



**Report Number:** C2021-1381

**Meeting:** Combined Meeting of Council

**Meeting Date:** 2021 September 13

## NOTICE OF MOTION

**RE: Funding for the Downtown Community Safety Initiatives**

**Sponsoring Councillor(s):** COUNCILLOR WOOLLEY  
COUNCILLOR FARRELL  
MAYOR NENSHI

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WHEREAS Council has directed “A City of Safe and Inspiring Neighbourhoods”;

AND WHEREAS The downtown is central to Calgary’s economic recovery, as identified in Calgary’s Greater Downtown Plan;

AND WHEREAS The closure of the Victoria Park Calgary Police Service station in 2017 and the relocation of the Arrest Processing Section in 2020 have reduced the visibility of uniformed presence in the downtown;

AND WHEREAS Public safety in the downtown has been identified as a top priority as part of Calgary’s Greater Downtown Plan;

AND WHEREAS The implementation of the Downtown Ambassador program in September, 2020 has successfully enhanced a safe and welcoming presence in the downtown;

AND WHEREAS A one-year pilot for the Stephen Avenue Safety Hub, is a collaboration between Calgary Police Service, Calgary Community Standards, Calgary Transit and the Calgary Downtown Association to increase the visibility of uniformed presence in the core and anticipate that over time there will be improved perception of safety;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve one-time budget for City Planning and Policy of \$150 thousand for 2021, \$1.5 million for 2022 and \$850 thousand for 2023, for the Downtown Community Safety Initiatives Program for a total of \$2.5 million funded from the projected 2021 Corporate Programs operating favourable variance that will be transferred to the Fiscal Stability Reserve;

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AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve any unused one-time budget from 2021 and 2022 to be carried forward to subsequent years until 2023 and any unused funds at the end of 2023 be returned to the Fiscal Stability Reserve.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to report back on the Downtown Safety Initiatives through the State of the Downtown Report by Q4 2022.