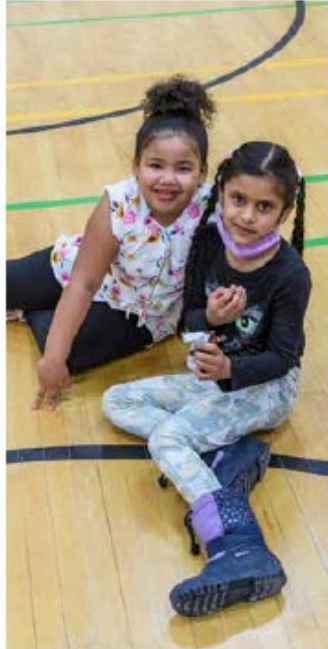
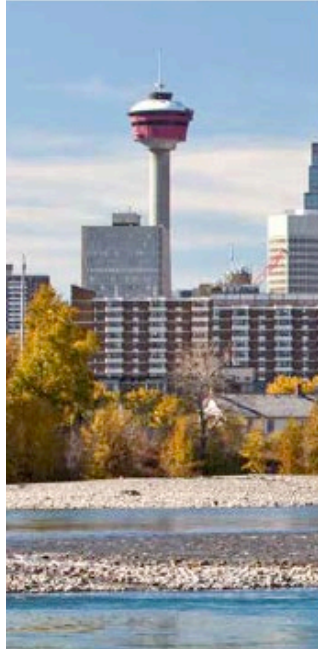




# Housing and Housing Affordability is a City of Calgary Priority

*Home is Here – The City of Calgary’s Housing Strategy aligns with The City’s broader strategic plans and priorities:*

Strategy or direction	Guiding principles or goals that align to the Housing Strategy
<b>imagineCALGARY</b>	Calgarians have a choice of housing options that are affordable, accessible and eco-efficient and that support a variety of lifestyles. Housing reflects local environmental conditions and resources and is adaptable over time to reflect changes in technology, climate and demographics. <i>Built environment and infrastructure system 100-year goals</i>
<b>Municipal Development Plan</b>	Ensure a choice of housing forms, tenures and affordability to accommodate the needs of current and future Calgarians and create sustainable local communities. <i>Creating Great Communities</i>
<b>Climate Strategy</b> 	Calgary is expected to grow to a population of two million people over the next 50-60 years. It is crucial that a variety of low carbon climate-resilient housing types and transportation options in a variety of communities are available to Calgarians to support net-zero goals. <i>Zero Carbon Neighbourhoods</i>
<b>Council’s Strategic Direction 2023-2026</b>	Diversifying the range of housing options by increasing transitional and affordable housing and simplifying the pathways to permanent housing can result in addressing the top four result areas of Social Equity, Modernizing Government, Climate, and Public Safety. <i>Council Priority: Resilient Calgary</i>
<b>The Ways Forward: Affordable Housing for Indigenous Calgarians Through a Holistic Plan</b>	Indigenous people continue to suffer from the impacts of colonization, specifically related to the provision of adequate and culturally responsive affordable housing options. This report presents three Council-approved pathways with 25 multifaceted recommended actions, designed to address the affordable housing challenges facing urban Indigenous people living in Calgary.



# Calgary Climate Strategy

Pathways to 2050

June 2022



## Theme: Zero carbon neighbourhoods

Where people live, work, and access amenities impacts how they choose to get around Calgary. Currently, transporting people and goods account for one-third of Calgary's emissions. How we design our neighbourhoods and city have a significant impact on the amount of fuel needed to travel around the city.

A net zero emissions neighbourhood is a community that has greatly reduced energy needs through energy efficiency and relies on zero emissions electricity, heating and transportation fuels. If there are emissions remaining, high-quality offsets can be purchased to reduce community emissions to zero. The buildings and renewable energy aspects have been addressed in this plan in previous themes. **The zero carbon neighbourhoods theme focuses on the land use planning and transportation aspects of net zero emissions neighbourhoods.**

Emissions from the transportation sector come from the use of two main transportation fuels: diesel and gasoline. To reduce these emissions there are three broad approaches: **use land more efficiently to transition to a denser, more compact city to minimize travel distances, switch vehicle fuels to a cleaner, low carbon fuel, and switch to transportation modes that use less energy.** Residents who can meet many of their daily needs by walking, bicycling, or riding transit also benefit from improved health, thriving local business districts, and increased opportunities for diverse housing and jobs. Providing diverse and high-quality transportation options for all residents is an important way that climate action and equity considerations intersect.

### This theme is organized into three Program Pathways:

- **Zero emissions vehicles: accelerate the transition to zero emissions vehicles**
- **Mode shift: shift mode-share to low or zero emissions modes**
- **Zero emissions city design: transform land use planning to prioritize zero emissions city design**



