

NM2003-54 SAFER STREETS TASK FORCE

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WHEREAS Calgarians value the safety and vitality of their communities;

AND WHEREAS Calgarians expect to exercise their right to peaceful enjoyment of their property;

AND WHEREAS The City has authority to regulate businesses and activities in public places in the interests of public health, welfare and safety;

AND WHEREAS prostitution, drug-use, manufacturing and trafficking of drugs, vandalism, graffiti and related street crime reduce the quality of life in communities and our citizens' sense of security;

AND WHEREAS there are programs in place such as The Safer City Initiative that are directing City resources at some of these problems;

AND WHEREAS achieving positive change requires a co-ordinated approach that involves City Departments and the community working collaboratively to direct resources toward identified issues;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council direct Administration to appoint a Safer Streets Task Force comprised of:

- 1) A Task Force Co-ordinator or joint co-ordinators
- 2) Representatives from City Departments including but not limited to Calgary Police Services (CPS), Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), By-law Services, Planning, Transportation, Community Strategies and Community & Neighbourhood Services.

Three members of City Council to act as a Steering Committee, and further that this Steering Committee encourage and engage the participation of representatives from other orders of government and community representatives in their discussions.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that following an initial consultation with interested members of Council, citizen groups, and relevant social agencies, a report be brought forward within two months through the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services to Council to:

- 1) Identify existing and emerging areas of concern, emerging trends and an inventory of existing programs / resources being used;
- 2) Identify short-term and long term strategies to target the areas of concern

- to reduce their impact on the community and prevent migration to new communities;
- 3) Identify an immediate implementation plan, with ongoing consultation and cooperation with affected communities; and
  - 4) Identify potential changes to legislation within the City's authority to assist in regulating problem behaviours;
  - 5) Identify methods to measure the effectiveness of the programs with regular status reports to the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY, PRIORITIES AND AGENDA COMMITTEE, 2003 OCTOBER 28.**

**Refer directly to Council.**