

## Review needed in Occupy Calgary situation, alderman says

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Results of a new survey and perceived inaction by city officials have a Calgary alderman calling for an immediate shutdown of two Occupy camps and a comprehensive review of what led to the situation.

Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart released findings of a survey on her website yesterday that show little favour for Occupy Calgary camps established last month at Olympic Plaza and St. Patrick's Island.

About 68 per cent of respondents believe the group has no right to occupy a public space in the first place and majority support was found for shutting down both camps (71 per cent in the case of the plaza camp and 51 per cent for the island group).

In all, 871 responses were submitted over two days.

"I think it's pretty clear that Calgarians are fed up with this," Colley-Urquhart said. "We certainly need to do a thorough review of all of our bylaws now as a result of this incident but I think we also need to really closely examine the role of (Calgary Emergency Management Agency)."

The agency has taken the lead on finding common ground with the occupiers but has deflected the calls of some to forcibly remove the groups.

Occupy plaza member Sheehan Herlein deemed those responding negatively to his group in the survey "ignorant" and said the group has accomplished two major goals: Establishing better organization at the camp and setting up a whiteboard to list upcoming group meetings.



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City crews would have normally drained the reflecting pool at Olympic Plaza but maintenance work has been delayed due to the Occupy Calgary demonstration.

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