

# Council News in Brief

## Regular Meeting of Council

May 25, 2015

### [Prairie Winds Park Design Development Plan](#)

Council approved The Prairie Winds Park Design Development Plan (DDP), a regional park plan based on research, analysis, public and stakeholder input and park planning expertise that will guide park redevelopment. Located in Calgary's Westwinds/Castleridge communities, Prairie Winds Park opened in September 1990, as Calgary's first major regional park in the northeast quadrant of the city. The plan considers the changing and local needs of the community, increased usage in the park, an enhanced and diversified visitors' experience and improving the park's environmental health. It also identifies much-needed lifecycle upgrades and replacements. The goal of the plan is to ensure the park remains valuable and enjoyable for park users today and into the future.

### [Multi-Family Residential Parking Reduction Policy](#)

Council amended and approved a policy amendment to the Parking Policy Framework that allows Administration to consider applications for multi-family residential buildings with zero parking or significant parking reductions. The policy was initiated by Administration in response to several applications for such parking reductions. It will provide a consistent process for reviewing such development applications, and ensure that appropriate measures are in place to manage any potential parking impacts from these developments. Administration will report back through the Transportation and Transit Committee in two years on how the policy has been applied.

### [Amendments to the Mission Area Redevelopment Plan \(ARP\)](#)

Council delayed proposed amendments to the Mission ARP in order to have them return at the same time as the development permit application.

### [Deferral Report - Notice of Motion Response on Project Management on City Projects](#)

Council approved a request to postpone a report on Project Management on City Projects, and for Administration to return with the report no later than October 1 2015. The additional time will allow for further engagement with key stakeholders, including the Administrative Leadership Team.

### [Amendment to Fire Department Operations and Fees Bylaw](#)

Council approved an amendment to the City of Calgary Fire Operations and Fees Bylaw that gives authority to the General Manager of Community Services & Protective Services to appoint the Fire Chief, bringing the hiring process into alignment with the process for hiring directors and equivalent positions across The City. Previously, the bylaw stipulated that City Council hold the authority for this appointment.

### [Elbow Valley West Servicing \(Councillor Notice of Motion\)](#)

Council postponed a Notice of Motion on Elbow Valley West servicing until Rockyview County signs on to the Calgary Metropolitan Plan.

[Green Line - Moving Straight to LRT \(Councillor Notice of Motion\)](#)

Council amended and approved a proposal directing Administration to prepare a report which outlines a project delivery model that would move straight to light rail transit (LRT) on the Green Line. The report is to include a long-term repayment framework based on the project being jointly funded by The City, The Province and The Federal Government. It will include a variety of initial phase project scopes, construction and financing timelines, a cost-benefit analysis and funding options. Council directed Administration to return with an outline of the report to the June 2nd Priorities and Finance Committee and that the final report be brought to Transportation and Transit Committee in December 2015 along with the Green Line Planning Study.

[Council exercising The City of Calgary's rights at the 2015 Annual General Meeting of Calgary Economic Development \(CED\) \(Mayor Notice of Motion\)](#)

Council approved a Notice of Motion to authorize Mayor Nenshi, on behalf of the City, to exercise all powers and voting rights of The City as a shareholder of Calgary Economic Development's (CED's) Annual General Meetings.

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