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Meeting: Priorities & Finance Committee

Meeting Date: 2020 April 21

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Friends of the HMCS Calgary Committee

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Gian-Carlo Carra

WHEREAS the HMCS Calgary is a multi-role patrol frigate that has served the Royal Canadian Navy since 1995 and is based in Esquimalt, BC;

AND WHEREAS the ship is one of 12 Halifax-Class frigates named after major cities across Canada;

AND WHEREAS the HMCS Calgary and the City of Calgary share a special relationship that is unique within the Canadian Navy including that:

- the HMCS Calgary is full of Calgary Memorabilia;
- the dress uniform of HMCS Calgary's crew includes a white Smithbilt with a black band;
- the Ship's official charity is the Foothills Burn Unit and the ship has a history of charitable giving to the Foothills Burn Unit as well as other Calgary-based charities; and,
- members of the ship's crew attend the Calgary Stampede every year, marching in the parade and participating in official events;

AND WHEREAS despite this special relationship many Calgarians are unaware of our namesake ship and the work it does representing and projecting Canadian values on an international stage;

AND WHEREAS May 12, 2020 is the 25 anniversary of the commissioning of the HMCS Calgary and on this occasion the City of Calgary should consider steps to celebrate and improve our unique Ship-City relationship;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council direct Administration to establish preliminary terms of reference for a "Friends of the HMCS Calgary" committee that shall function as an official BCC of the City of Calgary and shall be advertised for public participation in time for the October 26, 2020 Organizational Meeting of Council;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the "Friends of the HMCS Calgary" Committee's first order of business shall be to establish more robust terms of reference that may include:

- Calgary-based charitable works;
- Events designed to enhance awareness of the HMCS Calgary and the Ship-City Relationship;
- Work with the Canadian Navy to establish an HMCS Calgary-City of Calgary Canadian Leaders at Sea program; and,
- The development of Calgary-based employment programs for retiring HMCS Calgary sailors.