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## **BACKGROUND**

Calgarians have an awareness, understanding and appreciation of the benefits of wetlands. As a result, wetlands have become an integral part of our city's urban fabric and they are maintained for the benefit, use and enjoyment of present and future Calgarians and visitors.

## **PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION**

1. OE2001-44: Council directed Administration to enter into discussions with Alberta Transportation regarding protection of wetlands in the Transportation and Utility Corridor.
2. OE2001-47: Council approved and submitted a resolution to the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association encouraging the Province to address the issue of wetland protection in urban centres. The Minister of the Environment responded favourably to this resolution and encouraged co-operation between the Province and The City of Calgary.
3. The City of Calgary's "**Looking Ahead - Moving Forward: Council Priorities for 2002-2004**": Within the environment priority Council advocates, "*protecting and acquiring key natural areas and green spaces*" with a key objective to develop "*effective, proactive wetland policies*".

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Wetland Conservation Plan is to provide a standardized corporate-wide policy and innovative methodologies and practices to support and incorporate sustainable wetlands into the City of Calgary. Such standards will ensure that proponents of development are compliant with The City's statutory plans, bylaws, and policies (e.g. The Calgary Plan and Council Policy SP0202, Calgary Open Space Plan and Council Policy CSPS028, Urban Parks Master

Plan and Council Policy CSPC030, Natural Ares Management Plan, Calgary Storm water Management & Design Manual etc.,

### **POLICY**

See attached Wetland Conservation Plan.

### **PROCEDURE**

See attached Wetland Conservation Plan.

### **POLICY ALIGNMENT**

This policy is in alignment with the Alberta Wetland Conservation Policy and the following City of Calgary plans and policies:

- The Calgary Plan and Council Policy SP0202;
- Calgary Open Space Plan and Council Policy CSPS02;
- Urban Parks Master Plan and Council Policy CSPC030;
- Natural Ares Management Plan; and
- Calgary Storm water Management & Design Manual

### **AMENDMENTS**

Effective 2016 February 01, Parks became Calgary Parks.