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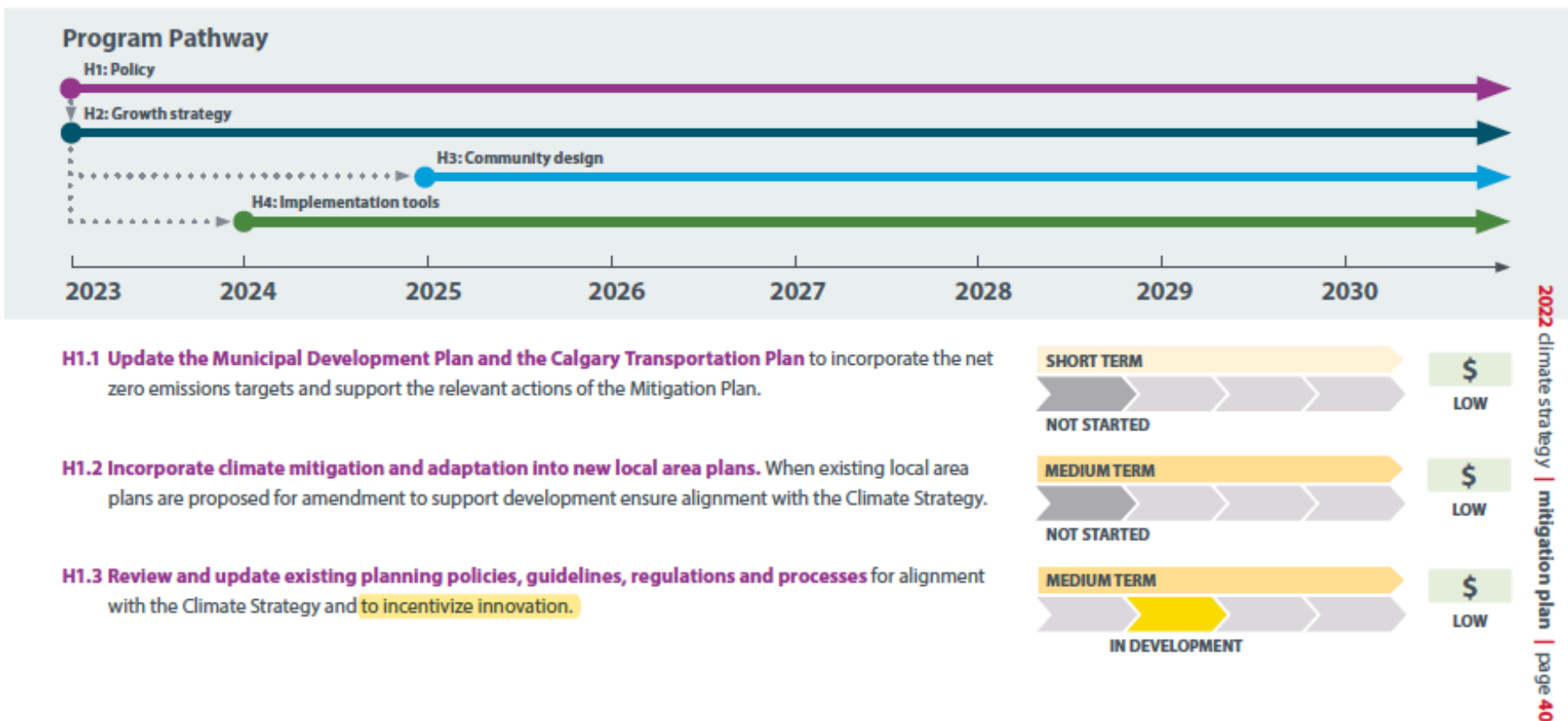
Zero Emissions city design:

Transform land use planning  
To prioritize zero emissions  
city design pg 35



## Program Pathway H: Focus land use planning to prioritize zero emissions city design

Calgary is expected to grow to a population of two million people over the next 50-60 years. It is crucial that a variety of low carbon climate-resilient housing types and transportation options in a variety of communities are available to Calgarians to support net zero goals. Rapid suburban growth and the removal of natural and agricultural landscapes for development can have significant impacts on Calgary's carbon emissions and can result in the loss of key ecosystem services that buffer communities from the impacts of climate change. Building a net zero and climate-resilient city will require balancing many considerations, some of them competing. Holistic approaches to city-building must include new frameworks for urban planning, changes to building and infrastructure design, and measures to enhance overall resilience. Our communities will transition to compact, mixed-use neighbourhoods with abundant natural infrastructure and where transit and active modes of transportation (e.g., walking, cycling) are the preferred mobility choice. Calgary's future communities must link sustainability to social equity. Reducing emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change requires a shift in the way our communities are built and function. These changes can also bring benefits to Calgarians' social wellbeing, physical health, economic vitality, and sense of community. Land use planning is a key function of municipal governments, and The City of Calgary has significant authority to influence the type and quality of the urban form in Calgary. This Program Pathway identifies how The City can tailor plans and policies to develop existing and future neighbourhoods in such a way to prioritize net zero emissions communities. As Calgary moves towards a denser urban form, maintaining the availability and quality of parks, green spaces, and natural areas is also critical.



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H4.2 “Through the land use bylaw update, enable increase housing types  
and  
Support uses in residential areas to facilitate complete communities and  
reduce  
Dependency on private vehicles.” pg 42

CITY DASHBOARD

# CALGARY



2022

REGION



COUNTRY

**CANADA**

ANNUAL GHG EMISSIONS (MTCO<sub>2e</sub>)

**15,620,704**

POPULATION

**1,323,400**

MAYOR

**JYOTI GONDEK**

## BADGES

Badge Phases: 7 completed out of 9

MITIGATION	Inventory	Target	Plan
ADAPTATION	Assessment	Goal	Plan
ENERGY ACCESS & POVERTY	Assessment	Target	Plan

Resources for Cities

## EMISSIONS INVENTORY



## ADAPTATION

NO	HAZARD	PROBABILITY	TIME SCALE
01	Hail	High	Immediately