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Meeting: Combined Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: 2019 February 25

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: REVIEW OF THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MANDATE

Sponsoring Councillor: COUNCILLOR COLLEY-URQUHART

WHEREAS the Protective Services Citizen Oversight Committee was established in 2002 at the request of the Calgary Police Service as a pre-condition for Calgary Transit Special Constables (now Calgary Transit Public Safety and Enforcement Officers) to carry pepper spray and ballistic baton;

AND WHEREAS the mandate of the Protective Services Oversight Committee is to oversee the disposition of public complaints regarding the use of pepper spray and baton involving Calgary Transit PSE Officers;

AND WHEREAS the Peace Officer Act was proclaimed in 2006, repealing the *Special Constable Regulation* (Alberta) and establishing a new model of community policing described as the Law Enforcement Framework of Alberta and stewarded by the Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General of Alberta;

AND WHEREAS developments in the evolution of community safety have seen the complement of Calgary Transit's Peace Officers grow from 32 Peace Officers in 2002 to 102 in 2019. This has been accompanied by increased legal authorities in critical areas such as powers of arrest and detention, investigations, and community outreach;

AND WHEREAS the Peace Officer Act has established a Provincial oversight framework for Peace Officer Use-of-Force; however, citizen involvement in the review of Peace Officer use-of-force is not a statutory requirement;

AND WHEREAS the current membership of the committee is comprised of three community members and one member of administration who is the ex-officio use-of-force advisor to the committee;

AND WHEREAS the Committee has met six times since 2016 to review public complaints and their dispositions in relation to Peace Officer use-of-force incidents;

AND WHEREAS transparency of peace officer enforcement is only a key component of good governance and a broader range of citizen inputs in the roles, authorities and responsibilities of Calgary Transit Peace Officers is critical for public trust.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to consult with key stakeholders including Members of Council, and to:

- a) Examine best practices on public transit governance oversight models;
- b) Review the current Terms of Reference – including but not limited to citizen membership (skills and attributes required), citizen appeal mechanisms and reporting to Council.

Report back to Council through the SPC on Transportation and Transit Committee no later than June 2019 so that required changes can be reflected in advertising for Council appointments in October 2019.