

Dear neighbour,

Last week the City of Calgary released their report from the flood mitigation workshops held in the fall of 2016. You can learn more about the City's engagement process, or read the "What we heard" report itself. The document is reasonably detailed, but the most relevant section is on pages 4 and 5.

Some of the key findings include:

- Participants said they wanted significant flood mitigation measures built as quickly as possible
- This means a combination of upstream mitigation and berms/barriers in the city
- Any non-structural measures like zoning or development restrictions should only be considered once structural measures like upstream mitigation and berms are in place
- If these place a cost burden on homeowners there should be financial incentives and / or compensation programs made available

There was also some feedback, primarily from online participants, expressing concern about the Springbank project. I suspect this is likely from those organized in opposition to the project and likely includes people from outside the City of Calgary, but it reminds those of us who support Springbank and other mitigation measures that we need to continue to advocate.

The next step in the process is for City administration to present to the Utilities and Corporate Services Committee at city hall on Wednesday, March 22nd from 9:30 to noon. This is a public meeting and you can provide your input if you are able to be there in person. The agenda and other committee details will be posted here closer to the meeting date.

As always, please do not hesitate to reply to this email or contact my constituency office at (403) 252-0346 if you have questions or comments about this issue or anything else.

All the best.

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