



2014 February 10

URGENT BUSINESS
CC 662 (R2009-05)

RE: City of Calgary Response to Recent Prostitution Court Decision

COUNCILLOR DIANE COLLEY-URQUHART

WHEREAS the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada to strike down the existing prostitution provisions of the Criminal Code could leave the prostitution industry largely unregulated once the one year period authorizing the government to enact a new law has expired;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has not indicated what specific measures, if any, they intend to take in response to the Supreme Court of Canada's decision;

AND WHEREAS prostitution places vulnerable populations at increased risk and compromises safety and quality of life in Calgary communities;

AND WHEREAS prostitution causes further challenges for Calgary neighborhoods due to increased social disorder, poor behavioral modeling for Calgary's youth and disruption to legal business activities;

AND WHEREAS Section 7 of the Municipal Government Act provides that a council may pass bylaws to ensure the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administration convene a multi-departmental City working group, chaired by the Director of Animal & Bylaw Services, and including: the Calgary Police Service, Community & Neighbourhood Services, Development & Building Approvals and Law; and report back through the SPC on Community and Protective Services no later than 2014 June, with:

- a) A review of relevant enforcement approaches in other jurisdictions, as well as any planned responses from other levels of government; and
- b) Engagement of external stakeholders through a public submission process; and
- c) A comprehensive framework to address potential legislative, regulatory social, environmental and economic issues involved, with a targeted implementation date of 2014 December

Signature of Member(s)

Date

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