



Edmonton Metro Council Happenings

I. COUNCIL HAPPENINGS:

Edmonton:

April 23, 2019 – [Urban Planning Committee](#)

- 6.4 - Exhibition Lands Redevelopment Plan – Preferred Working Concept
 - On Tuesday, April 23rd, the Urban Planning Committee (UPC) carried a recommendation to City Council:
 - *That Administration advance further refinement and business case analysis on the Preferred Working Concept for redevelopment of Exhibition Lands as outlined in Attachment 1 of the April 23, 2019, Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development report CR_6173.*
 - Four different approaches to redevelopment have been proposed for the Exhibition Lands site. Following public engagement, Administration has developed a preferred working concept that synthesizes the desired elements from the initial concepts, addresses proforma concerns, and balances community and city-building priorities.
 - For more information on the preferred working concept of the Exhibition Lands Redevelopment Plan, please [click here](#).
 - What does this mean?
 - Administration will continue towards the next phase of the planning process for the Exhibition Lands site as they have been given the green light to further develop and refine the aforementioned Preferred Working Concept.

May 7, 2019 – [Urban Planning Committee](#)

- 6.1 – Comprehensive Review of Parking Regulations in Zoning Bylaw 12800
 - On Tuesday, May 7th, the UPC received [Council Report 6707](#) for information, which informed the Committee of Administration's parking regulation analysis and determined the extent to which the City should regulate onsite parking.
 - Administration provided the Committee with 3 options:
 - Approach 1 – Minimum Parking Requirements
 - Approach 2 – Open Option Parking (which allows homeowners and businesses to choose the amount of parking that best meets their needs).
 - Approach 3 – Maximum Parking Requirements
 - The Committee received the report and put forward the following motions:

- **Open Option Parking Implementation**
 - *That Administration advance the implementation of Approach 2 as described in the May 7, 2019, Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development report CR_6707 and return with a report to Committee, including:*
 - *A comprehensive review of on-street parking implications*
 - *Further research to determine significant predictors of all types of parking demand, and how these predictors affect on-site demand*
 - *Development of implementation scenarios, including draft bylaw amendments, that consider a one-step implementation and/or a phased, transitional approach, and different zoning categories (e.g. downtown / core, commercial/industrial, core residential, suburban residential, institutional, stadium area), including the impact on each*
 - *Implementation of the other regulatory amendments as outlined in Attachment 6.*
- **Options for Cash-in-Lieu of Parking**
 - *That Administration prepare a report that explores high level policy options for:*
 - *Developer payments in lieu of minimum parking requirements to contribute to public transit, and/or*
 - *High density parking that facilitates transit options in lieu of minimum parking requirements, and provide a recommended option if applicable.*
- What does this mean?
 - Essentially, the Committee voted that new developments will no longer require minimum parking requirements. Administration will study the aforementioned requests from Council and return for a public hearing later this year (fall 2019).

II. NOTES FROM AROUND THE REGION:

Spruce Grove:

- 2019 Municipal By-election
 - A vacancy was created on Council on April 23, 2019 by the resignation of Councillor Searle Turton (now elected to the Legislature following the provincial election). To comply with the Municipal Government Act (MGA), Administration is recommending a by-election date of July 10, 2019. For more on this item, please [click here](#).