



Report Number: EC2026-0347

Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2026 April 14

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Parks Maintenance Funding Levels 2026

Sponsoring Member(s) of Council: Councillor Schmidt, Councillor Wyness, Councillor Atkinson, Councillor Clark, Councillor Pantazopoulos, Councillor Dhaliwal, Councillor Yule

WHEREAS The *Municipal Development Plan* Section 2.3.4 as amended through Bylaw 57P2025 identifies the objective of creating quality public parks, open spaces, and other community amenities to make leisure and recreation activities available to all Calgarians and Policy a. directs Council to provide a high-quality park system to meet the varied needs of Calgarians.

AND WHEREAS The *CONNECT: Calgary Parks Plan 2025* Option 4 shows a significant gap between Calgary's total city-maintained park land and maintenance operating budgets over the last 10 years, with a 34% increase in parks maintenance responsibilities, 28% inflation and operating budgets increasing by only 12%.

AND WHEREAS Parks are a beloved and well-utilized City asset as shown by the *2025 Pulse on Parks Survey* where 93% of Calgarians visited a park at least once within the past year and 94% of Calgarians visited a park for at least 20 minutes in months without snow.

AND WHEREAS Calgarians have indicated overwhelming support for well-maintained parks spaces through the *2025 Pulse on Parks Survey* which found Calgarians' top desired parks improvements was better service levels for maintenance, cleanliness, and landscaping.

AND WHEREAS Council approved the *Parks Maintenance Level of Service IP2026-0032* and endorsed the highest level of service under Option 4 for parks maintenance including mowing, turf maintenance, shrub bed maintenance, and garbage collection for prioritization in 2027-2030 Business Plans and Budgets.

AND WHEREAS Council has identified improved park maintenance funding as a priority for the 2027-2030 Business Plans and Budgets.

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; and further,

BE IT RESOLVED That Council direct Administration to commit \$1.7M of one-time funding in 2026 from the Legacy Parks Reserve to increase city-wide park maintenance such as mowing of sports fields and community parks, increased garbage collection in high demand areas, targeted control for pest and weed management and seasonal washroom servicing to bridge finance to increase levels of service for this operating season prior to the approval of the Parks Maintenance Plan through the 2027-2030 Business Plan and Budget process..

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of Motion Checklist

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