



Report Number: EC2025-0430

Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2025 April 15

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Investing in community spaces and facilities

Sponsoring Member of Council: Mayor Gondek

WHEREAS Calgarians deserve community-based amenities that are in a state of good repair;

AND WHEREAS established communities that are taking on increased density require an investment in their neighbourhood amenities and community spaces;

AND WHEREAS financial hardship for many families means they are increasingly reliant on facilities and community spaces near their homes for recreation and programming;

AND WHEREAS 15 per cent of city assets are in poor or critical condition because the Facilities Management – Annual Investment Program (AIP) is currently underfunded and unable to keep pace with the upkeep of aging community-based facilities – including wading pools, splash pads, and recreation centres – that are in urgent need of upgrades;

AND WHEREAS community associations provide excellent neighbourhood-based programs and spaces, that could benefit from increased access to grants to fill gaps in funding for community-led projects and initiatives;

AND WHEREAS Council's recent \$15 million increase to the Capital Conservation Grant program will address major lifecycle projects for community-based facilities;

AND WHEREAS The Federation of Calgary Communities has strategies to dramatically expand efforts to support Community Associations in each quadrant of the city with placemaking through grants (to support seating, lighting, murals and programming support etc.), and capacity building (including mentorship, education, workshops, and resources) (see attached);

AND WHEREAS the ENMAX Legacy Parks Program has been instrumental in the acquisition, maintenance and development of beloved regional parks enjoyed by Calgarians from across the city; and

AND WHEREAS the 2025 budgeted amount for the ENMAX dividend was \$57M, and ENMAX recently declared a \$103M dividend for 2024, resulting in a \$46M excess to budget; and

AND WHEREAS the ENMAX dividend realized in 2024 and returned to The City as the sole shareholder should be responsibly invested in community-based amenities for the long-term benefit of Calgarians.

AND WHEREAS...

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to:

1. Invest \$20 million from the excess ENMAX dividend for 2024 towards the Facilities Management - Annual Investment Program to support the urgent maintenance and upgrading of community spaces and amenities, including wading pools, splash pads and recreation centres;
2. Collaborate with the Federation of Calgary Communities (FCC) to invest \$2.85 million towards the planning, development, and expansion of innovative FCC placemaking programs and funding supports, with the goal of enabling more community-led projects in the next three years, including but not limited to creating and/or maintaining seating, shade structures, murals, gazebos and gardens;
3. Invest \$23.15 million to the ENMAX Legacy Parks Fund; and
4. Report back on these additional investments through standard cycles including business plan and budget processes.

Attachments:

1. Placemaking Grants and Innovation Project- Federation of Calgary Communities
2. Notice of Motion Checklist