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Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2024 October 02

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Airport Vicinity Protection Area (AVPA) Amendment for Calgary Quest School

Sponsoring Member(s) of Council: Andre Chabot

WHEREAS Calgary Quest School has operated educational programs for moderate to severe special needs students in Calgary for over 40 years, and was accredited as a Designated Special Education Private School in 1995;

AND WHEREAS there is an opportunity to locate an Instructional Facility (Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 Part 4 Division 2(217)) catering to students of elementary to high school age at 4311 12 ST NE;

AND WHEREAS the waitlist for Calgary Quest School is currently 160 people and has quadrupled since 2020,

AND WHEREAS Calgary Quest School draws 37% of their students from NE Calgary, this new location would reduce travel time, and improve quality of life for students and their families;

AND WHEREAS the Calgary International Airport Vicinity Protection Area (AVPA) Regulation for NEF contour 35-39 prohibits the School use defined as follows:

Schedule 3 Land Use in Relation to Noise Exposure Forecast Areas 1(m) "school" means a place or building that is used or primarily intended for the education of students at a preschool, elementary, junior high or high school age;

AND WHEREAS an exemption to the AVPA regulation at 4311 12 ST NE would allow improved access for Calgarians to special educational services from Calgary Quest School;

AND WHEREAS section 7 of the AVPA regulation allows the City to apply for an amendment to the regulation through Council resolution as follows:

Amendment to Regulation 7(1) - Where a municipality applies to the Minister for an exemption to this Regulation, the application must include a resolution of the council that the council supports the proposed amendment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT by this resolution of Council, Council supports a City of Calgary application to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for an amendment to the AVPA regulation to allow for a School Use at 4311 12 ST NE.