



UDI-ER COUNCIL BRIEFING NOTE

Date: April 12, 2021

Municipality: City of Edmonton

The following relevant items were discussed at the City of Edmonton's [Executive Committee](#) on Monday, April 12, 2021.

6.1 - 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. This ambitious target aligns with Edmonton's long term vision of transitioning to a low-carbon future, outlined in ConnectEdmonton (strategic plan) and The City Plan (municipal development plan).
- On April 12th, the final revised Energy Transition Plan was presented at Executive Committee.
- UDI-ER has been actively engaged with City Administration on this file. In advance, UDI-ER submitted the [following letter](#) to Executive Committee.

At Committee:

- 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 *That Edmonton's Community Energy Transition Strategy Policy C585 and Sustainable Building Policy C532, be repealed.*

Next Steps:

- This item will now go to City Council on April 19, 2021. UDI-ER will continue to monitor this file through Council and implementation.

6.3 - 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.¹

At Committee:

- This item was referred back to Administration and will return at the April 19, 2021, City Council meeting. UDI-ER will provide an update for Members following Council.

6.4 - Sanitary Services Strategy Oversight Committee - Governance Options - Additional Collaboration

At Committee:

- This item was postponed to the May 10, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.

6.9 – Residential/Non-Residential Assessment Ratio - Analysis

Background:

- At the January 27, 2020 Executive Committee meeting, the following motion was passed:
 - *That Administration provide an analysis on what would be required to shift our residential/non-residential assessment ratio from 75% / 25% to 70% / 30%.*
- [This report](#) is Administration's response to Council's request.
- The report states that achieving a 70/30 residential/non-residential assessment within a 10 or 20 year time frame presents significant challenges. However, Administration is pursuing a number of strategies to help the non-residential tax base grow (listed on p. 4).²

At Committee:

- The recommendation was carried.

¹ City of Edmonton. [UFCS00208](#), p.2.

² City of Edmonton. [CR 8017](#), p.4.