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RE: THE INTERNATIONAL CHARTER FOR WALKING

MAYOR Nenshi,

WHEREAS Calgary is hosting the XVIII International Walk21 Conference on Walking and Livable Communities from September 19 to September 22, 2017;

AND WHEREAS The Walk21 Conference is an annual international conference that brings together members of academia, citizens, policy-makers, urban planners, and healthcare professionals from around the world who are invested in fostering healthy and vibrant communities with local leaders and citizens;

AND WHEREAS The Walk21 Organization developed in 2006 the International Charter for Walking that pledges signatories to creating healthy, efficient and sustainable communities where people choose to walk and recognise the benefits of walking as a key indicator of healthy, efficient, socially inclusive and sustainable communities and acknowledge the universal rights of people to be able to walk safely and to enjoy high quality public spaces;

AND WHEREAS The International Charter for Walking commits the signatory to reducing the physical, social and institutional barriers that limit walking activity and to work with others to help create a culture where people choose to walk through commitment to the Charter's strategic principles of: increased inclusive mobility; well designed and managed spaces and places for people; improved integration of networks; supportive land-use and spatial planning; reduced road danger; less crime and fear of crime; more supportive authorities; and a culture of walking;

AND WHEREAS The International Charter for Walking is in alignment with current Council Priorities and Administration policies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Council recognizes the benefits of walking as a key indicator of healthy, efficient, socially inclusive and sustainable communities and acknowledges the universal rights of people to be able to walk safely and to enjoy high quality public spaces;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Council is reaffirms that it is committed to reducing the physical, social and institutional barriers that limit walking activity and The City of Calgary will work with others to help create a culture where people choose to walk through our commitment to the International Charter for Walking and its strategic principles;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby adopts the International Charter for Walking and authorizes the Mayor to sign the Charter on behalf of The City of Calgary.

