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Meeting: Priorities & Finance Committee

Meeting Date: 2020 January 21

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Public Safety Task Force

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Councillor George Chahal and Mayor Nenshi

WHEREAS Calgary is a place of opportunity, where everyone should be safe and feel welcome;

AND WHEREAS there are significant and growing citizen concerns regarding community safety given the recent increase in drug-related violent crime involving firearms in Calgary;

AND WHEREAS gun violence can take many forms including suicide, domestic violence, and other criminal activity including gangs

AND WHEREAS the Calgary Police Service (CPS) 3rd Quarter 2019 Statistical Report demonstrates that criminal activity involving firearms remains significantly above the five year average¹;

AND WHEREAS citizen concerns about crime and violence related to gun violence highlight the need for a broader community strategy that is collaborative and proposes solutions that improve community safety;

AND WHEREAS there are a number of a initiatives and programs from both the public sector and civil society that focus on intervention and prevention that could be better aligned through a clear community-driven evaluation of these programs' successes and opportunities;

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary should work with its public and private partners, including but not limited to: the federal and provincial governments, CPS, school boards, schools, teachers, parents, law abiding gun owners, and citizens to tackle the escalating issues of gun violence;

AND WHEREAS City Council and Administration should take immediate steps to respond to the increase in violent crime by seeking the best advice possible from the community and affected stakeholders through a cross-sector collaborative approach;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Council direct Administration to create a Public Safety Task Force, that will report back to Council with its best advice and recommendations relating to gangs and gun violence, based on the Task Force's review of existing programs and services locally and in other relevant jurisdictions;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to work with interested members of council to prepare a briefing to Council by 16 March 2020 establishing the Terms of Reference for the Task Force including membership which will be drawn from a broad base of community stakeholders.

¹ https://www.calgary.ca/cps/Documents/statistical-reports/Quarterly/QuarterlyReportQ3_2019.pdf