



**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.*