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Council passes plan to remove Occupy Calgary tents

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Council has unanimously approved two motions dealing with occupy Calgary protesters camping at Olympic Plaza.

The vote came after about three hours of closed door discussion and debate with city lawyers on the issue.

One motion, brought forward by Ward eight's John Mar, contains a plan to remove the tents and protesters from Olympic Plaza.

"Certainly we want to ensure that Calgarians are aware that the City of Calgary respects its citizens especially the Charter of Rights of its citizen, but at the same we are going to ask people to respect their city and respect its infrastructure. So, it boils down to protest absolutely, tents no," said Mar.

Council is not detailing exactly what the plan is or what the timeline is to get the protesters removed from the plaza.

The other motion, from Diane Colley-Urquhart, asked administration for a report on the protest.



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