

COUNCIL INNOVATION FUND BIO-ENERGY PILOT PROJECT DEFERRAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Bio-Energy Pilot Project was approved for Council Innovation Funding of \$170,000 to support Parks Foundation Calgary in the development of a plan to restore a large brownfield site to a condition of productive use. Matching funds have been secured by Parks Foundation Calgary from a private third party to provide the total project budget of \$340,000.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Priorities and Finance Committee recommend that Council:

1. Approve the deferral of the Council Innovation Fund Bio-Energy Pilot Project report to no later than 2014 January.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

On 2013 May 14, the Priorities and Finance Committee directed Administration to return to PFC with an update report at the completion of the project or no later than 2013 December if the project has not been concluded (PFC2013-0344).

On 2013 March 18, Council adopted Alderman Carra's NM2013-11, Amendment to Council Innovation Fund Application RE: Bio-Energy Pilot Project, directing the Steering Committee for this project to bring a report to the 2013 April 02 Regular Meeting of Priorities and Finance Committee.

On 2012 November 19, Council approved the report PFC2012-0787, as amended, to provide funding from The City of Calgary Council Innovation Fund for the Bio-Energy Pilot Project.

BACKGROUND

The City of Calgary and Parks Foundation Calgary have a long-standing partnership in developing projects with mutual benefits. The emergence of new technologies for soil remediation provide an opportunity to explore innovative approaches to managing The City's large brownfield sites with an objective to return them to productive use. An opportunity to create a generic planning process and to demonstrate success on a site within the city has the potential to spur further innovation and applied research.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

N/A

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

N/A

Strategic Alignment

N/A

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

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N/A

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

N/A

Current and Future Capital Budget:

N/A

Risk Assessment

N/A

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

In order for the Parks Foundation Calgary project team to complete the final report, feedback from the project's Steering Committee in 2013 December, is required. A final report will be brought to the Priorities and Finance Committee no later than 2014 January.

ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A