



URBAN PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Advocacy for Funding Towards Downtown Public Infrastructure Projects and Residential Incentive Programs

Recommendation of the Committee

That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, advocate to other orders of government for funding towards downtown public infrastructure projects and residential incentive programs, such as new purpose-built rentals, office conversions, and other related developments.

History

- At the October 31, 2023, Urban Planning Committee meeting, the October 31, 2023, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE01836 - Downtown Community Revitalization Levy (CRL) Financial Incentives Funding Program and report UPE01864 - Office Tower Conversions were considered.
- The Committee heard from A. Pye, NAIOP Edmonton; R. Josan; G. Schluessel; C. Fillmore, Phipps McKinnon Project; K. Anderson, Urban Development Institute - Edmonton Region; M. Saunders; H. Edgar; A. Hryciw, Downtown Recovery Coalition; M. Sacha; A. Trimbee, MacEwan University; J. Campbell; P. McBryan, Edmonton Downtown Business Association; K. Toews; and B. Lafortune, Public Interest Alberta.

Related motions passed at the October 31, 2023, Urban Planning Committee meeting

- **Motion 1:**

That Administration, as part of its First Quarter 2024 Community Revitalization Levy update, provide options for a residential incentive program funded by the Community Revitalization Levy and make recommendations on how to prioritize such a program in the options to the Capital City Downtown Community Revitalization Levy.

- **Motion 2:**

That Administration provide a report outlining options and impacts for a program that freezes property taxes for a defined timeframe for new residential construction or office conversions in downtown Edmonton.

- **Motion 3:**

That Administration provide a memo on permitting options to incentivize office tower conversions including providing application support, examining opportunities for no development permit required and prioritizing building permit review.

Attachment

- October 31, 2023, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE01836
- October 31, 2023, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE01864