

Notice of Motion – Deeming Calgary 9-1-1 an Essential Service at The City of Calgary,  
PFC2019-1523

Councillor Colley-Urquhart

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council endorse the proposal of the following resolution to the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association:

WHEREAS the critical functions provided by 9-1-1 are an integral part of Alberta's public safety net services, which include police fire and EMS;

AND WHEREAS the job function of answering, evaluating and dispatching 9-1-1 to fire, police and EMS calls requires extensive technical training and experience to ensure the safety of emergency first responders in dangerous and threatening situations, and this experience cannot be easily filled during a labour dispute;

AND WHEREAS the Alberta Labour Relations Code and the Emergency Services Act protect the welfare of citizens by preventing the disruption of police, fire and EMS by deeming them an essential service;

AND WHEREAS 9-1-1 employees are not currently deemed an essential service under provincial legislation, but can disrupt all three essential services through their ability to strike or be locked out; and

AND WHEREAS any labour disruption would pose an immediate and significant risk to property, public safety, and the delivery of all emergency services to the citizens of Alberta. NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the interest of community safety across the province, that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association call upon the Government of Alberta to deem 9-1-1 employees an essential service in the same manner as police, fire, and EMS.

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**Background:**

At the 2019 December 03 Priorities and Finance Committee, a decision was approved that this Notice of Motion would be forwarded to the 2019 December 16 Combined Meeting of Council.

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Excerpt from the Minutes of the Priorities and Finance Committee, held 2019 December 03:

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**"9. ITEMS DIRECTLY TO COMMITTEE**

**Moved by** Councillor Davison

That the following Notices of Motion, including Item 10.1 - Notice of Motion PFC2019-1569, be forwarded to Council in an omnibus motion:

## 9.1 REFERRED REPORTS

9.1.1 Ending The Payment of the Vacation Pay Retirement Allowance, C2019-1472

## 9.2 NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

9.2.1 Deeming Calgary 9-1-1 an Essential Service at The City of Calgary, PFC2019-1523

9.2.2 Efficient and Effective Parking Management - Calgary Parking Authority (CPA) becoming a "Controlled Corporation" pursuant to Section 75.1 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), PFC2019-1510

A Notice of Motion checklist was distributed with respect to Notice of Motion PFC2019 1510.

9.2.3 Rallying Federal Support for Extended Producer Responsibility, PFC2019-1529

9.2.4 Ending the Payment of the City Council Transition Allowance, PFC2019-1552

The following documents were distributed with respect to Notice of Motion PFC2019-1552:

- A revised Notice of Motion; and
- A Notice of Motion checklist.

**MOTION CARRIED"**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Notice of Motion, PFC2019-1523
2. Notice of Motion Checklist, PFC2019-1523