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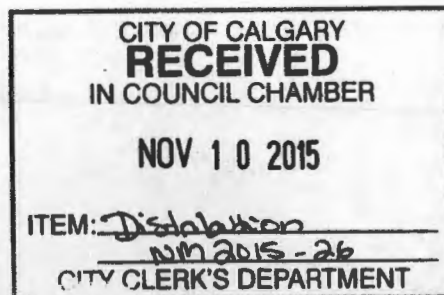
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Re: Public Realm/Concrete

On behalf of the Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association I am writing to support the attached motions that are to be introduced by Councillor Farrell.

Sincerely,

Robert McKercher, HSCA Board Member and Chair of HSCA Planning Committee



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NOTICE OF MOTION

CC 601 (1000-12)

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RE: CONCRETE QUALITY IN THE PUBLIC REALM

COUNCILLOR FARRELL

WHEREAS the City of Calgary has a backlog of approximately \$125 million in concrete repairs;


AND WHEREAS concrete sidewalks and curbs have an expected lifespan of 40 years;

AND WHEREAS poor quality concrete and/or installation contributes to future financial burden on The City of Calgary, through early deficiencies such as spalling, cracking, and slumping;

AND WHEREAS enhanced monitoring during construction and warranty periods can help to identify deficiencies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct Administration to explore the following and other alternatives, along with a business case to improve concrete sidewalk infrastructure, and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit no later than September 2018:

- Identify process gaps and inspection funding gaps, as well as lifecycle maintenance, resource allocation, and funding opportunities;
- Summarize current programs and budgets used for the repair and lifecycle maintenance of sidewalks. Outline how The City can better coordinate its various concrete infrastructure programs and budgets along with an update on quality monitoring;
- Staff training and cooperative support from city departments and partner agencies including Calgary Parking Authority, Parks, Calgary Community Standards, Calgary Transit, Alberta Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association, and other stakeholders, to identify deficiencies and ensure that best practices are being understood, implemented and applied.


Signature of Member(s) of Council



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NOTICE OF MOTION CC 401 (2008-12)

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RE: DAMAGE TO PUBLIC PROPERTY DURING CONSTRUCTION
COUNCILLOR FARRELL


WHEREAS third party damage to public trees, sidewalks, curbs, laneways, and road infrastructure during private property construction adds considerable cost to The City of Calgary, estimated at several million dollars per year;

AND WHEREAS with proper documentation, the costs would be borne by the responsible party through a Property Damage Occurrence Report, rather than Calgarians;

AND WHEREAS some cities require developers and contractors to post performance bonds and/or provide enhanced documentation, including photos verifying pre-construction conditions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct Administration to explore the following and other options to reduce the amount of public property damage during construction and improve cost recovery, with a report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit no later than September 2018:

- Improve pre- and post-construction inspections and documentation during the construction of private property in order to measure third-party public property damage to ensure recoveries through a Property Damage Occurrence Report;
- Staff training and cooperative support from City departments and partner agencies including Calgary Parking Authority, Parks, Calgary Community Standards, Calgary Transit, Alberta Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association and other stakeholders to report damage and ensure that best practices are being understood, implemented, and applied.


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