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RE: SHAWNEE SLOPES GOLF COURSE

Alderman Diane Colley-Urquhart

WHEREAS The City of Calgary is committed to providing affordable and accessible recreation which encourages active and healthy lifestyles, and promotes positive social and recreational opportunities that foster great public spaces and programs to enrich the lives of Calgarians and promote an attractive and liveable city, and

WHEREAS The City of Calgary Golf Courses provide accessible, good quality and affordable golf opportunities and programs for recreational golfers including but not limited to entry level players, youth, seniors, families and the economically disadvantaged, and

WHEREAS The City of Calgary Recreation currently operates 8 golf courses at six locations, three driving ranges with associated ancillary services, and are stewards of 747 acres (305 hectares) of public land which serves to protect and enhance our natural urban environment, and, that have been effectively integrated into the land use infrastructure and provide good use of public lands for storm water drainage, water reservoirs, utility and roads rights-of-way, and

WHEREAS The City of Calgary has been operating golf courses since 1915, and has not constructed a new golf course since 1981, nor expanded any golf courses since 1992.

AND WHEREAS the opportunity may exist to purchase the 143 acre Shawnee Slopes Golf Course site,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to report back to Council through the Land & Asset Strategy Committee no later than April 2009 on:

- (a) The potential municipal/recreational opportunity to acquire the Shawnee Slopes Golf Course as a City of Calgary public golf course,
- (b) The potential funding options for the acquisition including but not limited to provincial, municipal, private sector and/or resident association funding mechanisms.
- (c) The merits and risks associated with such an acquisition.

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