

BRIEFING

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**Utilities & Environmental Protection Briefing to
SPC on Utilities and Corporate Services
2017 July 19**

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Administrative Inquiry from Bowness Responsible Flood Mitigation Society to 2019 May 15 Standing Policy Committee on Utilities and Corporate Services

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

The purpose of this briefing is to provide a public record of responses from Administration to the questions asked by the Bowness Responsible Flood Mitigation Society (BRFM) during the 2018 Flood Resiliency and Mitigation Annual Update (UCS2019-0653) at the 2019 May 15 Standing Policy Committee on Utilities and Corporate Services (SPC on UCS).

During this meeting, members of the public representing BRFM raised 32 questions to committee regarding The City's proposed flood mitigation barrier in Bowness. A letter from BRFM Chair Ms. Jean Woeller including the questions was received by The City of Calgary 2019 May 21. Councillor Sutherland, in his role as SPC on UCS Chair, then requested Administration respond to these questions. Administration reviewed all questions and provided a summary response document to the SPC on UCS Chair. The response document was then provided to BRFM on 2019 June 14 through Councillor Sutherland's office.

The letter from BRFM (Attachment 1) and summary response document (Attachment 2) are attached here for the public record.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Administration addressed all 32 questions requested by BRFM relating to the proposed Bowness Flood Barrier, organised into the following categories by BRFM:

- Consultation and Engagement on the Bowness barrier
- Equality and fairness in flood protection across Calgary
- Groundwater and barrier effectiveness
- Tree census and the environment
- Upstream mitigation solutions
- Information accuracy and clarity

Attachment 2 outlines in detail Administration's answers to the questions in each of the categories above. The responses include the information Administration has available to date, as studies are currently underway to inform the proposed Bowness Barrier Project. Findings from these studies will be presented to community members, and further engagement is expected before moving to subsequent phases. The work underway will address issues raised by community members, and Administration will continue to share information and gather feedback before proceeding to subsequent phases.

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ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Attachment 1 – BRFM Letter of Requests to SPC-UCS 20190515
2. Attachment 2 – Administration Response to BRFM Inquiry 20190614