



Police commission holds meeting in response to budget

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The Calgary Police Commission held an emergency meeting on Wednesday to talk about the ramifications of the budget deferral.

Earlier this week, council refused to pre-approve the police budget in a vote of eight-to-seven.

Just before Wednesday's meeting, the police chief expressed frustration over having to change his plan to maximize safety in the city. "We've had some great successes with some of the safety initiatives we've initiated and now we have to back away from that," says Hanson.

The chief says not having a guaranteed budget means new recruitment classes will have to be cancelled and the number of beat cops will likely be reduced.

Alderman John Mar and Diane Colley-Urquhart, who are members of the police commission, came out of the meeting for a brief announcement.

They say they will bring the police budget up as an item of urgent business at the next council meeting. That's scheduled to take place on July 19th.

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