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## **CPS2015-0111: City of Calgary Prostitution Response Framework Update**

**Presentation to:  
SPC on Community  
& Protective Services**

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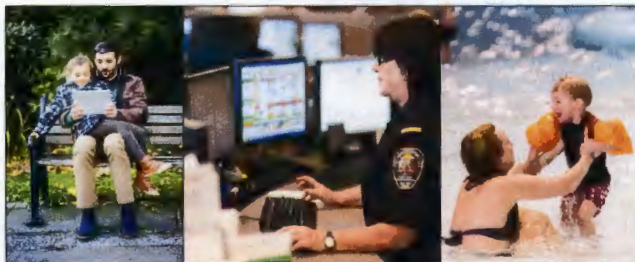
Onward/By 2020, plans for all new and redeveloped communities will include community services infrastructure that accommodates the diverse social, recreational and public safety needs of residents.



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**Prostitution is a complex issue.**

**Impacts on quality of life and public safety  
in Calgary communities.**



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## The Bedford Decision

On December 20 2013, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the following three prostitution-related offences in the Criminal Code were unconstitutional:



- 1) Keeping or being in a common bawdy-house
- 2) Living on the avails of prostitution
- 3) Communicating in public for the purpose of prostitution

## Item of Urgent Business

Multi-departmental City steering and working committee, including:

- » Animal & Bylaw Services
- » Calgary Police Service
- » Community & Neighbourhood Services
- » Compliance Services
- » Law Department
- » Planning Development & Assessment
- In collaboration with key community stakeholders (e.g. Servants Anonymous, SHIFT, etc)

## Previous Report to Council

- A review of approaches in other jurisdictions
- Planned responses from other levels of government
- Public submission process
- A framework to address potential legislative, regulatory, social, environmental and economic issues involved, with a targeted implementation date of 2014 December

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## Approaches in Other Jurisdictions - Nordic Model Research Trip



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## Public Submission Summary

- Public submission process ran from May 2 to May 19, 2014
- 1,861 visits and resulted in 797 completed submissions
- 70% of respondents highlighted prostitution as having an impact on Calgary as a whole
- 43% of respondents reported an impact to their families or themselves



## Prostitution Response Framework

| Societal Influences  | Community-Identified Impacts   | Response to Mitigate Community Impact  |
|--|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Legislative</li> <li>▪ Regulatory</li> <li>▪ Social</li> <li>▪ Economic</li> <li>▪ Environmental</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Health Concerns</li> <li>▪ Public Safety</li> <li>▪ Societal Stigma</li> <li>▪ Property-Related Concerns</li> </ul> | <p><u>Enforcement:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Front-Line Enforcement Coordination</li> <li>▪ Business Sector Collaboration</li> <li>▪ Information Sharing</li> </ul> <p><u>Community Outreach:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Leveraging Community Expertise</li> <li>▪ Community Capacity Building</li> </ul> |

## Overview of Bill C-36

- Bill C-36 (Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act) came into force on 2014 December 6
- Reduce, and eventually eliminate the demand for and sale of sexual services
- Mitigating the interpersonal and community harms associated with the sex trade in the process.



## Municipal Analysis of Bill C-36

### Current CPS enforcement efforts

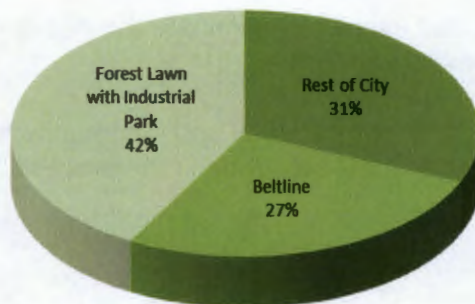
- Focused on 'Consumer Demand' and targeting cases involving minors and/or exploitation

### City of Calgary bylaws

- Review of existing bylaws that could potentially be tied to ancillary activities related to prostitution – no amendments required

## Calgary Current State

### CPS Calls for Service 2014



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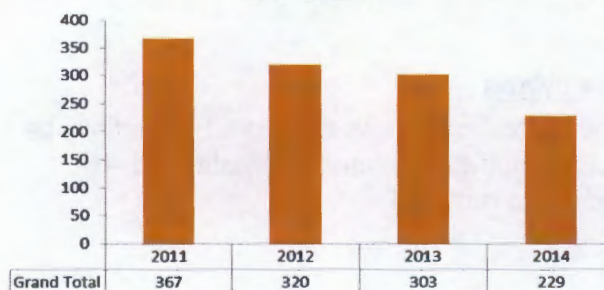
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## Calgary Current State

- By the end of 2014, CPS prostitution related calls for service decreased by approximately 24% as compared to 2013

### Public Generated Prostitution Calls for Service 2011 to 2014



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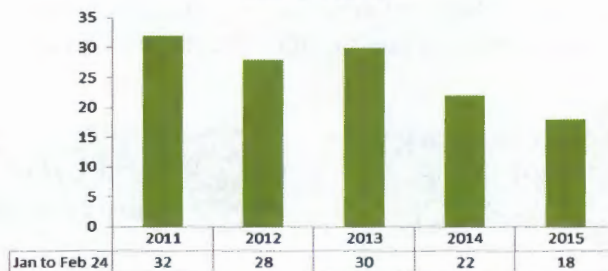
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### Calgary Current State

- Since the enactment of Bill C-36 in 2014 December, prostitution related calls have decreased slightly from 22 calls for service from Jan-Feb 2014, to only 18 calls for the same period in 2015

**Public Generated Prostitution Calls for Service  
Jan to Feb 24**



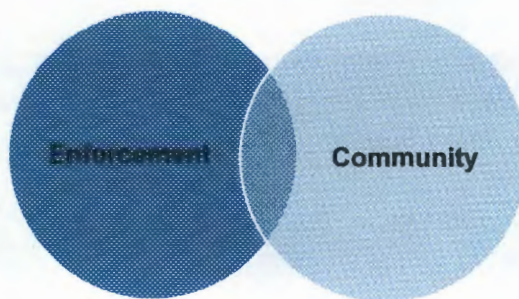
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### Update on Prostitution Response Framework Implementation

Response Streams:



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### **Enforcement Stream**

- CPS-ABS Prostitution Exit Initiative
- Greater information sharing and operational connections between CPS and ABS
- Greater coordination of patrols and enhanced partnerships in key outdoor prostitution areas



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### **Community**

- Community Partnerships and Programs which support CNS youth justice initiatives

| Partner                          | Prostitution Specific Program |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Servants Anonymous Society (SAS) | Vitality Employment Program   |
| HIV Community Link (SHIFT)       | Prostitution Outreach Program |



## Recommendations

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION (S)**

That the SPC on Community and Protective Services recommends that Council:

- 1) Receive this report for information;
- 2) Direct Administration to dissolve the City of Calgary prostitution steering and working committees and continue implementation of the Prostitution Response Framework through Administration and the community agencies involved.