



Report Number: PFC2021-0417

Meeting: Priorities and Finance Committee

Meeting Date: 2021 March 16

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Encouraging Street Play

Sponsoring Councillor(s): GEORGE CHAHAL

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has illustrated the impact of socialization and physical activity on an individual's well-being;

AND WHEREAS the City of Calgary in its COVID-19 response has delivered several programs to enhance the use of public spaces including adaptive streets and bookable firepits;

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary bylaws and provincial legislation (*Traffic Safety Act*) currently hinder the use of streets for play;

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary recognizes the importance of utilizing neighbourhood streets to promote recreational activities that will build community capacity and promote healthy habits;

AND WHEREAS street play, and the social connections derived from play, would enhance communities to the benefit of all Calgarians;

AND WHEREAS many Calgarians, including youth, do not reach minimum fitness targets which makes health issues and complications more likely;

AND WHEREAS according to the 2017 census data, up to 300,000 Calgarians between the ages 5-25 would directly benefit from changes to bylaws and enforcement practices to allow street play.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) Council directs Administration to complete a full review to encourage safe street level play including current bylaws and enforcement practices with a report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit no later than Q1 2022 in alignment with the scheduled Neighbourhood Streets Policy Update, with recommendations and funding sources, including but not limited to:
 - a. Review provincial laws and legislation that currently limit The City's ability to encourage safe street level play;
 - b. Identify changes necessary to encourage safe street level play;
 - c. Include an environmental scan of other municipalities that encourage safe street level play;
 - d. Review all safety hazards and risks with proposed recommendations and provide mitigating strategies;
- 2) Council requests that the Mayor write a letter to the provincial government advocating for the review and implementation of the necessary changes to any laws and/or legislation identified by The City of Calgary that will encourage safe street level play.

NOTICE OF MOTION CHECKLIST

The checklist is a tool intended to support the sponsor(s) of a Notice of Motion. The items listed below are important considerations when crafting and submitting a Notice of Motion. It is also intended to support other Members of Council, as the same considerations are important when reaching a decision on a Notice of Motion.

The checklist is therefore an opportunity for the sponsor(s) to:

- consider what advice might be helpful to them in formulating their proposal; and
- share key points about the advice received with their Council colleagues, to inform their deliberations.

This document is recommended to be provided to City Clerks alongside every Notice of Motion and will become part of the Corporate record. It is at the discretion of the sponsor(s) to decide with whom to consult and what information to include.

Title of the Motion: Encouraging Street Play

There are two classifications of a Notice of Motion (Check the one that applies):

Urgent (Include details in Urgency Rationale box below)

Is this Notice of Motion Confidential? (Include details in Procedural box below)

Financial and Other Resource Capacity
Finance was consulted in the drafting of this Notice.
Legal / Legislative
Law was consulted in the drafting of this Notice.

Technical Content
n/a
Procedural (Including reasons for confidentiality)
n/a
Other Considerations
n/a
Urgency Rationale
n/a