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RE: Sidewalk Closures During Construction

ALDERMAN DRUH FARRELL, MAYOR NENSHI

WHEREAS Calgary has a number of major construction projects underway and in the planning approval stage in the downtown and surrounding neighbourhoods;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Development Plan and Calgary Transportation Plan place a high priority on pedestrian mobility;

AND WHEREAS large construction projects result routinely in the complete closure of sidewalks for several months or years, often on both sides of the street;

AND WHEREAS the closure of sidewalks has led to safety concerns including pedestrians walking in operating traffic lanes to bypass construction sites;

AND WHEREAS other major North American cities do not allow the complete closure of sidewalks on busy streets and accommodate pedestrian movement through protective hoarding structures;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to implement standards and procedures that:

- Ensure the safe passage of pedestrians under a hoarding structure on the same block face as a construction project on busy roadways (excluding low-volume local streets),
- Accommodate pedestrian movement under a hoarding structure on the sidewalk or in the curb lane of traffic where feasible,
- Place appropriate fees that take into account inconvenience of the general public, and loss of parking revenue if lanes are closed for extended periods of time, and
- Mandate the posting of City policy on site for public information.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Administration consults with the building industry on an implementation approach, and report to Council through the Standing Policy Committee of Transportation and Transit no later than 2013 May.

Signature of Member(s) of Council