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NOTICE OF MOTION

REVISED

RE: PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE

Sponsoring Councillor(s): GEORGE CHAHAL, MAYOR NENSHI

WHEREAS Calgary is an inclusive place of safe and inspiring neighbourhoods, where everyone should be safe and feel welcome;

AND WHEREAS maintaining Calgary's consistent ranking as a great city within which to live will require commitment to the City of Calgary's resilience strategy that ensures we are addressing social, environmental and economic pillars of success in city-building, including public safety;

AND WHEREAS there are significant and growing citizen concerns regarding community safety given the recent increase in violence generally in late 2019 and early 2020, particularly drug-related violent crime involving firearms in Calgary;

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

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 importance of the CPS commitment to community-based policing, as well as a need for a broader community strategy that is collaborative and proposes solutions that improve community safety;

AND WHEREAS there are a number of 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, Calgary Police Commission, school boards, schools, teachers, parents, law abiding gun owners, and citizens to tackle the escalating issues of violence that include gangs and guns;

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to create a Community-Based Public Safety Task Force, that will report back to Council with its best advice and recommendations relating to identifying and addressing community concerns around violence, including gangs and gun violence, based on the Task Force's engagement with community groups, review of existing programs and services locally and in other relevant jurisdictions;

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