



Report Number: EC2023-0610

Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2023 May 23

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Re-Establishing Calgary Salutes

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Councillor Penner, Councillor Spencer, Mayor Gondek

WHEREAS the community has expressed a desire and need to support Calgary-based soldiers and their families;

AND WHEREAS an active Calgary Salutes Committee fostered community awareness and support of Calgary Garrison soldiers, sailors, and aviators deploying overseas until CFB Calgary closed in 1998;

AND WHEREAS Calgary is home for numerous Canadian Armed Forces units with approximately 1,000 part time and full time members and their families living in the region;

AND WHEREAS Calgary has thousands more veterans and their families living in the region;

AND WHEREAS Calgary's active community of military members and family includes but isn't limited to Veterans, Reservists, and Regular Force members who have served on a wide variety of combat, peacekeeping, international, and domestic operations;

AND WHEREAS Calgary has a strong history of supporting the military and its veterans through organizations such as the Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC), The Military Museums, Field of Crosses and dozens of other community organizations;

AND WHEREAS an existing support system is in place for 265 active duty members of His Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Calgary through a unique and distinct relationship having a council committee: Friends of HMCS Calgary;

AND WHEREAS the coordination of community activities in the Calgary Region related to all aspects of Military and Veteran lives would lead to a cohesive community-embedded practice which encourages the participation of all Calgarians.

AND WHEREAS Calgary Salutes provided the model for this type of community coordination, and even for the establishment of the active Edmonton Salutes Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to:

1. Establish, by bylaw, a new 'Calgary Salutes Committee', including:
 - a) A structure featuring a parent committee with the mandate to coordinate the support and planning of local military ceremonial and community through the activities of three sub-committees, namely:
 - a. the existing Friends of HMCS Calgary, with increased membership;
 - b. two further sub-committees with mandates to:
 - i. Support military heritage and history education programs; and
 - ii. Support coordination of local social and employment programs;

- b) a draft terms of reference, to be refined in consultation with the military and veteran community during its first year.
2. Bring the proposed Bylaw contemplated in recommendation 1 to the 25 July 2023 Public Hearing of Council, to allow sufficient time for Administration to work with community-based organizations and military associations to bring forward nominees for consideration during the 2023 annual recruitment process for Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

Attachment(s):

1. Notice of Motion Checklist Reestablishing Calgary Salutes
2. Background and Mandate Overview for Calgary Salutes