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**Meeting:** Combined Meeting of Council

**Meeting Date:** 2019 July 22

## NOTICE OF MOTION

**RE: Getting the Green Line Right**

**Sponsoring Councillor(s):** Evan Woolley

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WHEREAS the future success of our city is dependent on an efficient and effective public transit system;

AND WHEREAS the development of the Green Line from North Pointe to Seton will be the most important infrastructure project The City has ever undertaken, and has the potential to transform Calgary;

AND WHEREAS Calgarians have told us that the economic and financial health of our city is their top priority;

AND WHEREAS the downtown is the economic anchor of our past and future successes;

AND WHEREAS it is vital to ensure that every project we build and every operating dollar we spend takes into account Calgary's economy and our current and future financial position;

AND WHEREAS getting the downtown alignment right is foundational to the overall success of the Green Line;

AND WHEREAS the June 26<sup>th</sup> Green Line update raises significant concerns about the current plans for Stage 1 of this project;

AND WHEREAS the loss of 40,000 jobs in our downtown affects the ridership modelling which is critical to the operating cost of the Green Line;

AND WHEREAS the estimated cost of over \$40 million/year to operate the Green Line remains unfunded;

AND WHEREAS the North Central Line is no longer a part of Green Line Stage 1 because of the cost and now the downtown alignment is uncertain;

AND WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments expect us to be judicious with their investments in this project;

AND WHEREAS because the project costs need to be reduced, alternative alignment options must be reviewed and considered;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to work with Key Stakeholders and undertake a review to verify and/or make recommendations with regards to potential alignment changes from North Pointe to Seton to reduce overall project costs and risks, including but not limited to:

- Ensuring downtown alignment that enhances Calgary's economic recovery
- Maximizing ridership and operating revenues
- Reducing station costs across the line
- Providing a more cost effective maintenance facility at Shepard or Aurora

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- Building the 4 Street S.E. station in closer proximity to the new Convention Centre and future Arena

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to work with an independent Third Party and undertake a review to verify and/or make recommendations concerning:

- The contracting strategy of splitting the contract of Stage 1 of the Green Line into two main contracts
- Operating costs associated with current and future ridership models on the Green Line

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration not to release the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Contract 1 until Council has received the Third Party review of the contracting strategy;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to work with an independent Third Party and undertake a review of risks associated with any potential alignment decisions that negatively affect downtown real estate development values, and City Assessment values;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to report back through SPC on Transportation and Transit with an update on work completed on this Notice of Motion no later than Q4 2019 with an expected final report and further recommendations no later than Q2 2020.