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Meeting: Combined Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: 2021 September 13

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Formation of the Harvie Passage Task Force

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Gian-Carlo Carra and Jyoti Gondek

WHEREAS The Harvie Passage Project was completed in April 2011 with the primary objective of creating a safer route for recreational and leisure boaters to navigate through Harvie Passage on “river right”;

AND WHEREAS the Harvie Passage rehabilitation project (Harvie Passage 2013 Flood Damage Repair Project) was completed in 2018 with an enhanced emphasis on features that would serve recreation and leisure users in this portion of the river;

AND WHEREAS the re-opening of Harvie Passage, along with the resurgence of interest in Parks and outdoor recreation through the COVID19 pandemic, has dramatically increased interest and usage of the site

AND WHEREAS there have been concerns with current resourcing levels for the operational maintenance, support for safety-related infrastructure, information, and programming and to accommodate current and future visitor volume at this one-of-a-kind asset within Calgary city limits;

AND WHEREAS this is an issue touching upon municipal, provincial and federal jurisdictions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs Administration (Water Resources, Planning, Parks, Recreation, Fire, Community Standards) to engage with, including but not limited to, the following external stakeholders, The Government of Alberta, as owners of the lands, (Environment and Parks, Infrastructure); The Government of Canada (Fisheries and Oceans, Transport); the Calgary River Users Alliance; adjacent neighbours and community associations; and any other related stakeholders to prepare a plan that addresses safety, access, environmental considerations and outlines short medium and long term actions that would improve the experience for all visitors of Harvie Passage;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that an update is to be presented to SPC on Community & Protective Services no later than Q3 2022