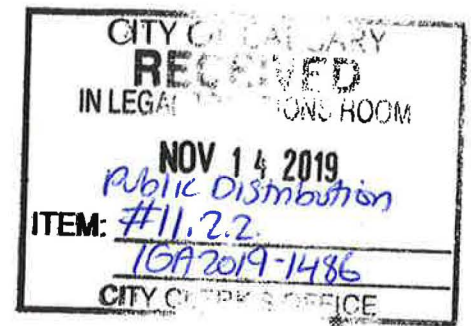




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NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: LOCAL ACTION FOR A FAIR DEAL WITHIN CONFEDERATION

Sponsoring Council Member(s): Peter Demong, Joe Magliocca, Sean Chu, and Jeromy Farkas

WHEREAS:

1. Albertans have an unprecedented level of frustration with their place in the federation;
2. The provincial government has recently announced the creation of a panel to secure a fair deal for Alberta and advance Alberta's economic interests, such as the construction of energy pipelines;
3. "The Fair Deal Panel" will examine ways to defend Alberta's interest within Confederation make Alberta more independent of Ottawa;
4. The panel will consult with Albertans on ideas such as establishing a provincial revenue agency, withdrawing from the Canada Pension Plan in favour of a new provincial agency and establishing a formalized provincial constitution.
5. The panel will conduct public consultations between Nov. 16 and Jan. 30, and complete its report to government by March 31;
6. The Nov. 9, 2019 mandate letter from the Premier of Alberta tasks the panel to consult with individuals or organizations who it believe scan offer useful knowledge or experience;
7. In October 2021, as part of the municipal elections, local returning officers may be tasked with executing the province-wide referendum on equalization;
8. Calgary City Council has increasingly taken a leadership position on issues of local, regional, and national importance, such as unanimous resolutions calling for support of Canada's responsible energy industry;
9. Calgary City Council unanimously adopted the "YYC Matters" program to invite Calgarians to review federal election issues, and learn how decisions made in Ottawa impact our quality of life here in Calgary;
10. The outcome of the panel's work may have significant impacts on our local municipality (such as the consideration of the requirement of municipalities and school boards to obtain the approval of the provincial government before they can enter into agreements with the federal government, as is the case in Quebec),
11. Calgarians must be active participants in this crucial conversation on confederation's future, and to ensure that future decisions are constructive and well-informed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1.
 - a. Council endorses the Nov. 9 mandate letter from the Premier of Alberta, which sets out the process and direction of the Panel to consult Albertans in order to secure fairness for our province within the federation;
 - b. Council extends an offer to assist the panel in their work;
2.
 - a. Council aims to provide a formal submission for the panel based on Calgary's perspective and interests, in time for the Jan. 30 deadline;
 - b. Council directs administration to conduct a high level analysis on whether there are impacts, benefits, challenges, or unintended consequences to the City of Calgary on the options stated to be before the Fair Deal Panel:
 - i. Establishing a provincial revenue agency to collect provincial taxes directly by ending the Canada-Alberta Tax Collection Agreement, while joining Quebec in seeking an agreement to collect federal taxes within the province;
 - ii. Creating an Alberta Pension Plan by withdrawing from the Canada Pension Plan;
 - iii. Establishing a provincial police force by ending the Alberta Police Service Agreement within the Government of Canada;
 - iv. Emulating Quebec's practice of playing a larger role in international relations, in part by seeking Alberta representation in treaty negotiation that affect Alberta's interests;
 - v. Emulating Quebec's legal requirement that public bodies, including municipalities and school boards, obtain the approval of the provincial government before they can enter into agreements with the federal government;
 - vi. Using the existing provincial power to appoint the Chief Firearms Office for Alberta;
 - vii. Opting out of federal cost share programs with full compensation, such as the federal government's proposed pharmacare program;
 - viii. Seeking an exchange of tax points for federal cash transfers under Canada Health and Social Transfers;
 - ix. Establishing a formalized provincial constitution.
3.
 - a. Council directs administration to consider other options for the Panel which may further Alberta and Calgary's interests, that may not have been mentioned above, such as the common law enshrinement of the rights and status of municipalities within Confederation in a proposed provincial constitution;
 - b. Council directs administration to consider what further advocacy options are available in order to advance the interests of a fair deal for Alberta within the federation.
4.
 - a. Council directs administration to report to the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee or direct to Council, as required based on the timing requirements to submit a Council approved position by Jan. 30.