



Report Number: EC2021-1698

Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2021 December 14

## NOTICE OF MOTION

**RE: Building Accountability into the Declaration of a Climate Emergency and Call to Action**

**Sponsoring Councillor(s):** Cllr Walcott, Cllr Wyness, Cllr Dhaliwal

### WHEREAS:

- On November 16, 2021, Council approved EC2021-1525 Declaration of Climate Emergency and Call to Action where Calgary City Council made clear our commitment to taking local action on a global crisis;
- Within the Declaration of Climate Emergency and Call to Action, the target of Net Zero by 2050 became a part of our public mandate;
- The Declaration of a Climate Emergency and Call to Action adds to a list of commitments made by the City of Calgary including, but not limited to, the 2018 Climate Resilience Strategy, the 2009 Calgary Climate Change Accord, and the 2006 Climate Change Action Plan.
- The 2020 Calgary Climate Panel, in their review of our current efforts to achieve the goals set out by council commitments, stated that “that there is a need to accelerate development of a more comprehensive strategy, policy, and implementation framework;”
- In consultation with community partners, such as the Calgary Climate Hub, it has become clear the City of Calgary is falling behind its own commitments, falling behind other major municipalities, and leaving major opportunities on the table;
- That given the City of Calgary’s renewed commitment to transforming our response to the Climate Crisis, we must create and build the structures necessary to hold ourselves to account, while allowing for us to be fluid and adaptable to the changing nature of the Climate Crisis.

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Council direct Administration to develop a **framework to measure and report** on the Climate Strategy actions, budget and annual spend.
2. That Council direct Administration to provide **ongoing expenditure reports** to be submitted to Audit Committee;
  - a. **Future reports will explore financials** including cost of action/inaction, avoided costs and cost savings as it relates to climate mitigation and adaptation.
  - b. **Qualitative reporting** to include indigenous world view, equity, and environment
3. That Council direct Administration to update the city-wide and corporate greenhouse gas reduction target to be net-zero emissions by 2050 and set **sector specific interim targets** to ensure accountability and benchmarking;
4. That Council direct Administration to present a plan to retrofit and update all **City owned assets** with clean energy infrastructure and improvements that exceeds current energy standards;

- a. The Plan should include anticipated timelines, a costs/savings analysis, and an action prioritization of City-owned facilities and operations
  - b. Each Business Unit to build carbon targets and actions into their 2023 – 2026 business plans and budgets
5. That Council direct Administration to work with ***civic partners and subsidiaries*** to ensure alignment with Calgary’s climate risk reduction goals and emissions reductions target, including the interim targets;
  6. That Council direct Administration to connect with community partners in an ***outreach and educational campaign*** that will empower all Calgarians to play their part in meeting the City’s net-zero target and reduce climate risk in our communities;

Due to the urgent nature of the Global Climate Emergency, Council directs Administration to pursue and report on the progress on the above actions, to be reported on by the end of Q3 2022, in order to be considered during the 2023-2026 Budget Cycle.