



**Report Number:** EC2025-0761

**Meeting:** Executive Committee

**Meeting Date:** 2025 July 22

## NOTICE OF MOTION

**RE: Shallow Utility Investment**

**Sponsoring Councillor(s):** Carra, Penner

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**Whereas** in our Home is Here Strategy, Objective 1C Action 1.C.13, Council has directed Administration to reduce development costs specifically by committing to infrastructure upgrades, services and amenities that will increase housing opportunities for Calgarians, including but not limited to power and communication infrastructure; and,

**Whereas** legacy overhead utilities reduce developable land area, limit building design and street face interfacing options, and create a barrier to achieving the full potential of housing production on a site; and,

**Whereas** the burial of overhead utilities supports infrastructure and climate resilience by reducing exposure to damage from extreme weather events and enhancing the reliability of essential services; and,

Whereas Enmax is granted limited capital upgrades to support population growth which can be supported across rate payers by the Alberta Utility Commission; and

**Whereas** the City of Calgary has already invested \$1.98M of funding for a Shallow Utility Burial Pilot Program through the Housing Accelerator Fund Program, which was immediately fully allocated; and,

**Whereas** the pilot program showed immediate success in reducing construction barriers and enabling the development of up to 300 housing units which may not have otherwise been delivered in as timely a fashion, may not have been delivered in such numbers, and/or may not have been delivered at all, and,

**Whereas** 57% of multi-residential Development Permit submissions since 2023 have been affected by this barrier, demonstrating there are multiple projects across the city that could benefit from immediate funding allocation;

**Therefore be it Resolved** that Council directs Administration to identify one-time funding up to \$10M to further fund the Shallow Utility Burial Pilot Program through the 2025 construction season; and

**Further be it resolved** that Council directs Administration to consider a future funding source for a permanent Shallow Utility Burial Program in the prioritization of investments for the 2026 November Budget Adjustment; and

**Further be it resolved** that Council directs Administration to bring a permanent Shallow Utility Burial Program to the 2027-2030 Budget Adjustment deliberations with specific consideration of a revolving fund potentially using a portion of surplus ENMAX dividends.

**Attachment:**

1. Notice of Motion Checklist