

# A Vibrant, Safe and Secure Calgary 2022 October 13

**Increased Safety** 

**Improved Social Support Access & Navigation** 

#### **Resilient People & Communities**

## **Activities and updates:**

- 346 Unwanted/Trespassing calls were diverted to the Alpha House Mobile Diversion Team (District 1/downtown) in September, up from 289 calls in August, with 19 minutes as the average time to arrive
- 562 patrols/visits to Dermot Baldwin Way and surrounding areas in August by community safety agencies and outreach supports
- Mini-resource day in August for people sleeping rough in and around Dermot Baldwin Way, offered in partnership with the Drop-In Centre, Alpha House, The City and Calgary Police Service:
  - Interacted with 31 people
  - 17 people accessed the resource hub
  - Two people connected with doctors
  - Assistance provided to several people to connect with family outside of Calgary

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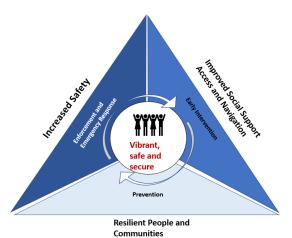
- 806 calls to 211 related to mental health and substance use in August down from 1,219 in July
- \$124 million in new funding over two years announced from Government of Alberta to expand Alberta's response to the addiction crisis in Calgary and Edmonton
- Funding approved through The City's Community Safety Investment Framework:
  - for Calgarians experiencing homelessness during extreme weather
  - for advice to police officers during mental health related calls
  - for Community Mobile Crisis
     Response pilot in District 4 (East Calgary)

## **Activities and updates:**

- \$4 million Downtown Revitalization grant agreement with Government of Alberta signed. Funds intended to be used by September 2023 in support of:
  - \$1.2 million programming and gathering spaces for cultural activities and entertainment
  - \$1.8 million enhance vibrancy and safety to make downtown living more attractive
  - \$1 million support the recovery of our business community to promote Calgary as a destination city

#### Data points of interest:

- 549 Naloxone incidents administered by Calgary Fire Department in August up from 483 in July
- Calgary Police Service responded to 8,141 social disorder calls city wide in August down from 8,410 in July



### **Key Messages**

Community Safety exists on a continuum and requires continuous collaboration between governments, funders, service providers, community groups and businesses.

The City's investment and actions support increased safety, improved support and resilient people and communities.

The City regularly convenes partners to coordinate, leverage and support initiatives that improve access to services for Calgarians contributing to a vibrant, safe and secure Calgary for all.

A vibrant, safe and secure population is vital to a thriving downtown and a healthy economy.