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THE CITY OF CALGARY  
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NM2017 - September 2017

**RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE CORPORATE PUBLIC ART POLICY**

Cllr Chu, Cllr Keating, Cllr Colley-Urquhart, Cllr Chabot,  
Cllr Demong, Cllr Sutherland, Cllr Magliocca, Cllr Jones, Mayor Nenshi

**WHEREAS** the Public Art Policy (CPS2003-95) was implemented by Council in 2004 to pursue the integration of public art into the cultural fabric of Calgary, recognizing public art as a vital ingredient in Calgary's ongoing development as a great city;

**AND WHEREAS** Administration in 2004 identified areas that required clarity and refinement in order to fulfill the intent and potential of the policy, with Council approving such amendments in 2004 that included the Guiding Principles of:

- Open and transparent processes to ensure equitable and respectful practices,
- Community input and engagement that create a variety of opportunities for public input and involvement

**AND WHEREAS** the City has developed necessary internal processes and practices,

**AND WHEREAS** in December, 2014 Council passed NOM2013-34 directing Administration to:

- Undertake stakeholder engagement, research, and communication to identify knowledge gaps of existing practices to address the lack of a consistent approach in the execution of public art projects and
- Address an environment where a number of opportunities for timely public participation and communication were missed or not utilized effectively leading citizens to find out about the projects after the fact or through the media.

**AND WHEREAS** a comprehensive Public Art Policy Review was already conducted in 2014 which resulted in The Public Art Policy Management Framework (51 pages) which the ALT received for information in January, 2015 but has not been made public or used to engage the public for their input;

**AND WHEREAS** this comprehensive review was primarily an internal cross-corporate alignment of the policy and dictates how, and how much, the City will allocate for public art associated with infrastructure projects regardless of current economic realities,

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**AND WHEREAS** the design competition process that Calgary Municipal Land Corporation ran for St. Patrick's Island Bridge involved successful public engagement

**AND WHEREAS** there is no direct feedback mechanism for citizens to have input on public art prior to selections being tendered or decided upon resulting in lack of public support for the Public Art Policy;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that:

1. Administration immediately suspend further Requests For Proposals (RFPs) regarding new Public Art design as of Sept 15, 2017.
2. Administration report back directly to Council no later than November 2017 on the impact of suspending all new public art projects scheduled for RFP until Q2, 2018.
3. Administration be directed to report back to Council through the Standing Policy on Community and Protective Services in Q1, 2018 with a progress update and again in Q2, 2018 with recommendations on a new process including the following:
  - a. Best practices around fully engaging the public with the public policies, practices and The Public Art Policy Management Framework.
  - b. Mechanisms for the prioritization and allocation of tax dollars for art funding during economic downturns and Council engagement.
  - c. How to accommodate concept submissions from artists that foster and enhance local, regional, national, and culturally appropriate artists.
  - d. How Council can be briefed on short-listed submissions by the Public Art Board, and how in turn the public can be engaged for their feedback.
  - e. Who will make the selection of a successful candidate and how it will be communicated back to the public and to Council.
  - f. When and how the suspension of the Corporate Public Art Policy should be lifted.

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