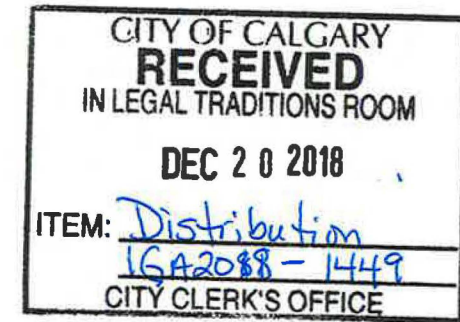


6.7 City Charter Update: IGA 2018-1449

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
December 20, 2018

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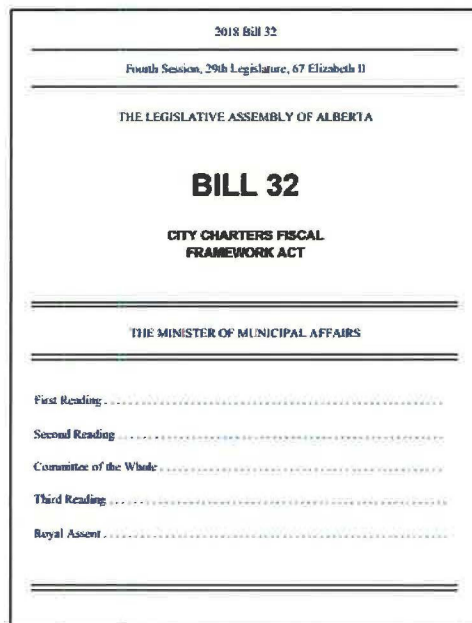
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On November 29, the province announced further city charter changes

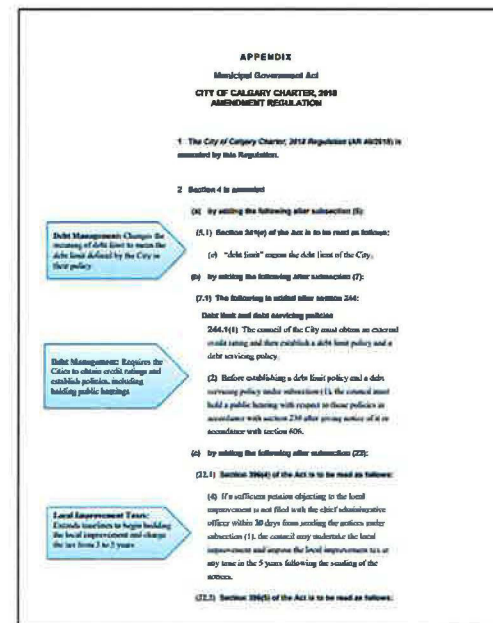
Changes to the Fiscal Framework

- Revenue sharing
- Transit Plan



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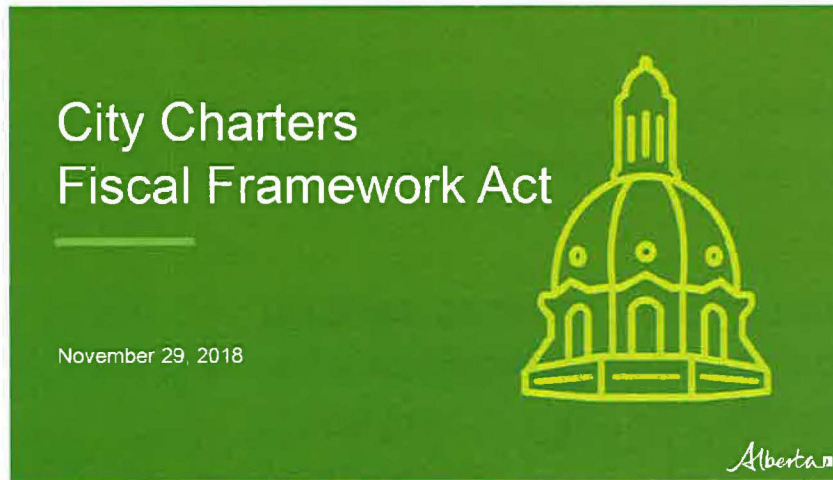
Changes to regulatory authorities



- Offsite Levies
- Inclusionary Housing
- Debt Management
- Municipal Reserve

It is an important distinction...

Early communications conflated the two distinct elements of recent change



This gives the wrong impression of purpose of regulatory changes

Framework Components

- Legislated Capital Funding to Replace MSI
- Regional Economic Development Program
- Legislated Long Term Transit Investment Plan
- City Charters Regulatory Policies ?



