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Meeting: Combined Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: 2018 July 23

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Shouldice Athletic Park Winter Utilization Shelter

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Ward Sutherland, Druh Farrell, Diane Colley-Urquhart, Evan Woolley, George Chahal, Jeff Davison, Joe Magliocca, GC Carra, Shane Keating, Ray Jones, and Peter Demong

WHEREAS winter indoor practice and play space remains a top unfunded capital priority for The City of Calgary and the "Gross Municipal Amateur Sport Product" in Calgary was over \$1.2 billion last year;

AND WHEREAS Calgary Recreation has investigated the use of air supported structures as a mechanism to address this priority and determined they have a role to play in the provision of winter indoor practice and play space services which are in short supply;

AND WHEREAS Shouldice Athletic Park provides high level services to a variety of sports with over 1 million visitors per year, it is also home to Calgary amateur football and Western Canada's premier football park.

AND WHEREAS the Greater Calgary Amateur Football Association (GCAFA) were the impetus behind the fund raising and development of the 3 artificial turf fields and associated amenities at Shouldice Athletic Park;

AND WHEREAS the GCAFA in recognizing the need for indoor practice and play space at Shouldice Athletic Park have partnered with the Calgary Minor Soccer Association, The Calgary Blizzard Soccer Club and The Calgary Stampeders Football Club to fund raise for the capital investment (2-1 (CoC) ratio investment) of an air supported structure at Shouldice Athletic Park;

AND WHEREAS Calgary Recreation has been working with the GCAFA and their partners to develop a revenue neutral business plan concept for the operation and use of an air inflated structure at Shouldice Athletic Park;

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary will be hosting the Canadian Football League's Grey Cup Championship Game in 2019 November and an air supported winter practice and play structure would assist in the support of this event which contributes to millions of tourist dollars to Calgary's economy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves in principle the allocation of \$1,000,000 from the Fiscal Stability Reserve towards the capital investment for an air supported structure at Shouldice Athletic Park and directs Administration to continue working with the Greater Calgary Amateur Football Association and its partners to:

- Conduct community engagement
- Confirm the capital investments from the partners is secured and in alignment with City policies; and
- Finalize a revenue neutral operating model, governance and operating agreement for the installation and use of an air supported structure at Shouldice Athletic Park; and
- Then proceed with appropriate planning, design and permitting for the construction of an air supported structure at Shouldice Athletic Park following the finalization of a revenue neutral operating model,

governance and operating agreement for the use of the air supported structure at Shouldice Athletic Park.