

Member	Comment or Question
Director Matthias Tita, Chair	Officially approve recommendations on March 21. Do not have to finalize today.
Councillor E. Woolley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided comment regarding insect farms. Appreciate that the bylaws are setting us up for this emerging agribusiness activity. • Excited about this work. This is really great stuff. • Format for reading this report was really helpful. Is that format new? Format works really well. Administration Response: New format was suggested due to the amount of content in the report. • Anything that you were working on that you were not able to do? Second phase of bylaw amendments coming? Any barriers to driving this work? Any further work to do? Administration Response: These amendments are a second and concluding phase of work that began in 2016 with a review of the Land Use Bylaw. The amendments before you today conclude this work although I am working with Calgary Economic Development as there are new technologies (such as insects) that are emerging. I am keeping an eye on new trends to ensure that The City is not a barrier. For now we have covered everything we set out to do. We have comprehensively covered everything we heard from the stakeholders through these bylaw amendments. • Outside of bylaws amendments, what other work are you undertaking with respect to CalgaryEATS? Administration Response: Urban farm pilot project on cit- owned land. Working with community partner to develop a 13-acre farm on a brownfield site to test a leasing framework for vacant city-owned land, but also using that project to monitor, test and learn what an urban farm development looks like in the city(impact, help inform future city policy, best practices etc.). • Previous Councils considered this work soft, nice fun stuff but not important but it is clear that this is super important work. Great seeing this work move forward. This is super important for economic development.
Commissioner M. Foht	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I agree with Councillor Woolley, this is important work • Question re: city owned lands. Are these lands that are going to be declared for agriculture? And who decides which parcels? What are the criteria? What is the selection process for the urban farms? Administration Response: Working in partnership with Real Estate and Development Services to we have identify parcels that are being held for future urban development; we scanned land inventory to look for parcels that would work for urban agriculture; we are using the Urban Agriculture Pilot Project at Highfield to test

	<p>the idea; we will monitor and may bring forward a report; at this point it is a little unknown, as we want to learn; we are working to sort out what the market value is for underutilized land before we will offer a commercial lease.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If I wanted a garden, what would I require if I wanted to sell some of our produce in my front yard? Would I need a development permit to sell? Administration Response: Yes you would need a Home Occupation 2 Development Permit. • This is really important component of the proposed amendments. Expect that a lot of people will try and do this, especially on the bigger sites. There is great potential here. I can see restaurants wanting to lease a parcel to grow their own food. Lots of potential here. • Small livestock. Certain cities allow limited chicken egg production. Did you consider that? Administration Response: Chickens are managed under the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw and are therefore outside of the scope of this bylaw review. • Reasons for Approval: This initiative to provide guidelines on growing and distributing locally produced food is long overdue. • I feel this an excellent start and sorting out how the city will select producers for City owned lands is an important step. I am also encouraged that the City will put together a plan for future road widening and future interchange land areas that could be part of the inventory available for this land use. • This is great and going in the right direction.
<p>Commissioner A. Palmiere</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the public area for brewers is great. The energy and entrepreneurial spirit around microbreweries in Calgary is really excellent. It allows for entrepreneurial spirit. • Food hubs (i.e. shared commercial spaces): How do these amendments consider this? How could the City support food hubs? Increasing access to kitchens? Administration Response: There is a shared action in the food action plan around exploring the feasibility of a food hub. The Local food sales component will help incubate small micro businesses and should be a boost to those micro-businesses. There are two entrepreneurs that are working with CED and ATB on a food hub model that would include indoor vertical farms, outdoor farms, farmers market retail space and a commercial kitchen. The City has taken on the role of connector in this work; connecting entrepreneurs with CED and looking at City-owned land inventory for possible vacant land.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edmonton just announced support of a food hub and positioning it as a culinary business booster. Integration of urban agriculture and the businesses that come out it. This is great work. Mentioned similar work happening in Beijing on urban agriculture.
