Report Number: EC2022-1249

Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2022 November 15

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Exploring Asset Based Community Development

Sponsoring Member of Council: Councillor Spencer

WHEREAS The City of Calgary plays a foundational role in shaping and nurturing civic participation, important to a thriving democratic system;

AND WHEREAS our network of Community Associations and other community groups facilitate community development and citizen engagement;

AND WHEREAS the three pillars of Council's Strategic Direction 2023-26 require the participation of all Calgarians to meaningfully advance;

AND WHEREAS most City services stand to grow their impact and efficiency through an engaged and empowered citizenry;

AND WHEREAS there exists considerable and growing thought work, sometimes referred to as Asset Based Community Development[1], that specifically speaks to the benefits and methodology of empowering citizens and neighbourhoods;

AND WHEREAS successful models of Asset Based Community Development have been employed at the municipal level[2], that nurture neighbour-to-neighbour relationships and actively build the social fabric of communities;

AND WHEREAS The City's capacity to fund initiatives that advance our social, economic, and climate goals is limited;

AND WHEREAS exponentially more resources exist within the larger community to be discovered and empowered;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to bring a report through the Community Development Committee no later than Q2 2023 that explores utilizing an Asset Based Community Development approach;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to host an internal workshop for appropriate City staff, including Community Social Workers and Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinators, with an Asset thought leader, ahead of the report back, to support the work.

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[1] Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) - Nurture Development
[2] https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/for_communities/abundant-community-edmonton