**Corporate Administration Report to Combined Meeting of Council** 2015 November 09

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## **RESIDENTIAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT – Attachment 1**



## CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION

3 November 2015

His Worship Mayor Nenshi City of Calgary Box 2100, Station M Calgary, Alberta Y2P 2M5

Mail code: #8001

Subject: Residential Traffic Enforcement - Notice of Motion

Dear Mayor Nenshi,

This letter is in support of report M2015-0801- Residential Traffic Enforcement submitted by the Calgary Police Service for the Combined Meeting of Council on November 9, 2015.

The Commission recognizes traffic safety as a significant public safety issue in our communities and applauds Council's efforts in addressing these concerns. However, we believe that the approach taken by the CPS to address traffic safety issues as outlined in the report is the preferred course of action, particularly considering the unique training and expertise the CPS has in the area.

Additionally, the CPS report highlights the meaningful efforts by police to increase traffic education and enforcement, including some of the targeted traffic safety programs as well as noteworthy statistics related to traffic stops. Of further note, the CPS is exploring the use of auxiliary cadet officers for traffic enforcement. We believe the advent of such a program is a measured and proactive approach for providing additional dedicated traffic enforcement resources while also protecting officer and public safety.

Based on ongoing briefings from CPS, it is clear the issue of traffic safety and the concomitant responsibility for that area is complex and would benefit from an in person conversation. As such, the Commission respectfully requests an in-camera meeting between Council, the Commission, and the CPS as the best way to move forward on this topic. This will give us all the opportunity to fully discuss the myriad of issues raised such as officer training, safety, criminal justice concerns and the budgetary impact. It will also provide background and context to assist Council members in their deliberations.

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To that end, we would appreciate an opportunity to meet with Council, in camera, at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council. We would be happy to arrange details of this meeting through Commission Executive Director, Ellen Wright. She can be contacted at 403 428-8939.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Silver, A/Chair

Copy: Chief Roger Chaffin, Calgary Police Service