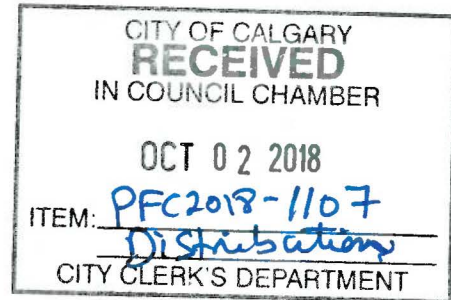




October 2, 2018

The City of Calgary
City Clerks - Priority & Finance Committee
Attention: Your Worship Mayor Nenshi
P.O. Box 2100 Station M
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**Re; PFC2018-1107 – Planning & Development Report to Priority & Finance Committee
Chinatown Cultural Plan and Local Area Plan – Update on Funding and External Partnership**

Your Worship

The Chinatown community wishes to express their support for Planning & Development Department' Report PFC2018-1107 - Chinatown Cultural Plan and Local Area Plan – Update on Funding and External Partnership as presented.

On December 6, 2016, Calgary City Council approved the preparation of a Cultural Plan for Chinatown to reflect the Calgary's Chinese-Asian culture, heritage, history, and language and to establish strategies to guide the future growth and development of Chinatown. This Plan would also serve to guide The City in the development of a Culturally-based Local Area Plan for Chinatown to replace the 32-year old Chinatown Area Redevelopment Plan.

The Chinatown Community Association (CCA) and the Chinatown District Business Improvement Area (CDBIA) supports the development of these Plans particularly to address growth and redevelopment in our 7-square block community district. There are several vacant parking lots prime for development and several older buildings under consideration for redevelopment or replacement.

On June 14th, 2018, when Planning & Development presented Report PUD2018-0514 – Chinatown Area Redevelopment Plan Phase 1 Update to SPC on Planning and Urban Development recommending that The City proceed with Option 3 as an approach to develop a Cultural Plan / Culturally-based Local Area Plan. The CDBIA, CCA, and other Chinatown stakeholders expressed their support and endorsed Option 3.



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We were pleased that, on June 25th, 2018, City Council overwhelmingly endorsed the Report and directed Administration to:

- a) develop funding options including a potential Council Innovation Fund application and external partnerships including but not limited to the Urban Alliance to return to Council through the Priorities and Finance Committee as soon as possible
- b) include the costs associated with Option 3, as identified in this report, in The City Planning & Policy 2019-2022 service plan and budget, for Council's review and approval in 2018 November; and
- c) proceed with Option 3 Chinatown Cultural Plan / Culturally-based Local Area Plan, as presented;
- d) report back to Council, through the Standing Policy Committee on Planning & Urban Development, with a detailed scope of work for Option 3 by no later than 2019 July, if budget for Option 3 is approved.

Throughout the weeks since then, the Chinatown stakeholders have met with Planning & Development staff to research funding options including the provision of Chinatown resources, facilities and volunteer staffing to ensure both a quality Cultural Plan and Local Area Plan and that it be completed most effectively and efficiently as possible.

This can be done by:

- committing to the Planning System Core Values:
Innovation, Collaboration, Transparency, Accountability, Trust, and Responsibility.
- commitment to the City **Engage Policy** process that fully activates the **Inform, Consult, Involve, Collaborate and Empower** protocol with Chinatown community stakeholders. This is a standard public engagement protocol prescribed by the **International Association of Public Participation (IAP2)** and a best practice considered by City Administration.
- committing funds in 2019-2022 budget cycle including funds from Council Innovation Fund application has been prepared by Ward 7 Councillor Druh Farrell and supported by Ward 4 Councillor Sean Chu
- committing the Chinatown community cadre of professional, administrative and cultural volunteer resources and meeting / workshop accommodations in support of these initiatives.
- committing to a Chinatown culture that is defined by Calgarians especially Chinatown stakeholder

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- committing to a Principle that the **Chinatown community**
 - **has the first voice heard in all cultural planning, land use planning, land development, and building development, and**
 - **has the last voice hear before any ultimate determination of recommendation and outcome.**
- As Chinatown is our community's place for living, working, playing and celebrating Chinese Asian culture.

Thank you for your attention!



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