



**Report
Number:** C2019-1458

Meeting: Combined Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: 2018 November 18

PROPOSED URGENT BUSINESS: NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Maintaining Calgary Transit Routing in Lakeview on 37th Street SW

Sponsoring Councillor: Jeremy Farkas

WHEREAS:

1. In years previous, bus routes through Lakeview used 34th Street SW;
2. According to members of the community, following multiple pedestrian fatalities on 34th Street SW, the community mounted a concerted and successful campaign to shift transit traffic to 37th Street SW with the support of the local Alderman and Council of the day;
3. Calgary Transit is preparing its new routes and services adjustments associated with the MAX Yellow Line and 2019 Transit Service Review, which is launching December 23, 2019;
4. The Ward 11 office and Councillor:
 - a. has received more than two hundred citizen concerns about the change in service, focusing on the proposed shift in transit service from 37th Street SW to 34th Street SW in Lakeview;
 - b. personally visited the street, homes, and school in the impacted area(s) in order to formulate a position on this matter, and this Notice of Motion reflects broad consensus;
5. Connect Charter School has provided a letter of opposition to the route changes, summarized from their perspective:
 - i. 34th Street's close proximity to the School, one marked crosswalk, and ten unmarked crosswalks increases the risk of children being involved in a pedestrian-vehicle accident;
 - ii. The proximity of the transit buses to pose unacceptable safety risks for their students and parents;
 - iii. The new transit stops required will render it impossible for some of the Connect Charter school buses to park without encroaching on the transit zone;
6. The Lakeview Community Association, with more than 850 annual paid memberships consisting of more than 40% of the community, is one of the most representative community associations in the entire city in terms of membership and engagement. They have provided a letter of opposition to the route changes, summarized from their perspective:
 - I. Many reasons are provided for opposition but primarily safety, well documented in their feedback during public consultations and within meetings between Transit and Connect Charter School;
 - II. The narrow width of 34th Street and the higher number of homes make it a less optimal choice than 37th Street, despite meeting official city standards for a bus route;
7. The community acknowledges that:
 - I. Calgary Transit staff selected 34th Street SW to provide the best quality transit service to Lakeview
 - II. Maintaining Calgary Transit Routing in Lakeview on 37th Street SW will result in a lower quality service based on City metrics and policy
8. The community nonetheless values the aforementioned considerations to insist on a 37th Street SW routing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives for the corporate record:
 - a. a briefing on the rationale for Lakeview transit service adjustments as part of the 2019 Transit Service Review
 - b. the written correspondence and concerns from the Lakeview Community Association
 - c. the written correspondence and concerns from Connect Charter school;
 - d. the community petition (approximately 550 signatures) in opposition to the proposed bus route change from 37 Street SW to 34 Street SW;
2. Directs administration to move Calgary Transit Route 66, currently planned for 34 Street SW between 66 Avenue SW and 58 Avenue SW, to 37 Street SW to in order to address community concerns:
 - a. Acknowledging that this is an exception to City metrics and policy
 - b. Notwithstanding responding to temporary closures on 37th Street SW or other unforeseen events which may require detours for the route to use 34th Street SW.

FINAL FOR SUBMISSION