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Title: **Neighbour Day**

Sponsoring Member(s) of Council: **Mayor Nenshi**

Meeting to be Presented: **Combined Meeting of Council, 2015 April 27**

WHEREAS To commemorate the first anniversary of the devastating floods of 2013, June 21, 2014 was proclaimed by the Mayor as "Neighbour Day"; and

WHEREAS Neighbour Day resulted in community-led, grassroots gatherings and block parties across the City in celebration of getting to know neighbours; and

WHEREAS To encourage citizens to participate, the City of Calgary waived the regular block party fee, the barricade fee, and the green space fee; and

WHEREAS Citizen and community interest has been expressed in supporting an annual Neighbour Day celebration; and

WHEREAS the idea behind Neighbour Day is to encourage small community gatherings and as such there should be a high return of community development without a high impact on City operations; and

WHEREAS the Mayor normally has the exclusive right to issue proclamations, but there is a desire for Council support of this initiative;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Calgary, proclaim the third Saturday in June as Neighbour Day, and that through the leadership of Community Neighbourhood Services that the City promote and support community-led, grassroots gatherings and block parties in celebration of Neighbour Day, and provide tools and resources that help communities and neighbours organize their own events, using existing budgetary resources; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor evaluate on an annual basis the success and impact of promoting an annual Neighbour Day event and determine whether to continue to proclaim this event annually.

Signature of Member(s)

Date

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