



# Response to the Noise Policy Notice of Motion

2024 June 26 – Community Development Committee

## Previous Council Direction

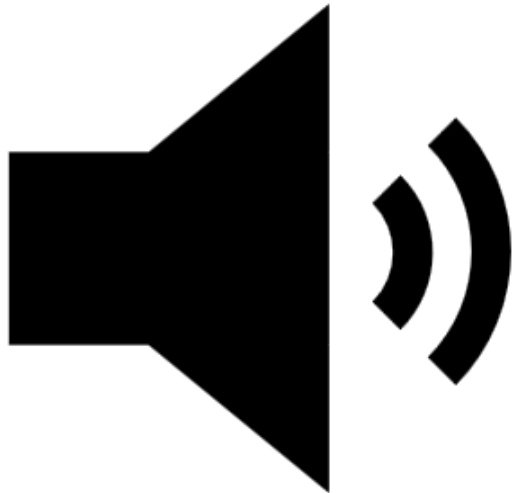
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Admin to report back in Q2 2024 with:

- a draft noise policy vision;
- jurisdictional scan;
- reports that outline the scope & cost of:
  - city-wide noise mapping,
  - closing the gap between Calgary's current practices & leading jurisdictions, and,
  - a soundscape assessment pilot project.



# Recommendation



That the Community Development Committee recommends that Council direct Administration to provide interested researchers with data and information to further their understanding of Calgarians' exposure to noise.



## Highlights

- Excess environmental noise increases adverse health risks.
- City-wide noise has never been estimated or measured in Calgary.
- Developing internal capacity would require several years and new costs.





## Draft Noise Policy Vision

- *Enact policies that protect Calgarians from harmful effects of noise while encouraging a vibrant and sustainable city.*
- Not recommended for adoption.

-Attachment 3

## Gap Analysis

- Calgary is typical of many US/Can cities other than New York & Toronto.
- Sound level limits are present, but no coordinated noise strategy exists.

-Attachment 5



## Bylaw Amendments

- Would require a Noise Strategy.
- New area of work, new funding needed.
- Not recommended.

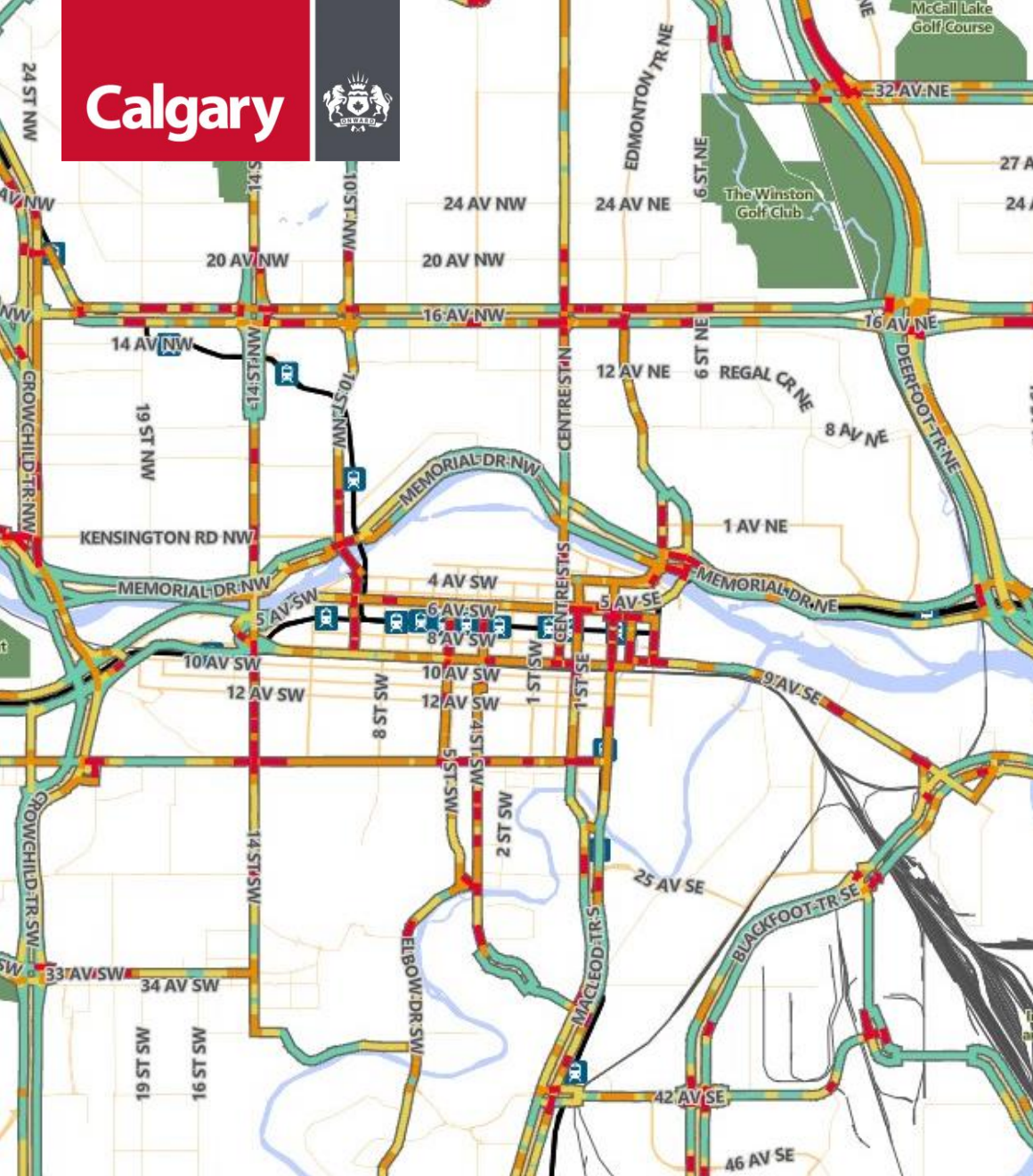
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## Soundscape Engagement Pilot

- In-person sound walks, online surveys & organization feedback.
- \$50K for engagement & communications.
- Not recommended.

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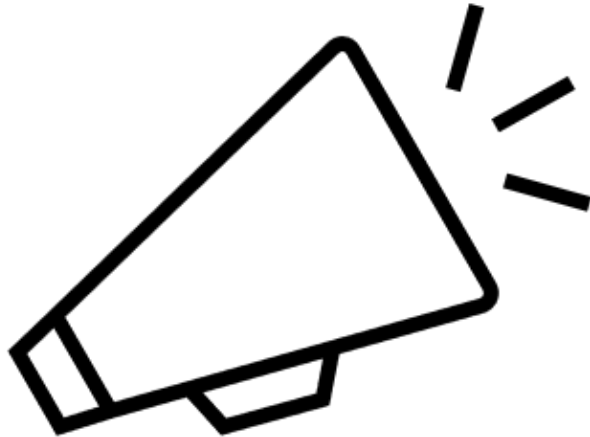
## Deliverables

### Noise Mapping

- Extent of noise exposure in Calgary is not known.
- Noise mapping improves understanding.
- Many modeling inputs already available.
- Admin recommends supporting interested researchers.

**Noise Monitoring** will be targeted.

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