

Previous Council Direction and Background

Background

The City's Calgary Climate Strategy: Pathways to 2050 indicates that as a part of its zero-carbon energy transition that 40 percent of total electricity used in Calgary is generated within city boundaries from renewable sources. Parallel to this, Bill 7 from 2019 effectively granted permissions for Council to implement a tax incentive by bylaw for non-residential properties.

On February 14th, 2023 a Notice of Motion was carried which outlined that Administration would explore the brownfield ATCO Solar Farms as a pilot for a future incentive program on brownfield sites and return to Council with recommendations, next steps, and lessons learned as a part of a larger program by the end of 2023.

On October 17, 2023 Administration returned to Council with a proposed policy, recommending as next steps to develop a bylaw if a qualifying application were made under the policy. ATCO Ltd. applied on October 18, 2023 with their Deerfoot Solar site, which met the eligibility criteria set out in the policy, triggering the need to develop the proposed bylaw.

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DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION
2023 October 17	EC2023-1120	<p>Tax Incentives for Renewable Power Generation Developments on Brownfield Sites</p> <p>That with respect to Report EC2023-1120, the following be adopted:</p> <p>That Council adopt the proposed Council Policy 'Tax incentives for renewable power generation developments on brownfield sites' in Attachment 2.</p>
2023 February 14	EC2023-0131	<p>Notice of Motion - Incentivizing Low Carbon Investments</p> <p>That with respect to Notice of Motion EC2023-0131, the following be adopted:</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to explore the brownfield ATCO Solar Farms as a pilot for future incentive programs on brownfield sites and return to Council with recommendations, next steps, and lessons learned as a part of a larger program by Q4 2023.</p>
2022 July 5	CD2022-0465	<p>That with respect to Report CD2022-0465, the following be adopted, as amended:</p>

That Council:

1. Adopt, by resolution, the updated Calgary Climate Strategy – Pathways to 2050 (Attachment 2);
2. Rescind, by resolution, the 2018 Climate Resilience Strategy Mitigation and Adaptation Plans;
3. Direct the Calgary Climate Strategy includes provision for independent, objective audits to support accountability and transparency in reporting to Calgarians on the progress made towards successfully implementing the Strategy;
6. Direct Administration to augment or revise the scope of the Climate Advisory Committee terms of reference to include a broader representation of affected and/or interested parties to allow fulsome public engagement which accompanies action planning and to support the Committee with the necessary administrative staff in order to achieve this goal.

2021 July 5

IGA2021-0823

City of Calgary Corporate Approach to Property Tax Incentives Pursuant to Bill 7, IGA2021-0823

That with respect to Report IGA2021-0823, the following be adopted:

That Council:

- 1) Direct Administration to use the framework in the Attachment when considering or developing a program to use property tax incentives pursuant to Bill 7; and
- 2) Continue to advocate to the Government of Alberta for additional property tax measures that would assist in Calgary's downtown recovery efforts, including but not limited to residential uses.