

## **A Brief Overview of the 2010 updates to the Community Guide to the Planning Process**

This is a brief overview of the 2010 updates to the Community Guide to the Planning Process, 2008 edition, made by the Federation of Calgary Communities. See also the “Updates” page for the list of all replaced pages. Note that some pages were replaced due to new information and others because of formatting or re-pagination, with little or no change to the actual information in the Guide. Pages with information changes are usually noted in the footer.

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**Table of Contents** and **Updates** page were updated.

### **Contacts and Resources**

There was a change to planning department organization chart on p. 3 to show the move of land use and applications from DBA to LUPP. New contact info for the MDP/CTP (Plan It) - related documents, the Engagement Resource Unit and the Calgary Regional Partnership/Metropolitan Plan was included.

### **Chapter 1: Introduction**

Pages changed to correct a page numbering error.

### **Chapter 2: Planning In Calgary**

Most of Parts A-C have been substantially updated, starting with new information on the engage! Policy and Framework – the keystone City policy for stakeholder engagement (see also replaced Appendix C). There is an overview of the new Municipal Development Plan and Calgary Transportation Plan (Plan It), its contents and role. One aspect is the Framework for Growth and Change, which shows how the MDP/CTP and other plans affect strategic decision-making. New or updated information is provided on types of “Local Area Plans” (ARPs/ASPs, etc.), and how they are used in planning decision-making, including relative to the MDP/CTP (more on this as well in Chapter 5). *The Guide to the MDP and CTP* (a City interpretive document that is often updated) is introduced, and in Part E there is information drawn from this Guide on how local area plans may be initiated or amended, for example in response to development pressure. Other changes in Parts B and C show the role of the new Alberta Land Use Framework and Calgary area regional plans. In Section F there is new information on Special Care Facilities/Good Neighbour Agreements, improvements to Facilities on City-Owned Land (e.g. CA facilities), Community Gardens, Secondary Suites (see also the LUB appendix) and Child Care location policies. There are no big changes to Part D on the Land Use Bylaw.

### **Chapter 3: Roles**

Parts A, B and C on the roles of community associations and neighbours have been updated to reflect new material that is being developed, separate from this document, to assist community associations in setting up and running planning committees and engaging residents and others. (See also Chapter 4.) There is also a brief new mention of the role of BRZs (business revitalization zones) in Part A. There are related changes to Part H, on the Role of the Federation.

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### Chapter 4: Community Association Planning Committees

Parts A-D have been updated to reflect new material that is being developed to assist community associations in setting up and running planning committees and engaging residents and others. For more information contact the Federation Urban Planner + Engagement Coordinator, [engageinplanning@calgarycommunities.com](mailto:engageinplanning@calgarycommunities.com); (403) 244-4111 x210.

### Chapter 5: Implementation Planning

New information has been added throughout, and some out-of-date information from the 2008 edition has been removed. There are also minor changes to reflect changing terms: “engagement” replaces “consultation” in some places, as per the *engage! Policy*. Many pages have been replaced, but the substantive changes are a bit more targeted. There is new information on the role the MDP plays in the review of planning applications in the land use (p. 68) and development permit sections (p. 93). There is a new note on Restrictive Covenants on p. 93. The section on reserve land now includes re-use of surplus school sites (p. 87). There is more information on Stream 3 and Stream 4 DP applications, and the importance of community knowledge of the Stream 3 circulation list (pp. 89-90). Information on DP Notice Posting has been expanded a bit on page 92. Information on expired or cancelled permits has been amended on page 97. The section on contextual rules in the Developed Area, low density infills and the Infill Guidelines has been amended to reflect recent changes (pp. 100-101). The illustration of the contextual single-detached permitted infill envelope in the 2008 edition has been removed as it is out of date due to LUB changes (old pages 98 and 99 in the 2008 edition).

### Chapter 6: Subdivision and Development Appeals

There are changes to clarify content, including the determination of “affected person”, and to reflect recent administrative changes to how the SDAB operates. First updated March 2010.

**Chapter 7: Community Traffic Issues** - No significant change.

### Appendixes:

In **Appendix A**, the Sustainability Principles for Land Use and Mobility, there is a small update reflecting the passage of “Plan It”. **Appendix B**, the Land Use Districts Summary, includes a changed height in the M-C2 district (p. 135), updated information on Secondary Suites (p. 143) and some minor changes. **Appendix C**, formerly the Notice Posting List, was subject to much change, and has been replaced by the information on the *engage! Policy* and the Engage Spectrum of Strategies and Promises. Some of the Notice Posting information formerly here was moved to Chapter 5. **Appendix E**, the Glossary, now includes some terms from the Plan It documents included in the updated Chapter 2 (complete community, complete streets, Local Area Plan, etc.). In **Appendix F**, the section on how to calculate community residential density in greenfield areas, has been removed because of changes with Plan It, and replaced with a reference to the *Guide to the MDP and CTP*. **Appendix G**, the Index, has not been updated and therefore is not currently very useful. A replacement cover page indicates this.