



Report Number: C2018-0956

Meeting: Combined Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: 2018 July 30

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: COMMUNITY ACTION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Sponsoring Members of Council: Nenshi, Farrell, Woolley, Colley-Urquhart, Farkas, Chahal, Carra

WHEREAS the recent economic downturn has amplified citizen concerns about crime and social disorder;

AND WHEREAS statistics and observation show an increasing amount of social disorder, particularly in the downtown core and at certain C-train nodes, and a sharp rise in crimes against people and property;

AND WHEREAS Council responded by approving a \$20.8 million increase to the 2018 CPS operating budget on 2017 November 30 over and above their \$380 million 2018 annual operating budget;

AND WHEREAS more Calgarians died from accidental fentanyl overdoses in 2017 than from violent crime and motor vehicle collisions combined, while the prevalence of other dangerous street drugs, including methamphetamine, continued to increase;

AND WHEREAS citizen concerns about crime and social disorder highlight the need for a broader community strategy on the complex links between addiction, crime prevention and mental health;

AND WHEREAS there is a need to reduce the stigma of seeking help for mental illness and Calgary has no comprehensive municipal strategy on mental health parallel to our system-wide strategies on homelessness and poverty reduction;

AND WHEREAS Council created a \$5 million emergency resilience fund in 2016 and renewed it in 2017, and allocated \$3 million one-time to initiatives including crime prevention in 2017 and there is currently no funding source identified for the replacement of these funds;

AND WHEREAS allocating funding for the required municipal contribution to the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) program is necessary to receive matching investments;

AND WHEREAS Calgary is a place of opportunity where we must strive for everyone to be safe and feel welcome;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council commit \$25 million from the Fiscal Stability Reserve for Crime Prevention and a new Mental Health and Addictions Strategy over the next five years, with \$15 million allocated to the Community Services Prevention Investment Framework, The City's necessary FCSS contributions, and other short term initiatives in areas, such as Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, and that the remaining \$10 million be allocated as seed funding for initiatives resulting from the strategy described below;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to convene a community-wide mental health, addiction and crime prevention strategy, modeled on the systems approach taken in the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness and Enough for All, involving a broad base of community stakeholders;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services with:

- A) Guidelines for awarding initial funds from the fund using the Prevention Investment Framework with the addition of a mental health and addiction lens, no later than Q4 2018, and;
- B) A scoping report and work plan for the development of the community strategy identifying short, medium and long term actions, no later than Q1 2019.