

NM2008-37

RE: DEVELOP PROGRAMS TO INCREASE THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY
OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDINGS IN CALGARY

ALDERMAN: DRUH FARRELL
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WHEREAS in 2007 January, Council approved eleven sustainability principles to increase the quality of sustainable design in the city of Calgary (in particular principle 11: utilize green infrastructure and buildings);

AND WHEREAS Council has endorsed the Calgary Economic Development Strategy, which includes a strategy to require new large-scale commercial and industrial development to utilize more environmentally sensitive development forms and utility options;

AND WHEREAS improving the performance of communities and buildings in Calgary will significantly contribute to The City's Ecological Footprint and Climate Change Programs and our City Green House Gas reduction objectives;

AND WHEREAS Industry and City Administration are jointly developing a 3 year strategic plan for sustainable buildings in Calgary through the Best Practices in Building Design and Management (BPBD&M) Taskforce;

AND WHEREAS sustainably designed communities and buildings reduce both capital and operating impacts on City infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS there is a desire to provide incentives for the design, construction and completion of sustainably designed communities and buildings in the city of Calgary;

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary has a desire to more effectively partner with the private sector in addressing the technical and planning issues related to sustainable design;

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary requirements may pose barriers to the implementation of these best practice programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to develop and implement sustainable planning, development and building best practices in Calgary - in terms of planning, design, permitting, construction, commissioning, operation and maintenance;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Administration report to Council on progress towards these initiatives no later than 2009 February through the Standing Policy Committee on Land Use, Planning and Transportation.