



UTILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Potential Impacts to City of Edmonton Headwaters

Recommendation of the Committee

1. That the City Manager, in coordination with EPCOR, provide input into the Coal Policy Committee through the request for submissions of technical documents based upon information in the August 27, 2021, Urban Planning and Economy UPE00424 report relevant to Alberta's coal policy.
2. That Administration, in consultation with EPCOR, undertake a review of existing water management initiatives and provide to Utility Committee in Second Quarter 2022 a recommendation on the need for a formal watershed management plan that could include headwaters protection and integrated land use, climate change planning, and water management within Edmonton boundaries.
3. That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, write a letter advocating to the provincial government as part of the provincial coal policy review, to express the importance of the potential serious impact of coal mining on our regional watershed and ecosystems.

History

- At the August 27, 2021, Utility Committee meeting, the August 27, 2021, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE00424 was considered.
- The Committee heard from C. Smith, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - Northern Alberta Chapter.

Related motion passed at the August 27, 2021, Utility Committee meeting

That Administration provide an information report to Utility Committee, regarding the status of the North Saskatchewan River Regional Plan and the tools, policies and approaches that the regional plan is considering to protect the watershed's water quality and biodiversity.

Due date: Second Quarter 2022

Attachment

August 27, 2021, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE00424