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Meeting: Regular Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: 2018 October 15

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Business Advisory Committee

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Councillor Ward Sutherland

WHEREAS it is timely for The City of Calgary to be perceived as "open for business" to investors and business owners, and to deliver our services in an efficient and effective manner.

AND WHEREAS we must continually assess our business practices and processes to ensure we are removing barriers and providing value for our customers;

AND WHEREAS the Business Advisory Committee will provide insights and perspectives from across a variety of business sectors to guide and support Administration in the execution of business-friendly initiatives;

AND WHEREAS the Business Advisory Committee will have the ability to provide recommendations and identify areas where additional support or guidance from Council may be required;

AND WHEREAS the Business Advisory Committee will establish a membership which includes, but is not limited to, those listed below, to provide cross-industry and cross-departmental perspectives to ensure The City is continually improving as we strive to be "open for business";

- Chamber of Commerce
- Calgary Economic Development
- Business Improvement Area (BIA's)
- Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)
- NAIOP – Commercial and Industrial Sector
- BILD Calgary Region
- Up to 5 City of Calgary Administration participants representing relevant business service lines

AND WHEREAS the Business Advisory Committee agrees to uphold the following core values in the execution of their work and these values will be embedded within a Terms of Reference;

- Transparency - The process will be transparent, including the sharing of information;
- Collaboration - Participants will be open to other perspectives and be solution focused;
- Integrity - The process will be based on trust and open, honest dialogue, and;
- Innovation - Innovative and flexible solutions will be encouraged

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council support the creation of the Business Advisory Committee;

AND FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED that Council nominate two (2) Councillors to serve as members of the Business Advisory Committee (one Councillor to serve as Chair) during the October 20th Organizational Meeting of Council;

AND FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED that the Business Advisory Committee report back to Priority and Finance Committee semi-annually;

AND FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED that the Business Advisory Committee brings back a proposed terms of reference no later than December 2018.