

Deferral Report – Riverbank Slope Overlay District – Review of In-Ground Swimming Pools

ISSUE

Following City Council approval of the creation of a Riverbank Slope Overlay District (Overlay District), Administration was requested to report back by June 2020 with options to consider adding regulations for in-ground swimming pools in the Overlay District.

RECOMMENDATION

That consideration of a report from the Administration with respect to options for in-ground swimming pools in the Riverbank Slope Overlay District be deferred to the March 8, 2021 meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Planning Development and Community Services.

BACKGROUND

City Council, at the Public Hearing, held on December 16, 2019, approved amendments to the Official Community Plan, Bylaw No. 8769 and Bylaw No. 8770, the Zoning Bylaw, to provide policy and regulations for development of specific sites adjacent to the South Saskatchewan River. The approved regulations provided for the creation of a Riverbank Slope Overlay Zoning District that contains development standards for development within the area while maintaining the integrity of the riverbank.

As part of the approved amendments, in-ground swimming pools are not a permitted development.

City Council requested additional information related to development of in-ground swimming pools, and made the following resolution:

“that Administration report back not later than June 2020 with options to consider adding regulations for in-ground swimming pools in the slope overlay district.”

In June 2020, the Standing Policy Committee on Planning Development and Community Services received a deferral report on this request to report back indicating additional time was needed to complete the review of municipal development standards and to provide engagement with industry professionals and other stakeholders. Therefore, the report back was deferred to December 2020.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

A review of municipal development standards across Canada related to in-ground swimming pools and slope stability has been completed. Due to the pandemic, engagement with industry professionals and other stakeholders, including geotechnical engineers, civil engineers, swimming pool suppliers and contractors to explore opportunities has been delayed.

Additional time is required to continue engagement with industry and prepare options for consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial, legal, social or environmental implications identified at this time.

NEXT STEPS

Administration will report back on March 8, 2021.

REPORT APPROVAL

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