

**Report Number:** EC2025-0748**Meeting:** Executive Committee**Meeting Date:** 2025 July 22

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN FOOTHILLS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF CALGARY

Sponsoring Member(s) of Council: Dan McLean

WHEREAS the relationship between Foothills County and the City of Calgary has continued to develop over time and there is a willingness to collaborate in the interest of mutual benefit, particularly if better housing, servicing and infrastructure outcomes can be achieved;

AND WHEREAS the existing Intermunicipal Development Plan for Foothills County and The City of Calgary is a statutory planning document that states the long term vision for the lands in the Calgary Growth Area is for the area to eventually be annexed, planned and then developed within Calgary's jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS the desire to adjust the boundaries between the City of Calgary and Foothills County was discussed between the municipalities in 2019, formalized by Foothills County through the decision to support "the Sirocco Annexation" in July 2019, and further provided as Calgary City Council direction to Administration in July 2020, leading to a Developer Funded Annexation Agreement that was overseen by the subsequent The City of Calgary - Foothills County Annexation Negotiation Committee, to guide the annexation process;

AND WHEREAS on 2023 July 25, Calgary City Council approved a recommendation from Administration to immediately withdraw from the Developer Funded Annexation Agreement and process of annexing Foothills County lands into The City of Calgary, a decision that was mutually agreed upon by both municipalities at that point in time;

AND WHEREAS the Calgary Region continues to find itself in a housing crisis and one of the desired outcomes of The City of Calgary's Housing Strategy 2024-2030 is to increase the supply of housing to meet demand and increase affordability for both the short and long term;

AND WHEREAS initiating a standard, municipally-funded and led annexation process with Foothills County for the proposed lands outlined in Attachment 1 (Figure 1: Proposed Annexation Area) would play a role in not only addressing longer term housing need, but also creating opportunities for resolving road issues with Foothills County;

AND WHEREAS annexation of the Proposed Annexation Area would allow for construction and maintenance of 210th Avenue and 64th Street from the existing rural standard to urban standard roadways with sufficient capacity to operate safely for regional traffic patterns, serving residents of both the City of Calgary and Foothills County by completing the road network with connections to Macleod Trail and Stoney Trail;

AND WHEREAS Administration has already completed a Description of City of Calgary Servicing of the Proposed Annexation Area dated June 19, 2023 and stated there are no major concerns for sanitary, stormwater and fire/emergency servicing;

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AND WHEREAS there are no additional capital infrastructure costs to The City of Calgary to service the Proposed Annexation Area beyond what is already required and/or built for the approved West Macleod Area Structure Plan; and

AND WHEREAS for The City of Calgary, development of the Proposed Annexation Area will generate \$94 million in Off-Site Levies which includes over \$23 million specific to the Transportation Levy (based on the approved Off-Site Levy Bylaw using current off-site levy rates effective January 1, 2025) and \$7.5 million in annual property taxes for the City of Calgary;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to:

- 1) Notify Foothills County, the Land and Property Rights Tribunal, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and relevant local authorities of The City of Calgary's request to adjust the municipal boundary between Foothills County and The City of Calgary through a standard annexation application for the Proposed Annexation Area in Attachment 1;
- 2) Engage the Foothills County and City of Calgary Intermunicipal Committee to negotiate a standard annexation agreement for the Proposed Annexation Area, in accordance with the current policies of the Intermunicipal Development Plan; and
- 3) Present a draft annexation agreement to Council no later than Q1 2026 in respect of the Proposed Annexation Area in Attachment 1.