



Report Number: C2019-0123

Meeting: Combined Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: 2019 February 04

## NOTICE OF MOTION

**RE: Responding to Public Safety Issues at Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre's SCS Facility**

**Sponsoring Councillor:** Evan Woolley, Diane Colley-Urquhart

WHEREAS; the mental health and addictions crisis remains one of the most significant and urgent challenges facing Calgary and communities across North America;

AND WHEREAS; the Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre's Supervised Consumption Services Facility (SCS) is a vital component in the four pillar drug strategy of harm reduction, prevention, treatment and enforcement in addressing this crisis;

AND WHEREAS in opening the SCS, Councillor Woolley, the Minister of Health, the Chief of Police, and the Mayor emphasized the importance of keeping the neighbourhood safe;

AND WHEREAS in a short period of time there has been an escalation of incidents and concerns expressed by adjacent residents, businesses and community organizations about public safety in the area of the SCS. These concerns are identified in the new Calgary Police Service report titled *Crime & Disorder near the Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre's Supervised Consumption Services Facility 2018 Statistical Overview*;

AND WHEREAS; the escalation in crime and social disorder may be attributed to;

- An increase in the number of people using the SCS
- The growth and shift to greater Methamphetamine consumption
- An increase in illegal drug transactions in the immediate area

AND WHEREAS; City Council and Administration must take immediate steps to respond to neighbourhood public safety issues and concerns;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council request its two representatives on Calgary Police Commission (Councillors Gondek and Sutherland) to:

1. Ask that Calgary Police Commission and Calgary Police Service identify representatives to attend the 2019 February 13 meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services to engage in discussion on addressing social disorder, crime and violence near the Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre SCS Facility and Centre City;
2. Bring forward all concerns regarding the Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre SCS Facility at the 2019 February 19 Calgary Police Commission public meeting for discussion with the Calgary Police Service;
3. Report back to Council regarding:

- a. The discussion at the February 19, 2019 Calgary Police Commission meeting; and
  - b. Calgary Police Service timeline to develop a strategy and implement an action plan to address social disorder, crime and violence near the SCS Facility and Centre City.
4. Request that Calgary Police Service District 1 leadership continue working with the ward councillor and all stakeholders on an ongoing basis with regard to the SCS Facility.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that City Council direct Administration to work with Alberta Health Services, the Calgary Police Service, Calgary Fire Department, and key stakeholders to develop a set of immediate actions for consideration including but not limited to:

1. An expanded Downtown Outreach Addiction Partnership (DOAP) Program dedicated to the Beltline
2. Additional onsite psychologists and psychiatrists that specialize in addictions and mental health within SCS Facility
3. Development of comprehensive treatment strategies associated with the SCS Facility
4. Review of operations at the SCS Facility to address intake and outpatient optimization
5. Increase mobile AHS support staff to allow for better monitoring in and around the SCS Facility
6. Creation of a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) Improvement Fund with a terms of reference
7. Resources to support the Beltline Neighbourhood Association, 4<sup>th</sup> Street Business Improvement Area and Victoria Park Business Improvement Area in order to incentivize community driven programming at Central Memorial Park and other potential community space in the vicinity
8. Review of needle box locations
9. Implementation of daily needle clean-ups within a 250 metre radius of the SCS Facility
10. Increased Corporate Security at City-owned properties within a 400 metre radius around SCS Facility
11. Implement increased security surveillance at Central Memorial Park
12. Engagement at the SCS Community Liaison Committee on the topic of a permanent and centralized police presence in the Centre City

And report to Council through the SPC on Community and Protective Services at the February 13, 2019 meeting with an update and recommendations on the opportunities, impacts and costs associated with these and other initiatives.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that consideration be given to allocating a portion of the funds available through Council's Community Action for Mental Health and Addiction initiative towards actions identified as a result of the review outlined above.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council request that the Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services to work with the Acting General Manager of Community Services and the City Solicitor and General Counsel to integrate future actions and outcomes related to this Notice of Motion into the Standing Policy Committee's Work Plan relating to public safety issues and concerns at Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre's SCS Facility