Fiscal framework and regulatory changes were result of different processes

Phase 1&2: “the development of appropriate mechanisms to provide increased authority or flexibility in...municipal governance”

- Policy tools
- Contained in Charter Regulation
- No immediate changes or costs
- Require decision from Council and public engagement

Phase 3: “the development of a fiscal framework that will recognize and address the needs and challenges facing all parties”

- Revenue tools
- Contained in Bill 32
- Comes into effect automatically

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Summary of changes to fiscal framework: Revenue Tools

Bill 32 Revenue Sharing

- Maintains current cuts/deferrals to MSI
- 500M between Calgary and Edmonton in 2022/23
- Grows with provincial revenue
- Injects stability and predictability
- Streamlines decision-making, improves flexibility

Bill 32 Transit Funding

- Up to 200M/year, 2027/28 – 2040/41
- Details to be included in funding agreements
- Will look to Ottawa for similar plan

Bill 31 Community Revitalization Levy

- 20 year extension of CRL

Regional Funding

- \$17M/year to CMRB

Summary of changes to charter regulation Policy Tools

Additional Scope for offsite levies in order to:

- Legitimize existing regime developed in consultation with industry
- Provide flexibility for innovation sought by The City and industry;
- Address the unique needs and challenges presented by redevelopment.

Enable a made-in-Calgary inclusionary housing program in order to:

- Provide more affordable housing
- Address critical supply shortage
- Advance existing Council policy

Changes to Municipal Reserve to

- Provide flexibility of uses on school sites
- Deliver on uses defined in Joint Use and Planning Agreement

Other changes include

- Increased authority over debt management
- Changes to advertising requirements
- More flexible use of existing Local Improvement Taxes

Summary of changes to charter regulation: Next steps

- Posted for public comment until January 29
- If subsequently approved by Cabinet, changes don't take immediate effect
- Rather, these require a subsequent decision from Council to proceed, including passage of a bylaw, public hearing, and public and stakeholder engagement
- Until Council decides if and how to proceed, we cannot know what costs these new authorities could pass on or what cost-savings they might achieve

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Need for communication of charter activity

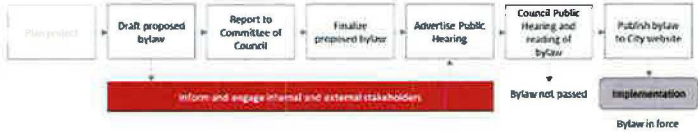
- Absence of a consolidated Charter/MGA
- Keeping public and stakeholders informed
- Reporting Requirements

Communicating the process

Implementing City Charter Authorities

The current City of Calgary Charter contains 37 new authorities, which may be expanded with recent proposed amendments. Some of these authorities may be implemented immediately, but most of the authorities require The City to enact a bylaw to use them.

To coordinate implementation of the City Charter authorities across our services, The City has developed an internal process and guidance materials.



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    A[Plan project] --> B[Draft proposed bylaw]
    B --> C[Report to Committee of Council]
    C --> D[Finalize proposed bylaw]
    D --> E[Advertise Public Hearing]
    E --> F[Council Public Hearing and reading of bylaw]
    F --> G[Publish bylaw to City website]
    G --> H[Implementation]
    H --> I[Bylaw in force]
    B --> J[Inform and engage internal and external stakeholders]
    J --> C
    F --> K[Bylaw not passed]
    K --> B
  
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For citizens, the process of enacting a bylaw means that there are more opportunities to provide input about how these new authorities are used. A public hearing is held for most Charter bylaws, meaning the proposed bylaw is advertised publicly in advance, and citizens can present their views to City Council in writing or in person during the hearing.

Advertisements for upcoming public hearings on Charter bylaws can be found [here](#).

Charter bylaws must also be published separately on The City's website before taking formal effect. A complete list of current Charter bylaws can be found [here](#).

The City is tracking the implementation of City Charter authorities. Check back for a summary of implementation status.

