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NOTICE OF MOTION

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RE: FOOD DONATION TAX INCENTIVE

COUNCILLOR PINCOTT

WHEREAS, food waste is identified as a major concern in Canada, impacting the social, fiscal, and environmental health of Canadians;

AND WHEREAS, the National Zero Waste Council, established with the help of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to which the City of Calgary is member, conducted research and published a policy proposal on a tax incentive to prevent food waste in Canada;

AND WHEREAS, the calculated value of annual food waste in Canada is \$31 billion, or nearly 170,000 tonnes of edible food sent to Canadian landfills, accounting for 3 per cent of Canada's greenhouse gas emissions;


AND WHEREAS, the impacts of food waste is felt by food charities, which experience shortages, and 1.1 million households with moderate to severe food insecurity;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Calgary is a key partner and stakeholder in Calgary Eats! Food Assessment and Action Plan, The Calgary Poverty Reduction Initiative 'Enough For All', and the imagineCALGARY Long Range Urban Sustainability Plan, where food recovery, food insecurity, and organic waste reduction are identified as key opportunities and strategies to meet social, fiscal, and environmental targets;

AND WHEREAS, City Council previously adopted 80 per cent waste diversion targets by 2020 as part of the Action Plan 2015 - 2018, and is planning to introduce a by-law to ban organic waste from landfills;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, City Council support the National Zero Waste Council's food waste reduction proposal and urge the federal government to implement tax incentives for food producers and suppliers to donate unsold edible food, thereby reducing unnecessary food waste, decreasing disposal cost to municipalities, reducing environmental impact of food waste, and alleviating hunger and poverty in our communities.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, City Council submit this resolution be to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for consideration at its upcoming Annual General Meeting.


Signature of Member(s) of Council