



Report Number: C2020-1443

Meeting: Combined Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: 2020 December 14

## NOTICE OF MOTION

**RE: Designating Santa Claus an Essential Service**

**Sponsoring Councillor(s):** Jeff Davison, Gian-Carlo Carra, Ward Sutherland, Joe Magliocca, Jyoti Gondek, Sean Chu, George Chahal, Druh Farrell, Evan Woolley, Jeromy Farkas, Shane Keating, Diane Colley-Urquhart, Peter Demong, Mayor Nenshi

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**WHEREAS** during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the holiday spirit of Christmas is alive and well throughout Calgary communities;

**AND WHEREAS** physical distancing must be maintained within the City of Calgary;

**AND WHEREAS** a temporary COVID-19 Face Coverings Bylaw remains in effect;

**AND WHEREAS** Santa Claus and his Reindeer will be masked and comply with physical distancing rules

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that City Council request that the Government of Alberta deem Santa Claus as an essential service;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that City Council request the Government of Canada to take the necessary steps required to exempt Santa Claus and his reindeer from any, and all, quarantine measures, so that his annual mission of safely delivering joy to children around the world is not in any way interrupted;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** children are encouraged to leave hand sanitizer beside any offerings of milk, cookies or reindeer carrots.