

PROPOSED CITY-WIDE ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

- We know that Calgarians value and want to protect the environment. It is critical that we do our homework internally before engaging Calgarians.
- One Calgary highlighted that the environment strategy is disperse and spread across the Corporation – without a unifying overarching strategy or direction.
- The purpose of this Environmental Strategy and Action Plan is to provide a unifying, overarching framework for decision-making, which will comprehensively guide environmental plans and policies internally at The City.
- The Environmental Strategy and Action Plan (Environmental Strategy) will outline our commitment to the environment and convey how we are implementing this strategy and action plan (which will be updated as part of this process) across the Corporation. It will incorporate all the good work currently under way. The result will be a compilation of existing and future environmental strategies and plans.
- A holistic lens will be applied to the development of The Strategy, and as such, will consider social and economic connections to the environment.
- In laying out how we can adapt to climate change and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, through appropriate energy management, the Climate Strategy already demonstrates the success of an overarching strategy and action plan.
- Additionally, as part of the need to provide an overarching strategy, and to prevent unnecessary overlap and duplication and improving efficiency, there is a critical need for strategy and policy alignment in all areas across our organization - also with regards to the environmental related strategies and policies.
- Council support and direction in this regard is critical. Once we have our internal house in order, we then are in a position to engage with Calgarians. That would be the next step.
- An Environmental Strategy and Action Plan therefore would be a compilation of the existing and future environmental work we do around the environment (as already underway in some areas of our organization) - from goals to policies and actions - in one unifying document.

- Building on The City's Environmental Policy, The Strategy will look at six cornerstones of our environment:



Air



Water



Land



Waste



Energy



Biodiversity

- In closing, adoption of this Notice of Motion will provide the environmental policy direction necessary to achieve the Council Priority of *A Healthy and Green City* and guide other key plans, policies and initiatives. It will guide the key outcome indicators and be in alignment with the Municipal Development Plan (MDP), the Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP), and other corporate documents – as part of this project work.

