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Meeting: Regular Meeting of Council

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## NOTICE OF MOTION

**RE: Genesis Centre Outdoor Artificial Turf Community Field**

**Sponsoring Councillor(s): Councillor George Chahal**

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**WHEREAS** outdoor artificial turf fields remain a top unfunded capital priority for The City of Calgary;

**AND WHEREAS** the Genesis Centre is the central hub of North East Calgary and provides a variety of recreational, cultural, and social functions;

**AND WHEREAS** the Genesis Centre provides needed sport, recreation, wellness and cultural services to the residents of northeast Calgary, which has a rapidly growing youth population and the highest enrolment in minor soccer in the Calgary region (Environics Analytics, 2018);

**AND WHEREAS** North East Calgary is underserved in Class A, B and C fields as it has only 1 Class A & B Athletic Park field with no Artificial turf or Class C fields, which represents only 1% (1 of 78) of the overall allocation of citywide Athletic Park, Class A, B and C fields;

**AND WHEREAS** the maintenance of the current natural turf fields next to the Genesis Centre continues to consume higher than normal operating funds due to turf quality and high use;

**AND WHEREAS** the replacement of the existing natural turf fields with new natural turf fields could result in operating funds continuing to be consumed at a higher than normal rate;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ward 5 Office has recognized the need to maintain availability of a rectangular outdoor community field in the North East and has identified partners to fund raise for the capital investment for artificial turf located next to the Genesis Centre;

**AND WHEREAS** the capital costs of installing an outdoor artificial turf community field next to the Genesis Centre instead of replacing the existing natural turf fields would be minimized with partner funding included in the project;

**AND WHEREAS** Calgary Recreation has been working with the Ward 5 Office to develop a concept for the ongoing provision of a community rectangular field next to the Genesis Centre;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Approves in principle the allocation of \$2 million from the Fiscal Stability Reserve towards the capital investment for an outdoor artificial turf community field next to the Genesis Centre, on condition of matching capital investment from the Genesis Centre and another order of government or partners to cover the full cost of the capital required for the development, design, and construction of an artificial turf field; and
2. Approves up to 1 FTE and one-time funding of \$150,304 from Pay-As-You-Go (PAYG) for a term of up to 12 months and direct Administration to:

- a. Confirm the capital investments from partners, that this investment is secured and in alignment with City policies;
- b. Then, proceed with appropriate planning, design and permitting for the construction of an outdoor artificial turf community field next to the Genesis Centre; and
- c. Direct Administration to expand the Lease boundary of the North East Centre of Community Society (Genesis Centre) to include the new artificial turf field as part of their recreational amenity package upon completion of the project. The Genesis Centre will then be responsible for all ongoing operations and maintenance of the field.