

Foothills County – City of Calgary Annexation Negotiation Committee Meeting

Date & Time: December 16, 2022, 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Location: City of Calgary Water Centre, 651 - 25 Ave SE, Bow River Room #1
meeting hosted by The City of Calgary

SUMMARY NOTES

Meeting Participants

Foothills County	City of Calgary
Reeve Miller – Division 2	Councillor Demong – Ward 14
Councillor Alger – Division 5	Councillor Penner – Ward 11
Councillor Waldorf – Division 6 (co-chair)	Councillor Spencer – Ward 12 (co-chair)
Heather Hemingway, Director of Planning	Josh White, Director, City and Regional Planning,
Julie McLean, Senior Planner	Karen Holz, Manager, Regional Planning
	Sara Kassa, Team Lead, Regional Planning
	Neil Younger, Senior Strategist
	Natalia Zoldak, Planner 2

Regrets: Garity Stanley, *Legislative Services*

1. **Call to Order and Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Natalia Zoldak who chaired until the confirmation of co-chairs and provided an indigenous land acknowledgement. Committee members and administration held introductions with Cllr Penner connecting remotely.
2. **Confirmation of Roles.** Committee acknowledged two co-chairs: Cllr Spencer on behalf of The City of Calgary, and Cllr Waldorf on behalf of Foothills County. Chairing of the committee passed to Cllr Waldorf as the visiting co-chair.
3. **Additions & Changes to the Agenda.** No changes were made to the agenda.
4. **Adoption of Agenda.**
Motion: Councillor Alger moved to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED
5. **Business Items**
 - a. **Annexation Process Overview.** Natalia Zoldak provided an overview of the Annexation Process highlighting municipal-led and provincial-led components, and the role of Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal. Committee is at the beginning of the process, and a robust consultation process will follow. An estimated timeline was presented to 2024.

During discussion, Cllr Alger asked whether the public engagement is a joint process. Calgary staff confirmed it is, adding that engagement experts have prepared a draft engagement strategy and welcome input and review from Foothills. Cllr Demong asked about the scope of engagement, and staff clarified that it will include both information-sharing and eliciting feedback from landowners, those impacted and the public. Reeve Miller expressed a preference for a joint open house.

Foothills staff added that the process is intended to work to an agreement, and to provide for robust engagement.

Motion: by Councillor Spencer to receive the item for information. CARRIED

Review the List of Topics for Annexation discussion. Julie McLean presented an overview of annexation topics as further described in Attachment 1. Important items include boundary roads and roadway considerations. No additional topics were identified at this time, though additional items can be included in future discussions.

Motion: by Councillor Demong to receive for information. CARRIED

- b. Calgary's Annexation Proposal.** Natalia Zoldak presented Calgary's rationale for the annexation proposal highlighting three main reasons; 1) Calgary Council direction was to initiate the annexation, 2) This project is an opportunity for mutual cooperation between the municipalities, particularly with regards to addressing road issues, and 3) the extension of servicing, whereby the land is contiguous with developing communities in Calgary where servicing would extend from, so the lands could be accommodated into one future urban-scaled community.

During discussions, Cllr Demong asked why letters of notification were issued only to landowners in Foothills County within the Proposed Annexation Area and within 1.6 km of the area. Staff clarified that it is due to the higher potential impact in the County and that landowners in Calgary were identified as "the public" and will be engaged in the public consultation process.

Motion: Cllr Alger moved to receive the item for information. CARRIED

- c. Confirm Terms of Reference for Annexation Negotiation Committee.** Natalia Zoldak presented highlights from current Terms of Reference. Preferences were stated to have the ability to participate remotely, to hold two-hour meetings, and to arrange for meeting locations in Calgary's south. Though 2023 meeting dates will be held, they can be postponed if there is no need to meet. Committee will be informed of when there are opportunities for public input.

Motion: Reeve Miller moved to confirm the Terms of Reference. CARRIED

6. Closed Session Items. None.

- 7. Next Meeting Dates and Meeting Agenda.** The next meeting is to be held in Foothills County on January 30 from 1:30 to 3 pm at the Foothills County Offices in High River. Some members discussed that Mondays are best as a regular meeting date and that the next three dates should be booked.

8. Adjournment

Motion: Councillor Spencer moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 pm. CARRIED