



Report Number: PFC2021-1121

Meeting: Priorities & Finance Committee

Meeting Date: 2017 June 20

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Petitioning Federal and Provincial Orders of Government for Overdose and Drug Poisoning Crisis Assistance

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Evan Woolley and Gian-Carlo Carra

WHEREAS drug poisonings are the leading cause of death in people aged 15-59 in Alberta by a margin of 35-50%;

AND WHEREAS harm reduction measures save both lives and money;

AND WHEREAS combating the epidemic of drug poisonings will require a coordinated approach from Federal, Provincial, and Municipal governments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council requests the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write a letter to the Prime Minister asking for the following:

that the Federal Government officially recognize the overdose crisis as a national public health emergency; that the Federal Government fund and accommodate evidence-based responses to this public health emergency including community-based supervised consumption, overdose prevention, safe supply, drug checking, and expanded harm reduction supply distribution programs;

that the principles of decriminalization within the Government of Canada's proposed amendments to the Canadian Drug and Substances Act, as proposed in Bill C-22, be enacted by parliament immediately, with further steps taken to abolish conditional sentencing, eliminate all forms of mandatory sentencing, and erase criminal records of people convicted of drug offences;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Administration engage with the Government of Alberta to maintain the supervised consumption service at the Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre in its existing form and expand the number of supervised consumption sites in Calgary to a minimum of three unique locations.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Administration engage with Calgary Police Commission to request Calgary Police 'stand down' on charges of possession and other low-level drug charges, as per the Government of Canada's recent resolution.