

# BRIEFING

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Combined Meeting of Council

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## **Forensic Investigation Into Ward 2 City Councillor's Expenses - Update**

### **PURPOSE OF BRIEFING**

On 2020 February 24, Council directed the City Auditor to conduct a forensic investigation into the Ward 2 City Councillor's expenses as part of the Closing the Governance Gap in Office of the Councillors Efforts at Public Disclosure Notice of Motion C2020-0263. The purpose of this briefing is to provide transparency on readiness actions completed to ensure an independent, objective and unbiased result, as well as what to expect going forward.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

The City Auditor has taken immediate action, with the support of Law and Supply Management, to ensure readiness to begin the forensic investigation that will result in recommendations to be presented to Council as soon as possible. These readiness steps included:

- Receipt of public complaints originally directed to the City of Calgary Integrity Commissioner that are applicable to this forensic investigation;
- Appointment of an outside firm with significant experience in forensic investigation;
- Selection of a seasoned lead investigator who is independent of the City of Calgary and the Province of Alberta; and
- Established terms of engagement that emphasize the importance of timeliness and cost efficiency without jeopardizing the quality or thoroughness of the investigation.

The forensic investigation will begin shortly, and will include examination of all relevant documentation and additional information obtained through interviews. There will be no updates to Council or to the public during this period in order to ensure the forensic investigation is conducted in an objective manner without influence, or undue delay. Once the investigation is concluded a briefing update will be provided by the City Auditor to Council on the anticipated timing when a report on the result and recommendations will be presented.