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Meeting: Regular Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: 2018 November 19

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: WASTE MANAGEMENT STORAGE SITE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES

Sponsoring Councillors: KEATING, COLLEY-URQUHART, CARRA

WHEREAS recycling is becoming more prominent in the minds of Calgarians and Albertans, with a greater focus needing to be placed on the companies operating in the industry to ensure they are operating safely;

WHEREAS Waste Management Storage Sites are locations at which materials are collected or received from multiple sources and are sorted and either sold for recycling or sent to landfill;

WHEREAS companies can operate in several different points within the Waste and Recycling Industry Value Chain;

WHEREAS if Waste Management Storage Sites don't transfer their waste in a timely manner (which is more cost effective), storing large amounts of waste improperly becomes a public safety hazard, with the potential of garbage landslides, fires and site contamination resulting in higher public risk;

WHEREAS in contrast, landfill operations are highly regulated through rigorous provincial and municipal standards requiring qualified employees working at such locations;

WHEREAS The City of Calgary and surrounding municipalities have varying standards for regulating the operations of Waste Management Storage Sites which may result in unsafe operating practices, large accumulations of waste, the potential for fires and accompanying strains on fire prevention services putting people's lives at risk;

WHEREAS there have been a number of Waste Management Storage Site fires including, but not limited to, the management of waste on March 22, July 18 and August 22, 2018 which were responded to by EMS, Police and Fire;

WHEREAS The City is aware of some, but not all, of the Waste Management Storage Sites in Calgary and in Rocky View County; and

WHEREAS the operation of Waste Management Storage Sites should be regulated effectively by The City of Calgary and The Province of Alberta.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

Direct Administration to:

1. Report back through the SPC on Utilities and Corporate Services no later than Q1 2019 on an interim approach to minimizing safety risks of these operations; and
2. Report back through the SPC on Utilities and Corporate Services no later than Q4 2019 with:
 - a. A scoping report on The City's authority to use existing controls to limit the safety hazard, risk and liability of The City of Calgary from the operation of waste management storage sites; and
 - b. Make recommendations for potential policy and potential regulatory requirements to standardize practices that reflect best practices.