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## COUNCIL POLICY

**Policy Title:** Policy for Utility Extensions Beyond The City's Boundaries  
**Policy Number:** UEP004  
**Report Number:** OE92-31  
**Approved by:** Council  
**Effective Date:** 1992 May 25  
**Business Unit:** Land Use Planning & Policy, Waterworks and Wastewater

### BACKGROUND

#### Council's Policy on Utility Extensions Beyond The City's Boundaries

On 1992 May 25, Council approved the recommendations of Commissioners' Report OE92-31 which addressed the need for a policy on the extension of water and sanitary sewer trunk infrastructure to service development beyond the city's boundaries. The policies support the extension of water and/or sewer service to existing incorporated urban centres (for example, the Town of Chestermere) but do not support the extension of water and/or sewer service to either rural non-residential uses (exceptions were noted) or to rural residential uses. The Policy on Utility Extensions recognized that it may be in The City's overall interests, for environmental reasons, to make available City services to rural development in certain circumstances.

On 1995 March 13, Council approved the amended recommendations of Commissioners' Report OE95-13 and approved in principle, as an exception for environmental reasons to the current Council policy, the extension of sanitary sewer service to both the Pinebrook Subdivision and to the Elbow Valley development. This report was the first time an exception to the servicing policy had been made. It included the following recommendation:

Approve in principle, as an exception for environmental reasons to the current City policy, the extension of sanitary sewer service only, to the existing Pinebrook Subdivision and the Area Structure Plan covering the Elbow Valley development(s). At no point will this service be extended beyond the current Pinebrook subdivision or the currently-approved Area Structure Plan(s) for the Elbow Valley development(s).

On 2003 May 26, Council approved the recommendations of Report IGA2003-21 which included a recommendation which limited requests for services beyond the City's limits to be received from the municipality or jurisdiction in which the development exists or is proposed to be located. This is to ensure endorsement of the planned development by the governing municipal jurisdiction.

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### **PURPOSE**

The policy on utility extensions beyond the City's boundaries is required:

- To continue to support a regional servicing system which encourages growth and development of existing incorporated urban centres in the Calgary region.
- To maintain the City's ability to efficiently manage its long-term growth through the protection of viable, long-term growth corridor options.
- To minimize the potential for urban/rural land use incompatibilities.
- To prevent and mitigate environmental risks and impacts to Calgary's water sources.

### **POLICY**

The policies originally proposed in OE92-31 address specific categories of use located outside the City of Calgary corporate limits as follows:

#### **Policy 1: Existing Incorporated Urban Centres**

The City of Calgary in supporting the Calgary Regional Plan's urbanization strategy, could support the extension of City water and/or sanitary sewer lines to existing incorporate urban centres.

#### **Policy 2: Rural Non-residential Uses**

The City of Calgary, as a general principle, does not support the extension of City water or sanitary sewer lines to rural non-residential uses.

(As a possible exception to the general principle, uses which must locate in rural areas due to specific locational requirements or special characteristics and choose to locate near the city but beyond the city's growth corridors, may be considered for a service extension depending on the scale, location and the specific use.)

#### **Policy 3: Rural Residential Uses**

The City of Calgary does not support the extension of City water or sanitary sewer lines to service rural residential uses.

Regardless of which policy applies, the applicable recommendation of IGA2003-21 states "All requests for the extension of City services originating outside the City's boundaries must be applied for by the municipality or jurisdiction in which the development exists or is to be located (i.e. M.D. of Rocky View, M.D. of

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Foothills or Tsuu T'ina Nation). Such requests are to be accompanied by supporting information of the proposed development to be serviced."

### **PROCEDURE**

- Generally requests for the extension of utility services beyond the City's boundaries that do not meet the policy will be rejected by the Administration in writing to the applicant.
- In instances where one of the noted exceptions may be considered to apply, the Administration may forward a report on the request to City Council for servicing via the S.P.C. on Utilities and Environment.
- In instances where the request is within the existing policy, the Administration will prepare a report to the S.P.C. on Utilities and Environment for Council's endorsement.

### **AMENDMENTS**

- 2003 May 26 report IGA2003-21

### **ATTACHMENT**

- OE92-31 [Policy for Utility Extensions Beyond The City's Boundaries](#)

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