



URBAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE - CALGARY INFORMATION BULLETIN # 169

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION

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On November 03, 2014 City Council unanimously approved the Complete Streets Policy which includes the Complete Streets Guide (Schedule "A"), rescinded the Environmental Capacity Guidelines for Roadways Policy (TP009) and accepted the Street Capacity Guidelines. The Policy and the Complete Streets Guide now applies for all new Outline Plan submissions. The final 2014 Design Guidelines for Subdivision Servicing (2014 DGSS) (**Section II – ROADS only**) is anticipated to be released by week of January 26, 2015. A Tentative Plan that is submitted after March 31, 2015 (and was part of an Outline Plan approved prior to November 03, 2014) must conform to the Policy and new street design standards contained in the 2014 DGSS.

There may be some design challenges when transitioning from a completed community phase to a future phase. The applicant's engineer and the "Implementation Working Group" will work together to resolve them. Any alternative design standards and resulting line assignments will require discussions with shallow utilities.

Escalations

If there is a disagreement between CPAG and a Tentative Plan applicant regarding the application of this Policy, the applicant may initiate escalation of the issue through the CPAG File Manager. As resolution may be application specific, any resolution that differs from the Implementation Working Group recommendation may be communicated back to the Implementation Working Group for future reference.

Roadway Cross-Sections and Standards

The current roadway cross-sections, design elements, intersection design and geometric standards in the City of Calgary 2012 Design Guidelines for Subdivision Servicing (DGSS) have been updated to align with the Complete Streets Guide. A draft of the new design standards contained in Section II - Roads of the 2014 DGSS is available for reference on the City's website www.calgary.ca/ud until the final complete 2014 DGSS document is available in early, 2015.

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Terms

Greenfield Streets: means construction of new streets either in new development or in the existing areas with no building footprints adjacent and/or no Right-of-way constraints for the required street classification.

Retrofit Streets: means rehabilitation, reconstruction or upgrade of the existing streets in the existing areas as part of area redevelopment or simply street/corridor maintenance/upgrades.

Transition: Application of new design standards in a new phase adjacent to a completed phase within the approved Outline Plan. Depending upon the type of the street and adjacent land use, the integration of new design standards provides consistency, better connectivity not just within the development but to adjacent development or street/corridor adjacent to proposed street.

Alternative Design Standards: Please refer item 7.2 of the Complete Streets Policy.

Information Links and Contacts

The Complete Streets Policy is available at:

<http://www.calgary.ca/Transportation/TP/Pages/Planning/Calgary-Transportation-Plan/Complete-Streets.aspx>

The full report (TT2014-0307) to Council can be found on the City of Calgary website under the Council agenda item # 5.4 for November 03, 2014.

The 2014 Design Guidelines for Subdivision Servicing (2014 DGSS), Section II – ROADS is available at: www.calgary.ca/ud

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