



Edmonton Metro Council Happenings

Week of April 1 – April 5, 2019

I. COUNCIL HAPPENINGS:

Edmonton:

April 2, 2019 – [City Council](#)

- *6.1 - Land Governance Strategy; 6.2 - Land Governance Strategy – Additional Information; 8.1 - City Land Development Strategy Update (M. Walters); and 8.2 - Joint Venture Development - Organizational Options (S. Hamilton).*
 - Items 6.1, 6.2, 8.1 and 8.2 were dealt with together.
 - Land Governance Strategy Update:
 - Councillor Walters and Councillor Hamilton combined their respective motions.
 - Following this, Council passed a motion to pause a large portion of the City's greenfield development until Administration returns with an updated report in the fourth quarter of 2019, exploring changes to how the city owns and manages its land.
 - This includes continuing to consult with the Real Estate Advisory Committee (REAC) for the purpose of obtaining advice on defining development projects for City owned Land within Enterprise Land Development in alignment with City of Edmonton Vision 2050 and on defining the City's role in attracting private investment in such development projects; strategies to dispose of industrial and residential City owned land within Enterprise Land Development; and, updates to Policy C511 (the City's Land Development Policy), the mandate of Enterprise Land Development, and further options for an entity to help catalyze or incent joint venture development in key city building areas (e.g. River Crossing, Rosedale, Exhibition Lands and the Quarters) including but not limited to options for an arm's length independent organization like an Urban Renewal Authority.
 - Additionally, the motion included that Administration provide proposed amendments to the Land Management Strategy to

include an updated strategy for prioritizing use of City-owned land to achieve urgent City goals i.e. housing.

- UDI-ER was in attendance during this Council meeting.

II. UPCOMING COUNCIL DATES:

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Edmonton – [Urban Planning Committee](#)

- *6.3 - Zoning Bylaw Renewal - Principles and Approach*
 - For the first time in almost two decades, the Zoning Bylaw Renewal will review all the rules that regulate development in Edmonton. This work is intended to be a comprehensive overhaul that involves rethinking how, what, and why the City regulates, and to ensure alignment with the City Plan and other City policies and initiatives.

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- *8.3 - Legal Opinion – Change of Bremner Status*
 - Notice of Motion: That by April 30, 2019, Administration provide a legal opinion to Council on the steps that would need to be taken and any potential liability risks with respect to amending County Council's decision on the selection of the Bremner area as the County's next growth node.