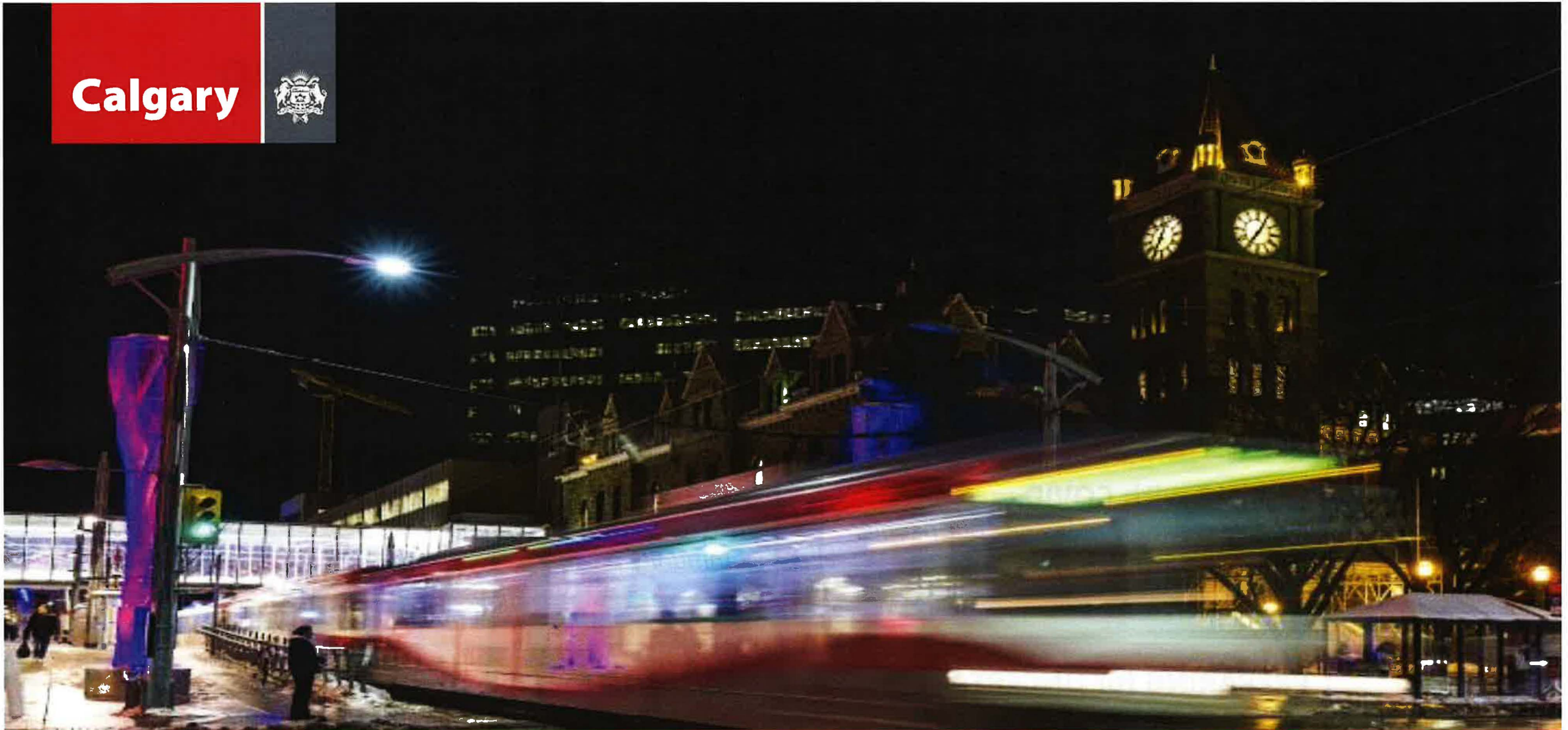


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**Fee Waiver Authorization for COFLEX Initiatives**

Strategic Meeting of Council  
15 March 2021



## COVID Executive Response Group (CERG) and COFLEX

- The Executive Leadership Team delegated CERG responsibility for approving COFLEX applications
- Rapid and flexible response for non-emergency COVID initiatives

### **COPING with COVID**

*The City is nimble in helping our people, community & businesses*

### **SUPPORTING our PARTNERS**

*The City lends a hand to our civic & community partners*

### **PREPARING for UNCERTAINTY**

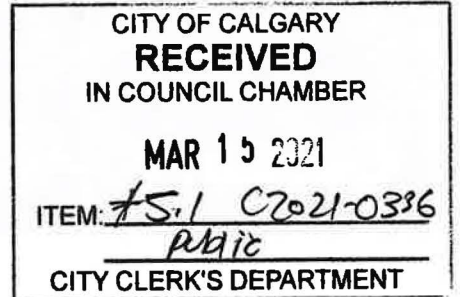
*The City is proactive & flexible in its pandemic response*

### **PLANNING for LIFE after COVID**

*The City is ready to move quickly to 'reactivate Calgary'*



# Fee Waiver Authorization



- Council approval required to waive fees for two COFLEX initiatives

COFLEX Initiative	Description	Approved Funding	Status
Livery Transport Services Renewal Waiver  [Livery Transport Bylaw 6M2007]	Waiving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of driver license fees, and</li> <li>• 50% of plate renewal fees</li> </ul>	\$1,406,000	Continuation of initiative from 2020.  COFLEX funding avoids further depleting reserves.
Plus 15 Commercial Use of Easement Agreement Fees  [2020 Planning and Development Fee Schedule]	Waiving fees for portions of Plus 15s leased by businesses	\$200,000	New initiative for 2021.



## Benefits

- Directly support businesses that have been hard-hit by COVID
  - Example – taxi and limousine fee waivers:
    - Non-plate holders will save \$141
    - Plate holders will save \$506 (limo) to \$597 (taxi)
- Helps stabilize Calgary's economy now, and speed our recovery





## Recommendation

Administration recommends that Council provide Administration the one-time authority through the COFLEX program to waive fees that would otherwise be required by previously approved bylaws, and that this authority be granted for the following COFLEX initiatives:

- **Livery Transport Services Renewal** – Waive taxi and limousine driver renewal fees and reduce plate license renewal fees by 50 per cent;
- **Plus 15 Commercial Use of Easement** – Waive annual fees collected from Plus 15 Commercial Use of Easement Agreements.