

## **DAMAGE TO PUBLIC PROPERTY DURING CONSTRUCTION - DEFERRAL**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Administration requests to defer the Damage to Public Property During Construction report to the November 9, 2016 meeting of the SPC on Transportation and Transit. The deferral request is to balance the number of reports being presented each month to the SPC on Transportation and Transit for the remainder of 2016. This report is not an urgent item as it will not affect the approved operating and capital budgets. The deferral will not affect the 2017 construction program as there will be time to implement any approved changes following the November committee meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION**

That the SPC on Transportation and Transit recommend that Council defer the Damage to Public Property During Construction report to the 2016 November meeting of the SPC on Transportation and Transit.

### **RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPC ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT, DATED 2016 SEPTEMBER 21:**

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That the Administration Recommendation contained in Report TT2016-0539 be approved.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY**

On 2015 November 9, Council adopted NM2015-26 (Damage To Public Property During Construction) and directed Administration to “explore the following and other options to reduce the amount of public property damage during construction and improve cost recovery, with a report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit no later than September 2016:

- Improve pre- and post-construction inspections and documentation during the construction of private property in order to measure third-party public property damage to ensure recoveries through a Property Damage Occurrence Report;
- Staff training and cooperative support from City departments and partner agencies including Calgary Parking Authority, Parks, Calgary Community Standards, Calgary Transit, Alberta Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association and other stakeholders to report damage and ensure that best practices are being understood, and applied.”

### **BACKGROUND**

Contained within the road right-of-way, The City of Calgary is responsible to maintain a number of valuable assets, including catch basins, curb and gutters, fences, laneways, manholes, noise attenuation walls, pavement surface, sidewalks, streetlights, traffic control devices and trees. These assets are sometimes damaged due to accidents, negligence or deliberate acts by a third party. The Alberta Building Code, as well as The City’s municipal bylaws including the Street bylaw (20M88) and Tree Protection bylaw (23M2002), contains language that supports enforcement and assigns responsibility of third party damages back to the party responsible.

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### **INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS**

The requested deferral of this report to the 2016 November meeting of the SPC on Transportation and Transit will not affect the timelines for any of the suggested improvements to managing and protecting public property from construction activities.

### **Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication**

No external stakeholder engagement required for this deferral report.

### **Strategic Alignment**

Ensuring that transportation infrastructure is preserved and well managed is one of the seven primary goals of the Calgary Transportation Plan.

### **Social, Environmental, Economic (External)**

This deferral report will not have an environmental impact.

### **Financial Capacity**

There is no impact on current and future operating or capital budgets associated with this deferral report.

### **Risk Assessment**

There are no risks associated with this deferral report.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

To balance the number of reports presented each month to the the SPC on Transportation and Transit for the remainder of 2016.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None