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Meeting: Priorities & Finance Committee

Meeting Date: 2021 February 16

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Advocating for the Vaccination Prioritization of the City of Calgary's Critical Infrastructure

Workers

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Jeff Davison

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has indicated that COVID-19 vaccine availability may significantly increase beginning the week of February 15, 2021;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has recommended that critical infrastructure workers who face additional risks to maintain services for the functioning of society should be offered vaccinations as COVID-19 vaccine(s) and supplies become available;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada's National Strategy for Critical Infrastructure defines critical infrastructure as the processes, systems, facilities, technologies, networks, assets, and services essential to the health, safety, security or economic well-being of Canadians and the effective functioning of government;

AND WHEREAS this would include, but is not limited to: select positions within Calgary Fire Department, Calgary Police Service, Calgary Transit, Water Resources & Services, Calgary 9-1-1 and Waste & Recycling Services;

AND WHEREAS due to the nature of their work and contact with mass populations, the City of Calgary's critical infrastructure workers are at higher risk to COVID-19 exposure;

AND WHEREAS the distribution of COVID-19 vaccinations is within the jurisdiction of the Province of Alberta:

AND WHEREAS the Government of Alberta has undergone a phased immunization program to deliver COVID-19 vaccinations to Albertans safely and effectively as possible;

AND WHEREAS paramedics and emergency responders were identified in Phase 1A of the immunization program and that the Government of Alberta is working to identify sequencing for Phase 2, with decisions expected to be made in the coming weeks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Calgary Council reaffirm its support for the inoculation of The City of Calgary's critical infrastructure workers;

AND FURTHERTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Calgary Council request that the Mayor write a letter to the Province of Alberta advocating that The City of Calgary's critical infrastructure workers receive the COVID-19 vaccine(s) in Phase 2 or earlier of the inoculation program if there is sufficient vaccine supply to accommodate the previously identified key

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populations; and that the Mayor request further clarity on a clear timeline and dates of when inoculation of the City's critical infrastructure workers is expected.