

SUFFICIENCY OF PROPOSED SOUTHWEST TRANSITWAY AND BUS RAPID TRANSIT PETITION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To report on the sufficiency of signatures on the Proposed Southwest Transitway and Bus Rapid Transit petition filed under the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) with the City Clerk on 2016 March 21. Attachment 1 is page 1 of the petition with personal information removed.

RETURNING OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Priorities and Finance Committee recommend that Council receive this report for information.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRIORITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, DATED 2016 APRIL 19:

That Council receive Report PFC2016-0315 for information.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

None.

BACKGROUND

Under Section 222 of the MGA, electors of the City of Calgary may file a petition under Sections 219-226 of the MGA requesting Council to take a specific action. To have a sufficient petition, the minimum number of valid petitioners must be equal to least 10% of the population, under Section 223, MGA. In Calgary, at this time, that is equal to 123,092 electors. Section 224 of the MGA details a number of additional requirements which the petitioners must meet, such as printed name, address, date of signing, signature, a witness, etc.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

The petition was received by the City Clerk on 2016 March 21 and forwarded to the Returning Officer for processing on the same day. The initial count of signatures was determined to be 3,390 on 29 pages.

The petition signatures were examined for the presence of the basic statutory requirements on the face of the petition and names of 1,225 petitioners were removed for missing requirements, leaving 2,165 potentially valid signatures. As this number represents only 1.8% of the required number, further processing such as determining the elector status of these petitioners, was not required in order to make the declaration to Council through this Report that the petition is insufficient.

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Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

N/A.

Strategic Alignment

N/A.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

N/A.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

Nil.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

Nil.

Risk Assessment

N/A.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

As the Returning Officer has declared the petition has insufficient petitioners in accordance with the MGA, that Council receive this report for information.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Proposed Southwest Transitway and Bus Rapid Transit Petition, Page 1 (Personal Information Removed)