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Meeting: Priorities & Finance Committee

Meeting Date: 2021 July 20

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Problem Properties

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Councillor Peter Demong

WHEREAS – The City of Calgary has the authority to regulate neighbourhood nuisance, safety and livability issues to create safe and inspiring neighbourhoods where all citizens feel secure;

AND WHEREAS – there are some properties in the city that have either become unsafe and/or uninhabitable, either by neglect, misuse, disrepair, construction activity, or non-compliant land use, and which pose risks to Calgarians, to the inhabitants, and can affect neighbouring properties;

AND WHEREAS – while The City and partnering agencies have made great strides in addressing many of the concerns associated with these properties through approaches such as the Coordinated Safety Response Team, there continue to be concerns on some properties which require additional resources or supports in order to respond more appropriately, efficiently, and effectively;

AND WHEREAS many of the concerns associated with these properties require disproportionate amounts of City resources and months or years to fully address;

AND WHEREAS there may be the opportunity to more effectively address concerns related to these properties by the amendment of legislation overseen by other orders of government;

AND WHEREAS in some instances the owners or residents of these properties may require social or mental health supports;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administration conduct a review of municipal bylaws with a specific focus on gaps, including a provincial legislation review to determine opportunities to address concerns associated with problem properties and opportunities to advocate for changes;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Administration investigate the potential to define and identify “derelict properties” that could be taxed at varying rates;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Administration conduct a review of current teams, committees, programs, community partners, and social supports with the intent of identifying gaps and additional resourcing required for a collaborative approach to address concerns related to problem properties and to connect occupants to the services and supports they need;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Administration return to Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services with bylaw amendments, recommended advocacy approaches, and operational changes intended to more effectively address concerns related to problem properties no later than 2023 Q2, returning sooner in stages if aspects can be addressed earlier.