

## SCOPING REPORT FOR PATHWAY SAFETY REVIEW

**Purpose:** Complete a comprehensive safety review of Calgary's pathway system with recommendations and a proposed implementation strategy.

**Resources:** Parks will lead the development of the pathway safety review with input from other business units, particularly Transportation Planning. Resources will be found within Parks Budget to perform some pathway user counts and surveys, as well as conduct a safety review on the existing pathway system.

**Engagement Strategy:** Engagement for the development of the pathway safety review will adhere to the City of Calgary's engage! Policy: accountability, inclusiveness, transparency, commitment and responsiveness.

Administration, in addition to gathering information from pathway users, will solicit information and consult with an external committee consisting of representatives from various organizations including the Calgary Pathway & Bikeway Advisory Council, cycling clubs, hiking clubs, seniors hiking clubs, in-line skating clubs, nature clubs, and organizations representing people with disabilities.

### Contents:

#### Part 1 - Description of Pathway System

- Includes definitions of regional and local pathways; types of connecting infrastructure (e.g. bridges; pedestrian overpasses); associated amenities (benches, signage, bollards); size, location, and extent of system; adjacent land use (types / quantification); interface with roads, sidewalks, trails; photos.

#### Part 2 - Vision and Objectives

- Restatement from the 2001 Pathway & Bikeway Plan including guiding principles.

#### Part 3 - 10-year review of Calgary's Pathway System

- Review of implementation of previous direction and achievements to date including 2009 Calgary Transportation Plan and Municipal Development Plan, 2001 Pathway & Bikeway Plan, Open Space Plan, 1996 Cycle Plan, Parks and Pathways Bylaw, Traffic Safety Act (Alberta) and other applicable legislation..
- Review of best practices from other cities (4-6 cities) – pathway systems, safety issues/challenges, numbers and types of users, operations and best practices, education/enforcement, performance measures, volunteer programs, maintenance budgets, dealing with new technology (e.g. segways).
- Examination of current public use – purpose and volume of use; seasonal use; activity types – numbers, timing, direction; with a comparison to 2005 Pathwatch Survey and 2006-07 Winter Pathwatch Survey
- Assessment of current situation in Calgary (with public engagement) identifying factors such as trends/influencers; strengths and weaknesses of current pathway system and safety; specific safety issues; and a review of Parks and Pathways Bylaws as they relate to pathway safety.
- Trouble calls and accident statistics, emergency response and accessibility.

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- Review of annual pathway condition assessment process done by Parks and a safety review of existing pathway system to current design and landscape standards.

### **Part 4 - Implementation Strategy**

- Based upon an analysis of the information gained from the environmental scan, annual condition assessments, user data, safety review and public engagement.
- Identification of priorities; timelines: short (1-2 yrs), medium(3-5 yrs) , long term(5+yrs); costs (capital and operating); responsible business units and coordination of responsibilities. Direct tie to the Corporate 10-year capital plans.

### **Part 5 – Monitoring**

- Develop targets and performance measures to monitor the success of actions recommended. Targets and performance measures will align with the 2009 Calgary Transportation Plan & Municipal Development Plan.
- Develop a timeline for how and when to report back to Council with a status on the recommended actions.

### **Appendix – Engagement Strategy**

- Process and list of stakeholders