

City of Calgary Prostitution Response Framework

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Mission: Coordinated operational response to community-identified prostitution impacts.	
Mandate: • Collaboration with ongoing community capacity building initiatives (e.g. Community & Neighbourhood Services) • Enforcement services collaboration and coordination to enhance operational response (e.g. CPS & ABS) • Partnership with community social service agencies to leverage expertise (e.g. Servants Anonymous, SHIFT, etc) • Monitoring of/partnership with prostitution industry to address community safety concerns	
Guiding Principles: • Strengthen how we work together to provide a coordinated and seamless network of services • Enhance agency, government and service provider coordination and communication • Focus efforts on addressing “consumer demand” • Targeted interventions focused on communities experiencing greatest impacts • Enhanced focus on “indoor market” activities • Increased coordination and collaborative deployment of enforcement services • Increased information sharing between community stakeholders and enforcement services • Expanding the knowledge base and public awareness through partnership • Utilization of provincial regulatory options (e.g. Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) Act) • Partnership with business sector to mitigate community impacts	

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Societal Influences	Community-Identified Impacts	Response to Mitigate Community Impact
Legislative ○ Criminal Code of Canada and potential for new federal legislation	Health concerns ○ Discarded needles/condoms ○ Spread of sexually transmitted infections ○ Connection to addictions and mental health issues	1) Enforcement <u>Front-line enforcement coordination</u> ○ Increased officer coordination in targeted communities focused on monitoring industry to address community safety concerns - Coordinated CPS / ABS community & park patrols - Collaborative resource deployment model ○ ABS Community Outreach Project, front-line officer identification of vulnerable populations including the provision of referrals to community supports
Regulatory ○ Provincial initiatives including: Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act (SCAN), use of community safety orders	Public Safety ○ Link to organized crime ○ Potential for violence ○ Challenges associated with exploitation	2) Community Outreach <u>Leveraging community expertise</u> ○ Incorporation of community social service agencies into City Prostitution Working Group to identify and mitigate emerging issues on ongoing basis ○ Increasing officer awareness of community social service providers, including supporting referrals for: - Safe accommodations / housing & education support - Health / addictions services - Counselling support
Social ○ Social service support systems, addictions, societal stigma	Societal Stigma ○ Concerns about prostitutes having limited access to support	<u>Community capacity building</u> ○ Collaboration with Community & Neighbourhood Services (CNS), community associations, business revitalizations zones (BRZs) on targeted community initiatives; including leveraging community social workers ○ Support for innovative outreach and exit projects via the ABS Crime Prevention Investment Plan ○ Supporting advocacy efforts with other levels of government for enhanced social service, addictions, counselling and employment support
Economic ○ Available housing, unemployment, and poverty rates	Property-related concerns ○ Potential impacts on business ○ Need to protect neighbourhoods	○ Leveraging community social service provision to reach the “indoor market” and underserved populations ○ Partnership with stakeholders to enhance best practice and community awareness
Environmental ○ Crime rates, societal perceptions		