

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FOOTHILLS/CITY OF CALGARY INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment) to initiate a new Intermunicipal Development Plan with the M.D. of Foothills was unanimously approved by the Calgary/Foothills Intermunicipal Committee on 2014 February 28. The Intermunicipal Committee recommended that both municipal Councils receive this Memorandum of Understanding for information.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee recommend that Council:

1. Accept the Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment) for information and direct Administration to continue to work with the Calgary/Foothills Intermunicipal Committee and M.D. of Foothills Administration to prepare a new Calgary/Foothills Intermunicipal Development Plan; and
2. Consider this report at its 2014 July 28 Regular Session of Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

1998 April 06 Bylaw No.5P98, M.D. Foothills/City of Calgary Intermunicipal Development Plan, was approved by Calgary City Council.

1998 April 09 Bylaw No.35A/98, M.D. Foothills/City of Calgary Intermunicipal Development Plan was approved by M.D. of Foothills Council.

BACKGROUND

Despite changing circumstances and annexations, the M.D. Foothills/City of Calgary Intermunicipal Development Plan (Bylaw 5P98) has not been amended since it was adopted by both municipal Councils in 1998.

On 2014 February 28, the Calgary/Foothills Intermunicipal Committee unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment). The Committee recommended that this Memorandum be considered by both Councils for information. With the foundation of this Memorandum of Understanding, Administration from both municipalities will initiate more detailed project planning.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

A Memorandum of Understanding was considered an appropriate means to confirm mutual agreement to begin more detailed IDP planning. The Municipal Government Act provides the legislative framework for the preparation and adoption of Intermunicipal Development Plans. An Intermunicipal Development Plan is considered the most appropriate means to establish, among other items, dispute resolution policy, growth corridor areas for both municipalities and broad policy expectations between The City of Calgary and M.D. of Foothills.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

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The Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment) was developed with M.D. Foothills Administration and endorsed unanimously by the Calgary/Foothills Intermunicipal Committee. A stakeholder and public engagement strategy will be developed as part of a detailed project plan.

The Intermunicipal Development Plan will be adopted by both municipal Councils and subject to public hearing requirements of the Municipal Government Act.

Strategic Alignment

The development of a new Intermunicipal Development Plan will be aligned with the pending South Saskatchewan Regional Plan and City of Calgary strategic policies contained in the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP) and the Calgary Metropolitan Plan.

The City's MDP contains an objective to "*Maintain strong relationships with municipal neighbours, regional partners and key stakeholders within Calgary, to ensure that growth and change decisions reflect provincial and regional policies and the direction of the MDP and CTP*" (5.2.1 Strong Relationships).

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

Social, environmental and economic considerations will help shape the goals and direction of the future Intermunicipal Development Plan

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget

There are no Operating Budget implications associated with this report

Current and Future Capital Budget

There are no Capital Budget implications associated with this report.

Risk Assessment

It is in The City's long term interest and will ultimately benefit the citizens of Calgary to coordinate planning and maintain positive working relationships with the MD of Foothills. If Council were not to accept this Memorandum of Understanding for information it could result in the project being halted or delayed. The M.D. of Foothills would continue to plan for its growth in areas that may be of strategic significance to The City of Calgary.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

This Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment) was considered as an effective means to confirm mutual support for initiating a new Intermunicipal Development Plan. Planning, Development & Assessment (PDA) work programs accommodate the development of this statutory plan with existing resources.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Memorandum of Understanding Municipal District of Foothills/City of Calgary Intermunicipal Development Plan Project