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Notice of Motion | Incentivizing Low Carbon Investments

What did Council vote on, and what was my vote?

On February 14, 2023 (item 9.3.4), Council **approved Notice of Motion - Incentivizing Low Carbon Investments**. I voted **against** this Motion.

The Motion directs City staff to look at incentives, such as rebates and grants, for ATCO's Solar Farms (located in southeast Calgary, on lands contaminated by an old fertilizer plant).

Why did I vote **against**?

This Notice of Motion is climate greenwashing.

By looking at incentives for these projects, we are rewarding polluters for making land worthless. Instead, we should be pushing the province to hold polluters accountable and explore innovative technologies and business models for cleaning up contamination.

This Motion is also poorly thought out. It singles out ATCO's Solar Farms for special treatment, but supposedly this is to develop future incentive programs. Council should develop programs by examining problems and solutions holistically and in an unbiased way, not through incentives for one business.

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