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ATTACHMENT 2 / WORK PLAN

Implementing New EDC Standards and Procedures

Outside of the regular activities of the Committee, through 2022 the Committee focused on assisting Administration with the implementation of the new EDC Standards and Procedures, which were approved by the City Manager on December 3, 2021.

A Work Plan for 2022-23 and Beyond

In late 2022 a Subcommittee was struck to formalize a new work plan to be initiated during the remainder of the 2022-2023 term. This workplan focuses on four key activities:

1. Improved Onboarding / Training Tools

Ensuring new EDC Members receive sufficient training has consistently been identified as a priority of the Committee. The Subcommittee will lead this activity, with input from the Committee and the support of Administration as needed. This is a high priority activity with the intent to be completed to coincide with the introduction of new Committee Members in May 2023.

2. Reviewing the EDC Principles of Urban Design

Reviewing the EDC Principles of Urban Design was identified as a key concern of the design and development industry during the 2021 Standards and Procedures project; however, due to resource and timing constraints, reviewing the principles was not possible at that time.

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The Subcommittee will collaborate with Administration on this activity, with input from the Committee as well as the design and development industry (see below). The primary objective of this exercise is threefold:

- To better align the Principles with the policy objectives of The City
 Plan and other City plans and standards (e.g. Complete Streets)
- To ensure the Principles are focused on those considerations of greatest importance to the Committee at the present time.
- To ensure the Principles are tailored to the specific requirements of both Development Permit and Rezoning submissions.

This is a high priority activity intended to commence in Spring 2023; however, continued resource constraints may limit the ability of the Subcommittee to significantly advance this work this year.

3. Industry Engagement

Administration committed to a followup with the design and development industry to evaluate the effectiveness of the new EDC Standards and Procedures. At the same time, the review of the EDC Principles of Urban Design will necessitate engagement with external stakeholders. The Subcommittee will support Administration, who intend to initiate this activity in Spring 2023.

4. Councillor Luncheon

Prior to COVID-19, EDC hosted an annual luncheon with the Mayor and City Councillors. The purpose of the luncheon was twofold - to provide an informal setting for the Mayor and City Councillors to meet EDC Members and learn more about the work of the Committee, and at the same time recognize outgoing Committee members. The Subcommittee will collaborate with Administration to host the first Councillor Luncheon since 2019 in Fall 2023, prior to the Edmonton Design Awards Gala.