

## **STAGE TWO: FLOOD HAZARD AREA POLICY AND LAND USE BYLAW REVIEW PROJECT - DEFERRAL REPORT**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to request a deferral of the scoping report for Stage Two of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) project on Flood Hazard Area (FHA) Regulation and Policy Alignment Review (FHA and LUB Review project). The scoping is being prepared as an attachment to the 'Implementation Plan for the Expert Management Panel Recommendations' report to be presented at Priorities and Finance Committee (PFC) on 2014 October 28 for consideration. Deferring to 2014 October 28 will allow Administration to present a cohesive scoping report for all flood related projects, in collaboration with other business units.

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Priorities and Finance Committee recommends that Council approve Administration's request to defer the scoping report on Stage Two of the FHA and LUB Review project to no later than the 2014 October 28 meeting of Priorities and Finance Committee in conjunction with the response to the Expert Management Panel Resiliency recommendations River Flood Resource Requirement Report as previously directed by Council via PFC2014-0512.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY**

On 2014 February 24, Council directed Administration via PFC2014-0171 to return to the Priorities and Finance Committee no later than the end of Q3 2014, with a scoping report outlining the proposed actions for Stage Two of the MDP and LUB project to:

1. Undertake an investigation and make recommendations to Council on:
  - a. Any misalignment with existing City policy (river valley plans, ER setbacks, riparian strategy) with the MDP.
  - b. Further refinement of FHA Policy and LUB in response to ongoing work, including, provincial regulation, South Saskatchewan Regional Plan, FHA mapping changes and River Mitigation Panel findings.
  - c. The development of guidelines for the implementation of MDP policy.
2. Timeline: Q3 2014 initial investigation and scoping report seeking direction brought to Council.
3. Stage two of a two staged approach to increasing city resiliency.

On 2014 June 09, Council approved PFC2014-0171, adopting the proposed amendments to Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 and to the Municipal Development Plan (Stage One of the FHA and LUB review project).

On 2014 June 23 through PFC2014-0512 Council accepted the report, Calgary's Flood Resilient Future: Report from the Expert Management Panel on River Flood Mitigation for information; which outlined action areas and recommendations for flood resiliency of which three are the responsibility of Planning, Development & Assessment and will be detailed in the scoping report.

On 2014 June 23 through PFC2014-0512 Council also directed Administration to bring a report to Priorities and Finance Committee no later than 2014 October 28 with the resource

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requirements for Corporate activities to be initiated in 2015-2018 to implement the recommendations.

### **BACKGROUND**

Since approval of the first stage of the FHA and LUB Review project in 2014 June, The Panel on Flood Mitigation made recommendations that align and overlap with the work currently underway for Stage Two of the FHA project. A portion of the work required for the scoping report involves the request for the necessary funds; therefore PDA is requesting that the Stage 2 scoping report serve as an attachment to the Resource Requirement report in order to also fulfill the necessary recommendations made by the Panel.

The following is a summary of PFC2014-0512 which provides a brief description of the Resource Requirement report that will be prepared for Priorities and Finance Committee on 2014 October 28:

*As a first step, Administration has evaluated each Panel recommendation to identify the activities that are already underway as part of the on-going flood recovery, preparedness and mitigation. Additional activities that would be required to fulfill the recommendations were also identified along with the lead and supporting business units which would assess the resources required to complete these activities within the 2015-2018 timeframe. Further assessment is needed so a cohesive plan of related flood mitigation work and necessary resources can be prepared for Council consideration. By the fourth quarter of 2014, Administration will be in a position to report on the resource requirements for the activities to be initiated and identify how to incorporate required resources into the 2015 to 2018 Action Plan for approval by Council. A small task force would assist the business units with this work and track progress.*

### **INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS**

The initial investigation and scoping report will outline Administration's process for Stage Two that will combine further refinement of FHA policy in the MDP, the LUB, and will align with Provincial regulation; as well it will include a strategy to examine the feasibility of strengthening flood resiliency for properties in flood risk areas. Further investigation will be undertaken upon Council approval for the appropriate resources including selection of the technical expertise to assist with this project.

### **Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication**

A Communications and Engagement plan is being prepared for Stage 2 and will be included with the scoping report. Previous engagement with the public occurred during Stage 1 and further engagement will occur with internal and external stakeholders and the appropriate community members upon Council approval of the project plan.

### **Strategic Alignment**

The Municipal Development Plan and the Land Use Bylaw contain policies that guide development in the Flood Hazard Area. Further refinement of these policies will contribute to the

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resiliency of the city of Calgary and flood affected communities. The scoping report will also be prepared as per the City's Triple Bottom Line policy.

**Social, Environmental, Economic (External)**

None associated with this report.

**Financial Capacity**

**Current and Future Operating Budget:**

Stage One FHA and LUB review project was approved for funding from the 2014 PDA departmental budget with cost recovery from the Province or Fiscal Stability Reserve (FSR). Preparation of the Stage 2 scoping report will also be funded as such with a request for additional resources from the 2015-2018 budget.

**Current and Future Capital Budget:**

Not required.

**Risk Assessment**

None associated with this report.

**REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Deferring to 2014 October 28 will provide Administration the opportunity to present a cohesive scoping report that incorporates the recommendations from the Expert Management Panel and to determine the required resources and options for engagement. This report is being developed in collaboration with other business units to enhance the City's flood resiliency in the long term.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

None