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Public Gardens Scoping Report

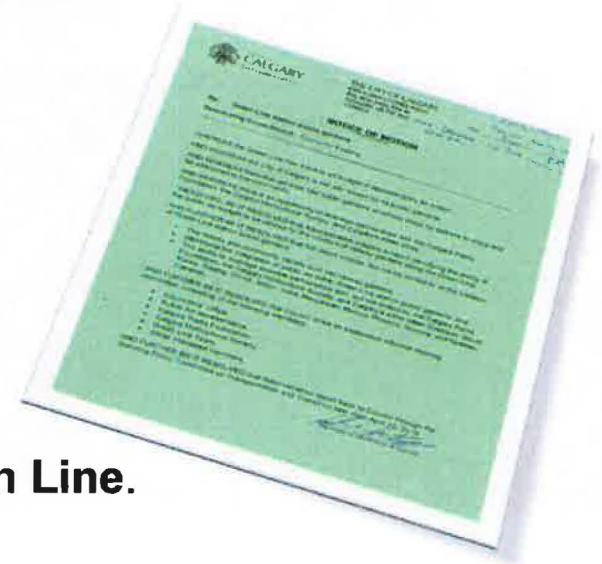
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Notice of Motion (C2018-1445) Summary

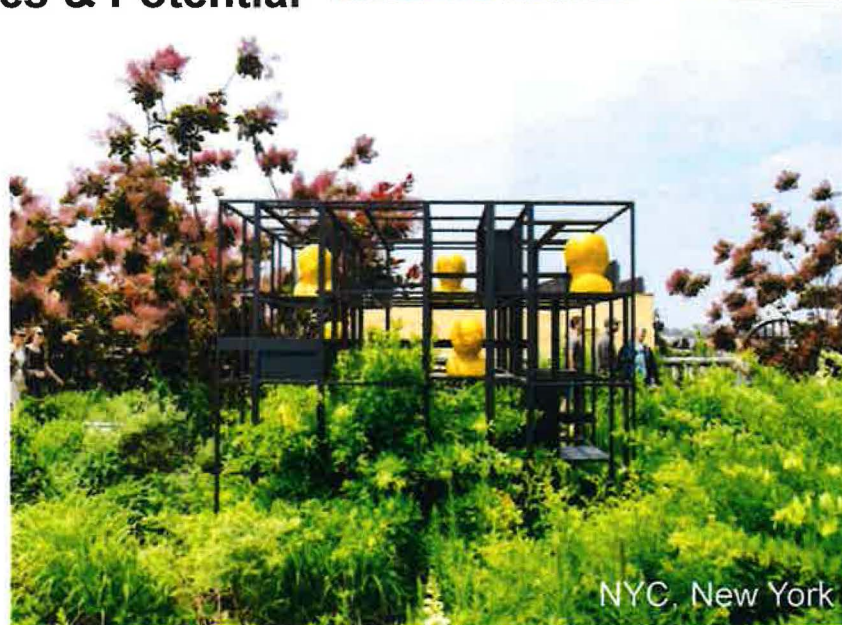
- I. Report back to SPC T&T on April 24, 2019 with a **Scoping Report** including the following:
 - i. Form an **explorative Informal Steering Committee** consisting of:
 - Members from the Councillors' office;
 - Public Art Representation;
 - Calgary Parks Foundation;
 - Calgary Horticultural Society;
 - Green Line Team Representation;
 - Other interested members (e.g. Parks & Recreation)
 - ii. Explore the creation of **railway gardens along the Green Line.**
 - iii. Identify **Alignment/Risks** to Green Line Contract.
 - iv. Identify methods to modernize the concept of "Railway Garden" for **year round placemaking.**
 - v. Explore the feasibility of using the **public art budget.**
 - vi. Identify the ability to **leverage private sector investment and sponsorship.**



Informal Steering Committee

15 Subject Matter Experts identified:

- The desire and excitement for investment opportunities
- The need for a clear vision and comprehensive plan
- Big Ideas, Possibilities & Potential
- Feasibility & Risks



Creating Public Gardens along the Green Line

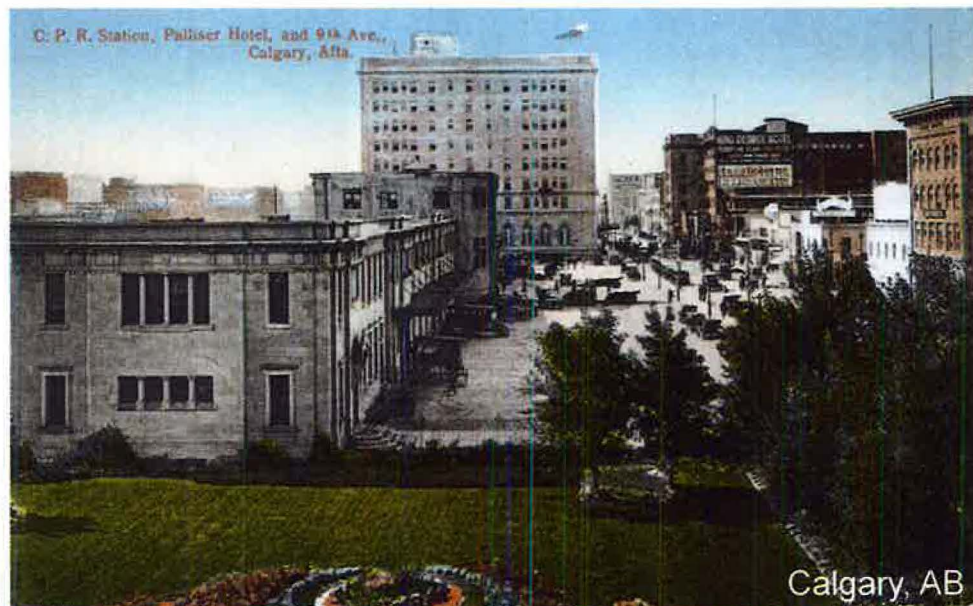
The term Railway Gardens has been broadened to the term Public Gardens to contextualize Railway Gardens in a contemporary context to better align with the scope of work

Railway Gardens



Public Gardens

Investigation has determined that the development of Public Gardens is feasible



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Modernize Concept of “Public Garden”



Six Seed Themes



Community



Art, Local History and Education



Seasonal + Year Round



Events



Wayfinding



Digital Technology



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Alignment/Risks to Green Line contract

- Three types of contract integration were considered:
 1. Main Contract
 2. Supplementary Contract
 3. Separate Contract



- Supplementary contract(s) are recommended to integrate Public Gardens and **mitigate risks to Green Line while leveraging third party investors.**



Illustration of city-owned green space

Green Line Public Art

Public Gardens are **ideal locations for Public Art** to be sited, integrated in alignment with three foundational pillars:

1. Accessible
2. Prioritize Investment
3. Transparency

Opportunities exist to partner with local organizations, funding for artist residencies, third party investment, and further public engagement.



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Leverage Private Sector Investment

- New Municipal infrastructure projects, such as Green Line present unique opportunities for third party investment
- Interest exists to invest in initiatives that build community.
- The City has a team dedicated to revenue generation with the expertise to attract third party investors.



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That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation & Transit recommend that Council:

1. Direct Administration to bring this report forward as Urgent Business to the 2019 April 29 meeting of Council; and
2. Direct Administration to report back no later than Q4 2019 with a workplan including scope, cost, resources, funding source, engagement and delivery strategy for the Public Gardens Master Planning work and the development of six Public Garden Projects.

Questions

