



Report Number: EC2025-0646

Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2025 June 17

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Notice of Motion - Clarifying government roles and The City of Calgary's core mandate.docx

Sponsoring Member(s) of Council: Councillors Sharp, McLean, Chabot and Wong

WHEREAS Alberta's Municipal Government Act gives The City of Calgary clear jurisdiction over items land-use planning, transportation infrastructure, public utilities, and community and protective services;

AND WHEREAS by contrast, services like income support, healthcare, education, and affordable housing are constitutionally assigned to the provincial or federal governments;

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary currently assumes approximately \$135.2 million in operational responsibilities each year that rightly fall under the responsibility of other orders of government¹, creating fiscal pressures and diluting focus from Calgary's core responsibilities;

AND WHEREAS clear public delineation of responsibilities promotes transparency and accountability, and Calgarians have a right to know how their City's time and tax dollars are being used and to ensure Council remains focused on its core responsibilities;

AND WHEREAS it is time for The City of Calgary to clearly identify where its responsibilities begin and end, so that resources, attention, and expectations are aligned with what Calgary City Council was elected and empowered to do;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that Council directs Administration to develop a comprehensive chart of government responsibilities for key policy and service areas.

- This should be similar to the charts created in the Municipal Fiscal Gap report, C2023-0960 Attachment 3, Exhibits 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3;
- This chart must clearly show which functions are municipal, provincial, federal or a shared responsibility. Key areas should include (but not be limited to) infrastructure, housing, healthcare, education, public safety, utilities, economic development and social services; and
- The chart must be published on calgary.ca, The City's social media channels and made available to Council and Administration no later than 2025 July 4.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to ensure that all Council and Committee reports beginning in Q4 2025 include a clear jurisdictional label indicating whether the item is:

(a) core municipal responsibility;

(b) a shared or supportive responsibility in partnership with another order of government; or

(c) not aligned to the City's core municipal responsibilities;

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AND FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to include a numerical breakdown of all Council reports by responsibility category (core responsibility, shared responsibility and not a core municipal responsibility) in all Service Planning and Budgeting-related documents beginning in Q4 2025.

Attachment:

1. Notice of Motion Checklist