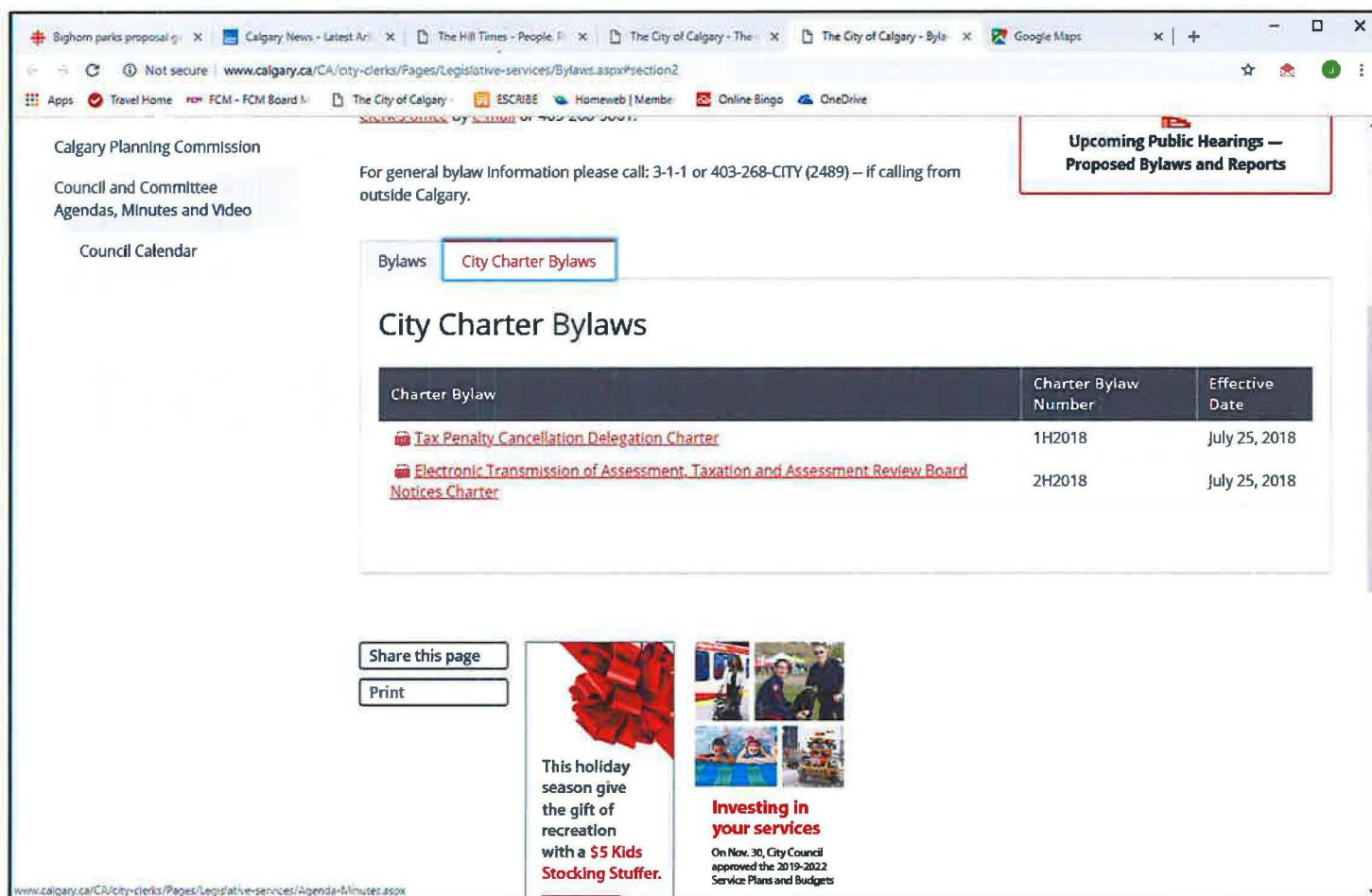
Communicating the status



Upcoming Public Hearings – Proposed Bylaws and Reports

Implementation Dashboard: City of Calgary Charter, 2018 Regulation						
Last updated 2018-Dec-06						
Category	Charter Change	Location in Regulation	Description	Process Required	Status Q4 2018	Links
Empowering Environmental Stewardship	Environment as a matter to pass bylaws	s. 4(2)(a)	Enable The City to pass bylaws for environmental protection.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	
	Clean Energy loans	s. 4(11)	Enable the City to provide loans to homeowners to fund energy efficiency or renewable energy upgrades in their homes.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	
	Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plans	s. 4(30)	Require The City to develop climate change adaptation and mitigation plans.	Compulsory requirement of charter. Plans must be adopted by council resolution.	Underway	Climate Resiliency Strategy
	Include environment in planning and development part of the MGA	s. 4(32)	Provide The City with explicit authority to consider the environment in its land use planning decisions and allow The City to develop plans and related matters for the purpose of protecting the environment.	No bylaw required	Not Implemented	
	Building Code of Energy Excellence	s.7(2), s.8(2)	Enable The City to establish requirements above and beyond the existing building code to meet environmental and energy conservation objectives.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	
	Weed Control Authority	s.7(4)	Enable The City to undertake weed control activities (as per section 26(3) of the Weed Control Act) without the requirement of Ministerial approval.	No bylaw required	Implemented	
	Weed Designation Authority	s.8(4)	Enable The City to elevate weeds from noxious to prohibited noxious status, or to add weeds as either noxious or prohibited noxious without requiring Ministerial approval (section 9(4) of the Weed Control Act)	No bylaw required	Not Implemented	
Supporting Community Wellbeing	Affordable housing loans	s. 4(11)	Enable The City to offer loans to individuals and to developers specifically for affordable housing projects. The ultimate objective is to spur the development of affordable housing by removing a cost significant barrier.	Bylaw with public hearing	Not Implemented	
	Housing agreements to follow title	s. 4(36)	Enable The City to implement voluntary affordable housing agreements that can ensure commitments follow title and can be enforced against subsequent title holders for the life of the agreement.	No bylaw required	Underway	

Communicating the outcomes



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For general bylaw information please call: 3-1-1 or 403-268-CITY (2489) – if calling from outside Calgary.

Bylaws **City Charter Bylaws**

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Charter Bylaw	Charter Bylaw Number	Effective Date
Tax Penalty Cancellation Delegation Charter	1H2018	July 25, 2018
Electronic Transmission of Assessment, Taxation and Assessment Review Board Notices Charter	2H2018	July 25, 2018

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Recommendation

- 1. That the IGA Committee receive this verbal report and presentation for information.**