



Report Number: EC2026-0330

Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2026 April 14

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Advocacy on behalf of Calgary Residents related to the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) Act and the Alberta Disability Assistance Program (ADAP)

Sponsoring Member(s) of Council: Councillor Schmidt, Mayor Farkas

WHEREAS the City of Calgary believes that Calgarians with disabilities deserve stable, dignified financial support that lifts the recipients out of poverty and supports their path to independence.

AND WHEREAS effective July 1, 2026, the Government of Alberta will transition the majority of current AISH recipients, approximately 23,000 Calgarians, to the Alberta Disability Assistance Program, a program that reduces benefit levels, removes the legislated guarantee of annual cost-of-living adjustments, and provides no right of appeal for placement decisions.

AND WHEREAS Many people with disabilities fall below deep poverty thresholds, and lower monthly benefits without guaranteed employment increases the risk of food, financial and housing insecurity.

AND WHEREAS This will put increased financial and administrative strain on City programs and City supported community organizations.

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary, Community organizations, and Calgary taxpayers should not be left to bear the additional costs when provincial program changes create gaps in their jurisdictional coverage.

AND WHEREAS persons with disabilities and disability advocates have noted a significant lack of meaningful consultation in the development of ADAP, and the municipalities of Edmonton, Lethbridge, Camrose, and Red Deer have each formally called on the Province to pause implementation, making this a critical and time-limited opportunity for Calgary to add its voice before the framework is codified into law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee forward this Notice of Motion to the April 28, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council for consideration.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, write a letter to the Government of Alberta advocating for them to:

- 1) Immediately pause implementation of the recent changes to the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act and Alberta Disability Assistance program;
- 2) Undertake meaningful, accessible consultation with persons with disabilities, advocacy organizations, community partners, and municipalities; and,
- 3) Publicly report on the social and economic impacts of these changes for people with disabilities in Calgary and on municipal programs prior to moving forward.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of Motion Checklist