



Report Number: C2018-1446

Meeting: Regular Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: 2018 December 17

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Saving \$4 Million Annually in the Budget

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Evan Woolley

WHEREAS the recently approved 4-year budget is reflective of the economic downturn and Council's work to show restraint in new spending and the hiring of new positions in an effort to keep the tax rate low;

AND WHEREAS because of this restrained budget many citizen priorities remain under-funded or unfunded despite demand;

AND WHEREAS Council approved the addition to the Recreation Opportunities service line of \$4,000,000 million for lifeguard services without a sufficient discussion about the requirement for this increase and cost implications associated with the same;

AND WHEREAS this increase in funding is to meet the new ratio of lifeguards to bathers (1:40) anticipated to be adopted in 2019 by the Royal Lifesaving Society - Alberta and Northwest Territories Branch;

AND WHEREAS the Society was unable to provide studies or peer research in support of the anticipated 1:40 ratio but the proposed ratio is anticipated to be circulated to some pool operator experts in Alberta for comment;

AND WHEREAS for decades The City of Calgary has been a leader in operating safe and clean pools;

AND WHEREAS there are public pools where, with the appropriate information and signage, no lifeguard is required and other types of pools require various ratios of lifeguards to bathers;

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AND WHEREAS the Alberta Health, Public Health and Compliance Pool Standards are Alberta Regulations under the Public Health Act and require that Pool Safety and Supervision Plans be developed based on current best practices;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that with respect to Recommendation 1 contained in Report C2018-1158 that Council reconsider its decision, made during the 2018 November 14 Regular Meeting of Council, to adopt the 'Recreation Opportunities' 2019 – 2022 the Operating Budgets contained on pages 349 – 350 of Attachment 1;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that with respect to Recommendation 1 contained in Report C2018-1158, the Total Operating Budget for Recreation Opportunities intended for the hiring of additional lifeguards be reduced by \$4,000,000 Million;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the \$4,000,000 Million be redirected to further reduce the non-residential property tax rate;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that to maximize efficiencies, Council direct Administration to review lifeguarding provisions on a site by site and basin by basin basis at City-operated facilities;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be directed to work with the Royal Lifesaving Society – Alberta and Northwest Territories Branch to update Pool Safety and Supervision Plans for all City of Calgary operated pool facilities.