



For the Committee of the Whole Meeting September 27 2018

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**Date:** September 19 2018

**From:** Mayor Helps and Councillors Alto and Isitt

**Subject:** Defer Gonzales Neighbourhood Plan

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### **Background**

In 2016, the City began a neighbourhood planning process in the Fairfield and Gonzales neighbourhoods. The neighbourhood requested that two citizen groups be formed to guide the planning process in each sub-area of the neighbourhood. When the draft Gonzales plan was released it generated a lot of interest in the community and there were many people who had not been involved in the earlier phase of the process who became interested and got involved. They had ideas and suggestions for improving the plan and the process.

Earlier this year, based on input from the community, Council passed a motion giving staff clear direction with regard to what to include in a revised draft Gonzales Neighbourhood Plan and requested that the plan be revised and sent back out to the community for input. This happened in the summer of 2018. At this time, there is still not consensus or even strong agreement in the community with the proposed directions in the revised draft plan.

In a recent meeting with the newly formed Gonzales Neighbourhood Association, it was requested that because there are many outstanding issues regarding the Gonzales Neighbourhood plan that need to be resolved and there is much demand from other neighbourhoods to begin work on their plans, that the draft Gonzales Neighbourhood plan be put on hold indefinitely until such time as a new neighbourhood plan is agreed upon by the community.

### **Recommendation**

That the draft Gonzales Neighbourhood plan be put on hold indefinitely until such time as a new neighbourhood plan is agreed upon by the community.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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Mayor Helps

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Councillor Alto

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Councillor Isitt