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THE CITY OF CALGARY
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NOTICE OF MOTION

CC 661 (R2009-05)

RE: Age-Friendly City Designation

Councillor Diane Colley-Urquhart

WHEREAS population aging is a global phenomenon with the *Age-Friendly Cities Initiative* of the World Health Organization having been adopted by many municipalities across Canada and the world, as a framework to prepare for this demographic change; and

WHEREAS Calgary's older adult population is projected to increase from 124,100 in 2014 to 207,200 by 2024, with Calgary being home to more older adults than youth by the early 2030s for the first time in our history; and

WHEREAS older adults will continue to be very diverse in terms of age, culture, mobility, ethnicity, ability, sexual orientation, belief systems, socio-economic status, and language; and

WHEREAS older adults are essential to the social, environmental and economic wellbeing and vibrancy of our City, while recognizing that opportunities and issues facing older Calgarians influence and affect the quality of life of all Calgarians; and

WHEREAS many older adults continue to contribute their wide range of skills and life experiences to their communities through employment, volunteering and as caregivers for their families; and

WHEREAS partnerships and collaboration across all City departments, orders of government, the private sector, not-for-profit organizations and the community-at-large are essential to achieving an *Age-Friendly City*; and

WHEREAS *Age-Friendly Cities* are for people of all ages and abilities and enables positive aging by optimizing opportunities for self-determination, independence, wellbeing, participation and security in order to enhance one's quality of life as people age;

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AND WHEREAS Council's 2015-2018 Action Plan "*respond to the needs of an aging population*" is identified as part of "a prosperous city" within the Council's Priorities, an *Age-Friendly City*, however, addresses all Council priorities (a prosperous city, a city of inspiring neighbourhoods, a healthy and green city, a city that moves and a well-run city);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council commit to Calgary becoming an *Age-Friendly City* upon approval of the Seniors Age-Friendly Strategy in 2015 June,

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Calgary seek official designation as an *Age-Friendly City* from the World Health Organization (as we did with our Safe City designation) and the Government of Alberta.

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