NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: School Safe Zones

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Councillor Farrell

WHEREAS the *Protecting Choice for Women Accessing Health Care Act* safeguards both women who access abortion services and abortion clinic staff from protests, interference, bullying, and intimidation;

AND WHEREAS the legislation establishes a 50-meter protester-free zone around Alberta's two non-hospital abortion clinics – Kensington Clinic in Calgary and Woman's Health Options in Edmonton;

AND WHEREAS children, as minors, should also feel psychologically safe when accessing schools, which includes being protected from harmful expression or protest conducted by public interest groups that interferes, bullies, intimidates, or conveys hateful views;

AND WHEREAS recent events highlighted the use of such harmful expression to target children and schools;

AND WHEREAS there are currently no City of Calgary bylaws that specifically address the safeguarding of children accessing schools from harmful expression;

AND WHEREAS there is a need to balance the rights of persons of all ages to peacefully protest, with the rights of children to be safeguarded from harmful expression;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council directs City Administration, in collaboration with Calgary school boards and school districts, to review concerns regarding exposure to harmful expression around school sites;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that City Administration undertake a review of whether the City of Calgary has the jurisdiction required to enact a constitutionally defensible bylaw that establishes a safe zone around schools where harmful expression would be prohibited;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that City Administration return to Council with recommendations on how best to safeguard children accessing schools from harmful expressions, reporting through the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services no later than Q4 2019.