Commissioner Schmalz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amazing way to diversify the economy. Public private partnerships: Land developers who have land that they are not building on immediately, there is an opportunity to collaborate with the City to make use of these lands for a food hub or urban agriculture. There is land available for this. Did this come up in your work? People can then use the land now with the understanding that it would be developed later. <p>Administration Response: I heard from stakeholders that one of the greatest challenges for urban farmers is finding land to grow on. I have worked with the Province on TUC agriculture lease but not with private land-owners. The City could be a connector between urban farmers and private land-owners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasons for Approval: Look to encourage public and private partnership with suburban developers. Look at future interchange land in new suburbs to be used as community/urban agriculture hubs. Encourage community building in new areas of the city. Diversifies the locations of urban agriculture throughout the City to meet all Calgarians needs.
Director R. Vanderputten, Vice-Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interesting report coming to Transportation and Transit committee this month on the opportunity for interim uses of blue line and green line right of way. Looking at ways to make use of that space in interim.
Commissioner J. Scott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great work and necessary. Not just for economic development but also resiliency. In the bylaws is there a possibility to waive greenhouse requirements? Did you look at a larger size allowed for greenhouses? Can you do multiple greenhouses? With our climate there is a need to extend the growing season. <p>Administration Response: Under 10 sq meters do not need a development permit, which is why we have the size restriction. Could build multiple greenhouses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would there be a possible to increase the size for greenhouse through an exemption? <p>Administration Response: We could consider as we move forward. Hard to understand what would be in a building v just bare land. We can adjust as we move forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Agreed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you had a single family or low-density district, currently you would do this under a Home Occupation? Administration Response: The Urban Agriculture use does not apply to low-density residential because we did not want people to rent their yards to a farmer, but a homeowner can apply for a development permit – Home Occupation. What about the ability for this use on a public site (e.g. a school site)? Was this looked at? Administration Response: We did look at it. Do not allow for commercial growing on MR land due to the rules in the MGA. Would allow for something like a community garden, but not commercial. Great work. Reasons for Approval: This is an outstanding piece of work to facilitate local food production and distribution / sales within the Calgary region, and supports several economic, health and well-being and transportation/energy related sustainability objectives. The approach contains a monitoring / improvement feedback component: I would be interested in specifically testing the ability to increase the size of the greenhouse DP/BP waiver for greenhouses greater than 10 square metres. This may require further revisions to the bylaw definition of ancillary structure but could be worthwhile give Calgary's short outdoor growing season and seasonal variability.
Commissioner A. Palmiere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One more question on Local food sales. What would a development permit look like? What is the requirements for local food sales? Parking requirements? Don't understand why this would not just be exempt? Administration Response: Development permit would be through Home Occupation 2 permit.
Commissioner J. Scott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where would apiary use fit under this? Covered elsewhere in the bylaw? Administration Response: Province regulates bee keeping. No prohibition of having bees. Hives must be registered with the Province. In best practices document, under the last page (3), where it talks about selling off site to a restaurant will require a business license. Any exemptions? Administration Response: We have met with Chief license Inspector. Since there is no public health risk for fruits and vegetables, we would waive the business license for that.
Commissioner L. Juan Absent but provided written comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This work provides the opportunity for urban farms, enables healthy local food systems, and decreases food waste. These amendments release restriction from the bylaw, and when executed will increase access, and creatively help Calgarians eat local.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supports food access, food security and food dignity.• Things to explore:• Can those remnant pieces of land be included in land inventory and provided to growers? Administration Response: This will depend on the outcome of the Urban Agriculture Pilot Project and the testing of the city-owned land lease framework for urban agriculture leases.• Streamline the BPand DP process for greenhouse relaxations• Make the connection to food deserts and urban agriculture. Mapping out food deserts in Calgary to find places for urban agriculture will be important for this work.• Encourage administration to work with Alberta Health Services to alleviate restrictions on selling food.• Kudos to the work.
Director M. Tita, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion to postpone this item to March 21 and so that comments can be prepared as supplementary information to the report.