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**SUBJECT: Recognition of the Calgary Stampede Showband at City Council**

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Citizen Recognitions & Protocol requests approval to recognize the Calgary Stampede Showband at the November 17, 2014 Regular Council Meeting. This recognition is to acknowledge their outstanding achievement at the World Association of Marching Show Bands in August this year. Due to band equipment still enroute from Brazil and band leadership away on planning sessions, an earlier date for recognition is difficult.

**Background:**

- The Calgary Stampede Show Band is considered Calgary's "Musical Ambassadors to the World", with international exposure that has earned them a reputation as one of the world's finest marching ensembles.
- Comprised of students between the ages of 16 – 21, this performance-orientated educational program is designed to develop Calgary youth in the performance arts.
- The show band makes over 200 appearances during the annual Stampede, for both local and international audiences.

**Achievements:**

- In August of this year, The Calgary Stampede Showband claimed top honours at the World Association of Marching Show Bands (WAMSB) held in Brazil.
- This title has distinguished them as the only marching show band to win this competition for three consecutive years.
- It also marks their fifth championship title, which has never been achieved by any other marching show band in the world.
- Their previous wins were in 1996, 2000 and 2012 in Calgary, and 2013 in Japan.

Citizen Recognitions & Protocol will liaise with the Calgary Stampede Showband to coordinate details for this short and tightly choreographed Recognition in Council. In addition to the Mayor's remarks, we are exploring the option to include band representatives march through the Council Chamber, similar what took place with the Ogden Legion Pipe Band in 2011.

Thank you,



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