



Policy Inputs into the Calgary Plan

This attachment outlines how the policies in the Calgary Plan were influenced by the existing Municipal Development Plan (MDP), recent Council approved policies and engagement.

Approximately eighty (80) per cent of the 498¹ policies in the Calgary Plan were directly informed by the three volumes of the current MDP, including the Implementation Guidebooks and Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP). While the intent of those policies remains, updates have been incorporated to simplify language and reduce repetition compared to the existing policy framework.

Approximately twenty (20) per cent of the 498 policies in the Calgary Plan are new. These new policies are informed by both public engagement and Council-approved plans, policies and strategies that have been developed in recent years. Engagement feedback was also incorporated from Indigenous peoples through a dedicated process.

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN



80% of policies informed from existing MDP, Implementation Guidebooks and CTP



THE CALGARY PLAN



20% of policies new from engagement and recent Council directions



Council direction

Public engagement

Appendix A



85% of policies from existing New Community Planning Guidebook included



Other changes to policy were made to make the Calgary Plan easier to read and interpret. Policies are clear, concise and streamlined. Defined terms and definitions were updated to be consistent with current practices and align with other recently approved Council policies. Where possible, policies have been consolidated and simplified, while policies that were redundant to guide development have been removed.

¹ Excludes Appendix A: The New Community Planning Guidebook which was incorporated into the Calgary Plan. Eighty-five (85) per cent of the New Community Planning Guidebook's 281 existing policies were unchanged. Fifteen (15) per cent were incorporated into Calgary Plan or deleted due to redundancy.

How the current MDP influenced the Calgary Plan

Table 1 highlights how the policies in the current MDP, the three implementation guidebooks – City Centre Guidebook (CCG), the Developed Areas Guidebook (DAG) and New Community Planning Guidebook (NCPG) – and the CTP have been integrated or have guided the policies in the Calgary Plan.

Table 1: Policy theme alignment between MDP and Calgary Plan

THEME	POLICY INTEGRATION IN CALGARY PLAN	CORRESPONDING SECTION OF MDP
Growth	Strengthen the land use planning and mobility relationship by directing higher growth along the Primary Transit Network (activity centers and main streets in MDP).	2.2 Shaping a More Compact Urban Form; 2.5 Connecting the City; 5.2 A Strategic Framework for Growth and Change (MDP)
	Focus on activity areas to reflect the higher levels of growth expected in some areas of the city compared to others.	2.2.4 Complete Communities; Part 3 Typologies for Calgary’s Urban Structure – various sections (MDP) 2.0 Community Framework (DAG)
	Highlight the importance of beautiful, accessible and inclusive public realm and spaces.	2.4 Urban Design (MDP) 4.0 Urban Design (DAG)
	Support balanced growth where at least 50 percent of the growth will happen in redeveloping areas.	2.2 Shaping a More Compact Urban Form (MDP); 5.2.2 Strategic Decision on Where We Grow (MDP) Part 2 Implementing Through Strategic Investment (CTP) 3.0 Land Use and Built Form (DAG)
Mobility	Integrate mobility system policies to enable well-connected and consistent networks that support efficient and accessible movement of people and goods throughout the city. Prioritize user safety in mobility system.	2.5 Connecting the City (MDP) 6.0 Mobility (City Centre Guidebook) 7.0 Mobility (DAG) Part 3 Transportation Policies – various sections including 3.2 Walking and Wheeling; 3.4 Goods Movement; 3.9 Parking (CTP)
	Update mobility system maps.	Part 7: Maps (MDP) Part 8: Maps (CTP)
	Support sustainable mobility options to create more choice in how everyone can move around.	2.2 Shaping a More Compact Urban Form; 2.2.1 Vibrant and transit supportive mixed-use activity centres and main streets; 2.2.2 A Transit Supportive Land Use Framework (MDP) Part 3 Transportation Policies – various sections (CTP)
	Improve access to services and amenities and support the transition to zero emission vehicles and infrastructure.	2.6.5 Climate Change and Energy (MDP) 1.4 The Sustainability Principles and Key Direction for Land Use and Mobility (CTP)

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Nature & Environment	Enable protection of nature and the environment. Support strategies to adapt and mitigate impacts of climate change.	2.6 Greening the City; 2.6.1 Natural Infrastructure; 2.6.4 Ecological Network; 5.2.6 Integrated Decision-Making (MDP) 3.12 Environment and Transportation (CTP) 5.0 Open Space (CCG) 6.0 Parks and Open Spaces (DAG)
	Support provision of parks (2 hectares per 1,000 residents) and access to parks (400m/five minutes) to all housing units.	2.3.4 Parks and Open Spaces and Outdoor Recreation – Land Use, Location and Design (MDP)
	Support growing the urban forest and tree canopy.	2.3.4 Parks, Open Spaces and Outdoor Recreation; 2.6.4 Ecological Network – Urban Tree Canopy; 5.3 Monitoring and Reporting (MDP)
People & Housing	Support creating great communities for all that include housing diversity and choice, special care facilities, childcare services and other amenities.	2.2 Shaping a More Compact Urban Form; 2.2.4 Complete Communities; 2.3 Creating Great Communities (MDP) 3.2 Community Amenities and Facilities (CCG)
	Enable a wide variety of housing options accessible to all including urban indigenous peoples.	2.1.1 Creating a City Attractive to People; 2.3.1 Housing; 2.3.8 Building an Equitable and Inclusive Calgary; 2.2.5 Strong Residential Neighbourhoods (MDP)
Economy & Industrial	Support the local economy and boost creativity and innovation.	2.1 A Prosperous and Diverse Economic – 2.1.2 Creating a City Attractive to Business; 2.1.3 Ensuring a Sustainable Economy 3.1 Transportation Choice (CTP)
	Protect industrial lands while allowing some flexibility. Also, it enables industrial areas to thrive and grow in a unique environment.	3.7 Industrial Areas (MDP) 3.4 Goods Movement (CTP)

