# THE CITY OF CALGARY

## TABULATION OF BYLAW

## TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL ON

## MONDAY, 2016 JANUARY 11

BYLAW 3M2016 Being a Bylaw of The City of Calgary to Amend Bylaw 23M2006, the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw

First Reading Second Reading Authorization for Third Reading Third Reading

## NOTE

In response to Mayor Nenshi's Motion, Green Sheet: The Community Economic Resiliency Fund Notice, Animal & Bylaw Services is preposing amendment to the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw (RPO) to freeze pet services fees at 2015 levels.

### BACKGROUND

The economic downturn is resulting in increased financial challenges for citizens across Calgary. As a result, Mayor Nenshi's Motion to freeze parks, recreation, and pet services fees at 2015 levels passed on 2015 December 14. Animal service fees including pet licensing and impound/shelter would be maintained at 2015 levels for 2016. The change in fees for 2016 would require a bylaw amendment to the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw (RPO); specifically adjusting the fee schedule which was attached to Action Plan.

Excerpt from the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held 2015 December 14:

"ADOPT, Moved by Mayor Nenshi, Seconded by Councillor Pincott, that Mayor Nenshi's Motion, Green Sheet: A Reconsideration of the September 28 Budget Decision, be adopted, as follows:

WHEREAS Calgary is facing an economic downturn;

AND WHEREAS savings and efficiencies have resulted in The City of Calgary having a 2015 surplus, estimated at \$30 million;

AND WHEREAS these are one-time funds and are unlikely to be achieved in 2016 and beyond;

AND WHEREAS these funds would normally flow into the Fiscal Stability Reserve at year-end;

AND WHEREAS Council has expressed a desire to respond to the current downturn;

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council reconsider its budget decision of 2015 September 28 as it relates to transit, parks, recreation, and pet services fees.

### **RECORDED VOTE**

For:

E. Woolley, D. Farrell, G-C. Carra, J. Magliocca, R. Pootmans, S. Keating, J. Stevenson, R. Jones, B. Pincott, N. Nenshi

Against:

W. Sutherland, D. Colley-Urquhart, A. Chabot, P. Demong, S. Chu

### CARRIED

ADOPT, Moved by Mayor Nenshi, Seconded by Councillor Pincott, that Mayor Nenshi's Motion, Green Sheet: The Community Economic Resiliency Fund, be adopted, as follows:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that \$30 million from the estimated 2015 surplus be transferred to a newly created Community Economic Resiliency Fund within the Budget Savings Account and that the fund be allocated to a Community Economic Resiliency Fund as follows:

 Up to \$1.8 million to freeze parks, recreation, and pet services fees at 2015 levels, as of January 1, 2016, for the duration of 2016. Previously planned-for adjustments would still take place in 2017, pending Council's approval of the 2017 operating budget;

### ROLL CALL VOTE

For:

J. Magliocca, B. Pincott, R. Pootmans, E. Woolley, G-C. Carra, N. Nenshi, D. Farrell, S. Keating

Against:

J. Stevenson, W. Sutherland, A. Chabot, D. Colley-Urquhart, P. Demong, R. Jones, S. Chu

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