Edmonton's green plan has some seeing red

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City council approved a strategy Wednesday to make Edmonton more environmentally sustainable, but it lacks details. The Way We Green is now the city's fourth in a series of six goal-setting documents.

City staff will report to council in the fall with timelines for implementing the 12 general principles.

Officials promised to continue to talk with all interested parties and members of the public as they break the goals into workable plans.

Members of Edmonton's development community have objected to parts of the plan, including the target of being a carbon-neutral city. Others worry the plan could lead to a ban on pesticides.

But no one has said these are not good goals, Coun. Don Iveson said. The issue is timing. "Some people want to move quickly. Some people want to move slowly."

Timing and details needs to be determined, Iveson said. "This is the beginning of the next conversation."

The Way We Green is available on the city's website.

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