How Council-approved policies influenced the Calgary Plan

Table 2 highlights how new policies in the Calgary Plan have been informed or influenced by other plans, policies and strategies that have been approved by Council in recent years. In addition to existing policies, The Calgary Plan considered the engagement results of ongoing initiatives that have a citywide impact. The Calgary Plan also proposes updates to how we measure and monitor growth and change to align to available data and updated methodologies.

Table 2: Summary of strategies, plans and initiatives that influenced the Calgary Plan

	STRATEGY, PLAN OR INITIATIVE	POLICY INFLUENCE IN CALGARY PLAN
Council approved policies, plans and strategies	<i>Calgary Metropolitan Region Growth Plan</i> (2022)	Align the MDP to the regional growth plan, including updating the minimum density targets.
	<i>RouteAhead – Update</i> (2023), <i>Calgary’s Greater Downtown Plan</i> (2021), <i>Transit Oriented Development Policy</i> (2004), Local Area Plans adopted since 2021	Simplify Urban Structure Categories (previously called Typologies) to allow more flexibility and better align to existing transit-oriented growth policies.
	<i>Goods Movement Strategy Report</i> (2018), <i>Prairie Economic Gateway</i> project	Update the Goods Movement Network map to add and consolidate routes to support access to industrial areas within the city and region.
	<i>Local Area Plans</i> adopted since 2021, <i>The Guide for Local Area Planning</i> (2021)	Enable local area planning process to apply the policies of the Calgary Plan at a detailed, context-specific level.
	<i>Calgary Climate Strategy – Pathways to 2050</i> (2022)	Enable initiatives that support climate adaptation and mitigation in planning, development and infrastructure projects.
	<i>Home is Here – The City of Calgary Housing Strategy</i> (2023)	Enable diverse housing options throughout the city.
	<i>Stormwater Management Strategy</i> (2023), <i>Drought Resilience Plan</i> (2023)	Support best practices in stormwater management.
	<i>Anti-Racism Strategic Plan 2023–2027</i> (2020), <i>Social Well-Being Policy</i> (2019), <i>Gender Equity Diversity and inclusion Strategy</i> (2019), <i>The City of Calgary’s Indigenous Policy and Indigenous Policy Framework</i> (2017), <i>The White Goose Flying – Call to Action</i> (2016)	Support removing barriers, building capacity and promoting inclusive planning processes so everyone has the opportunity to participate. Enable opportunities to work with Indigenous peoples and supports actions in advancing Truth and Reconciliation.

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Ongoing work	<u>Connect: Calgary's Parks Plan</u>	Update how Calgary's parks and open space systems are planned, managed and developed.
	<u>Calgary River Valley Project</u>	Update how we plan, use, conserve and build near river valleys.
	<u>GamePLAN: Reimagining Public Recreation</u>	Support the delivering of an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable recreation services.
Changes to data availability	Calgary's annual municipal census discontinued in 2020. Data sources updated to other available information via development application systems.	Calgary Plan indicators updated to use more accurate and available data sources. Growth indicators are now monitored annually using housing units instead of population.

How engagement influenced the Calgary Plan

Table 3 highlights common themes identified during public engagement and where these themes were incorporated into the Calgary Plan. Engagement was used throughout the development of Calgary Plan to incorporate feedback from public and interested parties.

Table 3: Engagement themes and area of influence in Calgary Plan

POLICY TOPIC	
Housing and density	Important to enable more housing in more areas to provide greater choice and improve affordability. Feedback reflected in urban structure categories and housing policies.
Mobility	Support for mobility choice, particularly improved transit, to reduce reliance on personal vehicles to connect people to places they want to go efficiently and affordability. Feedback reflected in mobility system policies.
	Support for clearer but more flexible parking policies to support affordability and choice. Feedback incorporated into parking policies.
Climate and environment	Important to provide better access for everyone to parks, green spaces and natural areas, while expanding environmental areas.
Infrastructure	Support for improving access, reliability and maintenance of essential infrastructure. Feedback incorporated into mobility, water and stormwater policies.
Equity and accessibility	Support for working with Indigenous peoples on land-based decisions and incorporating and celebrating history and culture in public art, urban design, and other areas. Feedback incorporated throughout the plan.
	Important that all residents have access to amenities and opportunities, regardless of their background, income or other factors. Feedback incorporated throughout the plan.
	Create more universally accessible public spaces and amenities. Feedback incorporated in urban design, parks, recreation and mobility policies.