



## UDI-ER COUNCIL BRIEFING NOTE

**Date:** April 19, 2021

**Municipality:** City of Edmonton

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The following relevant items were discussed at the City of Edmonton's [City Council Meeting](#) on Monday, April 19, 2021.

### **6.1 Spring 2021 Supplemental Operating Budget Adjustment**

- City Council confirmed keeping this year's overall property tax increase at 0%.

### **6.7 - Edmonton Economic Action Plan**

#### ***Background:***

- The Edmonton Economic Action Plan ([Attachment 1](#)) is intended to coordinate and drive economic development over the next 10 years.
- The plan acknowledges the realities of Edmonton's current economy, and recognizes the importance of local economic development organizations that are already hard at work.

#### ***At Council:***

- Council approved the Edmonton Economic Action Plan and voted 13-0 in favour of the following motion:
  - *That Administration, in partnership with City-funded economic development partners and other partners where appropriate, return to Committee with an update on implementation of the Edmonton Economic Action Plan, specifically including:*
    - *Update on mobilization of capital in Edmonton, including case - studies and measurements related to captured investment in Edmonton;*
    - *Update on red tape reduction to align with business/investor timelines.*

#### ***Next Steps:***

- Administration will return with an update on implementation of the Edmonton Economic Action Plan in the first quarter of 2022 at Executive Committee.

## **6.8 - Revised Community Energy Transition Strategy - Final Strategy, Action Plan and Policy**

### ***Background:***

- The City of Edmonton's Revised Community Energy Transition Strategy builds on the City's [existing Energy Transition Strategy](#) to limit the rise of global average temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius.
- UDI-ER has been actively engaged with City Administration on this file. In advance of Executive Committee on April 12<sup>th</sup>, UDI-ER submitted the [following letter](#).
- Following deliberations, Executive Committee voted 5-0 in favour of recommending the following to City Council:
  - *1. That the Community Energy Transition Strategy and Action Plan, as set out in [Attachment 1](#) of the April 12, 2021, Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development report [UFCSD00209](#), be approved, as the City of Edmonton's climate change mitigation plan.*
  - *2. That the Climate Resilience Policy C627, as set out in [Attachment 7](#), be approved.*
  - *3. That Edmonton's Community Energy Transition Strategy Policy C585 and Sustainable Building Policy C532, be repealed.*

### ***At Council:***

- Council approved the Revised Community Energy Transition Strategy and voted 12-1 in favour of the following motion: **(bolded items are changes made to the original)**
  - *1. That the Community Energy Transition Strategy and Action Plan, as set out in [Attachment 1](#) of the April 12, 2021, Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development report [UFCSD00209](#), be approved, as the City of Edmonton's climate change mitigation plan.*
  - *2. That the Climate Resilience Policy C627, as set out in [Attachment 7](#), be approved with the following amendment, and that Edmonton's Community Energy Transition Strategy Policy C585 and Sustainable Building Policy C532, be repealed:*
    - ***On Page 1 under Statement, delete and replace part 1 as follows: "Act to reduce emissions by 35% by 2025, 50% by 2030 and be a carbon neutral community by 2050 through Energy Transition to help limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius."***

- **3. That Administration, in the annual reporting on the implementation of the revised Energy Transition Strategy (as articulated in Attachment 1 of the April 12, 2021, Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development report UFCSD00209)**
  - **a. identify annual emissions reductions needed to achieve the targets outlined in the strategy (a 35% reduction in community emissions by 2025 and 50% reduction in community emission by 2030 from 2005 levels),**
  - **b. identify “negative emissions” needed to stay within the community carbon budget; identify progress towards achieving those targets and the carbon budget, and**
  - **c. identify any corresponding corrective actions that should return through the appropriate budget discussions at Council.**

**Next Steps:**

- The next annual report is due in the second quarter of 2022 at City Council. UDI-ER will continue to monitor this file throughout implementation.