

Previous Council Direction and Background

Background

Over the last few years, Council approved several initiatives that helped lay the foundation for the City Building Program. In particular, the approval of the 2022 City Planning and Policy Roadmap and the 2021 City Planning and Policy Workplan set the direction to develop the Calgary Plan, which integrates the *Municipal Development Plan* (MDP) and the *Calgary Transportation Plan* (CTP) and to undertake a significant renewal of the *Land Use Bylaw 1P2007* (LUB).

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Date	Report	Direction / Description
2022 February 15	<i>City Planning and Policy Roadmap 2022</i> (Roadmap). IP2022-0053	Approval of the Roadmap, which included the Calgary Plan and Land Use Bylaw Renewal marked the start of the City Building Program.
2021 February 8	<i>City Planning and Policy Priorities and Workplan Report 2021</i> (Workplan) PUD2021-0046	Approval of the Workplan included priorities for 2021 such as better implementation of the MDP and CTP as well as to update policies and tools to meet the plans' goals. The Land Use Bylaw Renewal was included as one of the actions to support MDP/CTP implementation.
2020 November 2	<i>Review and Update of the Municipal Development Plan and Calgary Transportation Plan.</i> PUD2020-1106	Through the Next20 initiative, Council approved updates to the MDP and the CTP. Council also recognized that more work was required to simplify the planning system and better align policies and implementation tools.

Other Policy Direction Relevant to the City Building Program

The City Building Program (the Program) provides the opportunity to implement or support multiple Council priorities and directions. Each of the Program deliverables incorporates direction provided by Council in a variety of subject areas, as summarized in the table below.

Date	Strategy/Plan/Report	Direction / Description
2023 September 16	Home is Here – The City of Calgary Housing Strategy. CD2023-0749	The Housing Strategy represents a comprehensive approach and a variety of actions to increase the supply of diverse housing forms in all communities, as well as address the complexity of housing and housing affordability. The Calgary Plan and Zoning Bylaw drafts align with the direction by enabling more housing options for all.

<p>2023 January 22</p>	<p>Anti-Racism Strategic Plan 2023–2027</p>	<p>On 2020 June 15, the City of Calgary made the Calgary's Commitment to Anti-Racism. This public commitment directed work to begin in a number of areas and established the Anti-Racism Action Committee. The committee, through The Anti-Racism Program Update. C2023,0091, first introduced the <i>Anti-Racism Strategic Plan 2023-2027</i>.</p> <p>The Calgary Plan and Zoning Bylaw drafts incorporate the direction established in this strategy to promote a more equitable and accessible city for all.</p>
<p>2022 July 5</p>	<p>Climate Resilience Strategy, Pathways to 2050 CD2022-0465</p>	<p>The updated Calgary Climate Strategy – Pathways to 2050 contains the City's strategic framework, providing overarching guiding principles and direction for Calgary to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and adapt to our changing climate at an accelerated pace and scale.</p> <p>The Climate Strategy has informed policies in the Calgary Plan, increased attention on sustainable travel options and green infrastructure in the draft Street Manual and suggested Zoning Bylaw revisions to support building emission reductions.</p>
<p>2022 July 5</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Streets Policy IP2022-0546</p>	<p>This policy focuses on balancing mobility options, enhancing accessibility, advancing education and promoting pilot projects to test new design approaches with options for arts and culture. The policy promotes community participation to implement the policy actions.</p> <p>The draft Street Manual furthers the direction of the <i>Neighborhood Streets Policy</i> and lessons learned from the pilot projects to support creating better streets across the city and improve the walking, wheeling and street networks.</p>
<p>2021 February 1</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Speed Limit Review C2021-0146</p>	<p>The bylaw approved during a Strategic Meeting of Council on 2021 February 1 changed the unposted speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h and focused on making Calgary residential and collector streets safer for everyone.</p> <p>The draft Street Manual will respond to this direction by providing new standards for local and collector streets that encourage appropriate and safer travel in these contexts.</p>
<p>2021 April 26</p>	<p>Calgary's Greater Downtown Plan</p>	<p>The <i>Calgary's Downtown Strategy</i> is leveraging the collective efforts of The City and its public and private sector partners to respond to prolonged economic challenges, and capitalize on opportunities that will create jobs, drive economic recovery and revitalize and transform Calgary's downtown.</p> <p>The Calgary Plan supports these efforts by refreshing policy guidance on development and mobility in the Greater Downtown area, facilitating further increases in the residential population through appropriate amenities and mobility networks.</p>

2019 April 8	Social Well-Being Policy CPS2019-0276	<p>This policy directs more equitable and inclusive decision-making when developing plans, policies and strategies and delivering City services to all Calgarians. This includes advancing the social wellbeing principles of equity, Truth and Reconciliation, culture and inclusion.</p> <p>The draft Calgary Plan aligns with this Council direction to address barriers to create an equitable, inclusive and resilient Calgary where people from all backgrounds can thrive.</p>
2016 May 1	The White Goose Flying - Call to Action	<p>In July 2015, Council asked its Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee to deliver recommendations on which of the 94 Calls to Action identified in the Indian Residential School Truth and Reconciliation Summary Report were actionable by local government (NM2015-17). The result was the presentation of the <i>White Goose Flying Report</i> 43 of the total Calls to Action that The City could own, partner or encourage and move toward sustainable Truth and Reconciliation.</p> <p>The Program is taking meaningful steps to advance Truth and Reconciliation by considering seven calls to action through City planning policies and processes. The Program has engaged and collaborated with Indigenous Nations and Peoples together with other City projects to begin to build relationships and seek areas of collaboration. Their involvement has directly influenced draft policies and work across planning.</p>

Resilient Calgary: Council Strategic Direction 2023-2026

The City Building Program (Program) also follows the *Resilient Calgary: Council's Strategic Direction 2023-2026* ([C2022-0372](#) – confidential item 14.2.1 - [Attach 1 - webpage](#)) which identified The City's economic, social and climate resilience as the foundations for all Council decisions in the next four years. The table below outlines the seven focus areas identified in the strategic direction and how the Program has advanced them.

Council Focus Area	Relation to City Building Program
Downtown Revitalization	The elements of the Program provide a framework that supports downtown as the heart of our economy and as an important vibrant gathering place for all Calgarians.
Social Equity	The Program, especially the draft Calgary Plan, focuses on making our city more inclusive, equitable and accessible for all.
Land Use and Local Planning Process Review	The draft Calgary Plan identifies areas where local area plans will provide a context appropriate direction within an inclusive engagement process. The draft Zoning Bylaw will provide more certainty during the development process.
Transit	The draft Zoning Bylaw and Street Manual support and implement the Calgary Plan direction by integrating, connecting, improving and expanding the walking, wheeling, transit and driving networks. This will expand mobility options for all with emphasis on creating a safer, and more accessible, reliable and affordable transit system.

Hosting and Hospitality	The Program through the Calgary Plan direction and the Zoning Bylaw regulation will support lower-level municipal policies to creating required infrastructure and continue supporting arts, culture and events in our city.
Global Positioning and Reputation	The Program will enable a more attractive city for businesses and visitors by improving planning processes, supporting a stronger downtown and improving mobility options. This will also help maintain our reputation as one of the most livable cities in the world.
Modernizing Government	The draft Calgary Plan direction continues to enable The City to work together with other orders of government, nearby jurisdictions and local partners to achieve great outcomes for our residents.