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NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: INGLEWOOD HOUSING CORPORATION TAX EXEMPTION

COUNCILLOR GIAN-CARLO CARRA

WHEREAS property tax exemption in the Province of Alberta are governed by the *Municipal Government Act* and its ancillary regulations;

AND WHEREAS the Inglewood Housing Corporation was first incorporated in 1974, has been an operator of independent-living apartments for seniors for over four decades, and is an active member of their community;

AND WHEREAS the Inglewood Housing Corporation is a registered non-profit that charges below-market rates (approximately 10% below market rate) for 43 rental units in Inglewood House, located at 1300 8th Avenue SE;

AND WHEREAS the Inglewood Housing Corporation received \$4.7 million jointly from the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta and \$10,000 from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to develop affordable housing for low-income seniors through the construction of Inglewood House;

AND WHEREAS the Inglewood Housing Corporation is financially struggling this year due to unexpected maintenance expenses;

AND WHEREAS the Inglewood Housing Corporation does not currently meet the provincial requirements to be classified as exempt from taxation;

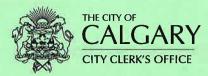
AND WHEREAS the municipal property tax associated with the Inglewood Housing Corporation property was previously paid as grants in place of taxes by the Government of Alberta, this grant was lost when the Inglewood Housing Corporation rebuilt their facility;

AND WHEREAS the Inglewood Housing Corporation needs time to corporately restructure to qualify as exempt from taxation;

AND WHEREAS City Council has agreed to support the development, and implementation, of a coordinated community response to housing and supports for older adults through the Seniors Age-Friendly Strategy & Implementation Plan 2015-2018;

AND WHEREAS City Council has identified accessible and affordable housing as one of the six priority areas for establishing Calgary as an age-friendly city through the Seniors Age-Friendly Strategy;

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AND WHEREAS City Council and the City of Calgary have acknowledged the need to support policy changes and initiatives to increase overall affordable housing supply through a comprehensive corporate-wide strategy;

AND WHEREAS through its authority under section 347 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Council can cancel property taxes for a particular property when it considers it equitable to do so;

AND WHEREAS any provincial education taxes cancelled using Council's power must still be remitted to the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council cancel the 2016 property taxes currently estimated at \$30,300.77 and consisting of \$19,166.87 estimated in municipal property taxes and \$11,133.91 estimated in provincial property taxes for the property located at 1300 8 Avenue SE (Roll Number 069101103) so that the Inglewood Housing Corporation may work with provincial and municipal partners to restructure in order to be eligible for tax exempt status under the Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation (COPTER).

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