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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Proposed Cannabis Public Consumption Bylaws

The Calgary Police Service supports The City of Calgary's proposed alignment of public consumption of cannabis with that of the current bylaws and regulations for alcohol, as recommended by City Administration.

The CPS has been working with our partners both on a municipal and provincial level to ensure we are part of the conversation from the beginning.

Ensuring public safety is the primary goal of the police. Current bylaws in relation to the consumption of alcohol assist in managing crowd dynamics at unplanned events. Officers always employ the use of discretion, in conjunction with voluntary compliance, when it comes to enforcement of those bylaws. This would be no different for the enforcement of cannabis bylaws; it will be one more tool for them to use at their discretion.

Resource implications for policing the changing legislation were identified early on. By far the most costly implications for policing relate to the training and enforcement for impaired driving (60 per cent), along with investigative resources needed to enforce the illicit growing, manufacturing and trafficking of illicit cannabis. As such, the CPS is necessarily a secondary enforcement agency in respect to most cannabis-related provincial and municipal regulatory matters.

The role of police is not to create laws, but to enforce them. We trust in our partners at the City. We continue to support the City of Calgary as we move through the legalization of cannabis.

Sincerely,

Roger Chaffin, O.O.M.
CHIEF CONSTABLE