

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Reallocating Policing Resources to Support Community Safety

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Mayor Nenshi, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Carra, Councillor Chahal

WHEREAS Following several documented incidents of police brutality this spring, thousands of Calgarians peacefully protested in our streets, in solidarity with the global Black Lives Matter movement, and with those impacted by the numerous incidents of racism related to policing in Calgary.

AND WHEREAS Between July 7-9, 2020, the Community and Protective Services Committee of Council held a Public Inquiry on Systemic Racism in the City of Calgary, including presentations from an expert panel, the personal testimonies of 165 Calgarians, and hundreds of written submissions recounting experiences of systemic racism faced by Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color in our communities.

AND WHEREAS On July 20th, 2020 Calgary City Council took a monumental step in acknowledging, recognizing, and condemning systemic racism within our communities, our government, our organization, and our institutions, including the City of Calgary, and the Calgary Police Service.

AND WHEREAS On July 20, 2020, Calgary City Council recognized that the shift toward a safe, inclusive, and equitable city for all Calgarians must include sustained efforts towards structural and systemic change, and as such, approved support for multiple short, medium, and long-term initiatives, including the Anti-Racism Capacity-Building Fund and the Terms of Reference for the Anti-Racism Action Committee.

AND WHEREAS On September 10, 2020, at a Special Meeting of Council held in response to the Notice of Motion titled '*Calgary's Commitment to Anti-Racism*' (C2020-0715), the Calgary Police Service and the Calgary Police Commission brought forward a report on ongoing and contemplated actions related to anti-racism work.

AND WHEREAS On September 10, 2020, the Calgary Police Service and the Calgary Police Commission outlined support for the reallocation of existing resources towards community partners and programming in efforts to better support responding to Calgarians in crisis.

AND WHEREAS The Calgary Police Service report titled "Commitment to Anti-Racism, Equity, and Inclusion" clearly articulates support for the reallocation of resources towards "*the existing Community Action on Mental Health and Addictions Framework...[an] expansion of mental health partnerships models and alternatives to police response programs.*"

AND WHEREAS An overwhelming number of individual Calgarians and community organizations have called for strategic reallocation of the Calgary Police Service budget to reinvest in community programs, partnerships, and projects that support the holistic wellbeing of our citizens and communities.

AND WHEREAS Given the compounding economic and social impacts of COVID-19 experienced by many Calgarians, and the significant reduction of funding from the provincial government, such a strategic reinvestment can directly address root causes of social disorder, including, but not limited to, precarious housing and homelessness, mental health and addictions, and domestic violence.

AND WHEREAS The Calgary Police Service has been an important part of the Community Action on Mental Health and Addiction and the Community Public Safety Task Force, two other initiatives endorsed by Calgary City Council whose potential outcomes could also benefit from such strategic reinvestment.

AND WHEREAS This strategic reinvestment in our communities will reduce demand on the Calgary Police Service and simultaneously provide much needed support for prevention strategies and appropriate responses for people in crisis.

AND WHEREAS Such a strategic reinvestment in our communities must be part of a long-term, sustainable funding model to reflect Council's ongoing commitments to anti-racism, public safety, structural change, and building resilient communities.

AND WHEREAS It is incumbent upon Council to engage with all stakeholders, including the Calgary Police Service, the Calgary Police Commission, administration, and community partners to review and identify appropriate opportunities for such a strategic reinvestment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to develop a Community Safety Investment Framework that addresses gaps in: crisis services for individuals, their families and support networks; outreach services; and the emergency response system in Calgary; including any gaps in racially and culturally appropriate services.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Administration engage the Calgary Police Service in the development of the framework.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Administration report back as a part of the budget process in November 2020 for Council to consider the reallocation of up to \$10 million in 2021 and a further \$10 million in 2022 to the base budget from the existing police budget to support implementation of the framework.