

## Charter Bylaw 18890

To allow for the development of a solar power plant as a complementary use to the E.L. Smith Water Treatment Plant in the North Saskatchewan River Valley, River Valley Cameron

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### Purpose

Rezoning from A To DC1; located at 16910 - 35 Avenue NW, 16850 & 16880 - Anthony Henday Drive NW

### Readings

Charter Bylaw 18890 is ready for three readings after the public hearing has been held. If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, Council must unanimously agree "That Charter Bylaw 18890 be considered for third reading."

### Advertising and Signing

This Bylaw has been advertised in the Edmonton Journal on September 18, 2020 and September 26, 2020. The Bylaw can be passed following third reading.

### Position of Administration

Administration supports this proposed Charter Bylaw.

### Previous Council Action

At the June 17, 2019, City Council Public Hearing, the following motion was passed:

Work with EPCOR Water and Enoch Cree Nation to continue engagement activities and return to a future Public Hearing. Engagement activities should include:

- a. Sharing archeological report and traditional knowledge to further interpret the findings and site history in consultation with Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women;
- b. Potential partnerships and collaborate on site interpretation, vegetation and harvesting, project naming and potential economic opportunities; and
- c. Offer to collaborate on the design and shared use of publicly accessible open space.

2. Work and reporting necessary to allow Council to fully consider whether the location within the River Valley should be deemed essential by Council.

### **Report**

The application proposes to develop a solar power plant, or a “solar farm”, on lands immediately south of the E. L. Smith Water Treatment Plant. As proposed, the facility will be made up of approximately 45,000 solar panels, generate 10 MW of electrical power, and occupy approximately 22 hectares of land.

The proposed application rezones the site from (A) Metropolitan Recreation Zone to (DC1) Direct Development Control Provision to permit Minor and Major Impact Utility Services uses to allow for the development of a Renewable Energy Device (solar power plant) and to permit the future expansion of the water treatment plant. The DC1 also includes the following uses: Public Libraries and Cultural Exhibits, Urban Gardens, Special Events, Public Park and Publicly Accessible Private Park.

An associated Plan Amendment, Bylaw 18889, to designate lands from Metropolitan Recreation and Environmental Protection Zone to Direct Development Control Provision is proceeding concurrently with this Charter Bylaw.

### **Public Engagement**

Advance Notice was sent to surrounding property owners and the Cameron Heights, Greater Windermere, Riverbend, The Lessard Edmonton, The Ridge, Wedgewood Ravine, and the Westridge / Wolf Willow / Country Club Community Leagues and the West Edmonton Communities Council Area Council, Southwest Area Council of Community Area Council, Terwillegar Riverbend Advisory Council Area Council, on July 6, 2017 and on May 1, 2018. As well, the City held two Public Engagement events, on February 13, 2018 and April 23, 2019. The responses received are summarized in the attached Administration Report.

Subsequent to Council’s motion, City Administration, EPCOR and Enoch Cree Nation met on Thursday March 12, 2020, to discuss the project moving forward and Enoch’s position of support for the proposed solar power plant.

### **Attachments**

1. Charter Bylaw 18890
2. Administration Report (Attached to Bylaw 18889 item 3.7)