

2010 February 22

RE: City of Calgary Telework Week
Alderman Colley-Urquhart

WHEREAS, The City of Calgary launched a telework program in March 2009, to provide telework as a flexible work option for employees where appropriate, which has produced a reduction of 7,440 commuter trips and 183,000 vehicle kilometres travelled, conserving 16,000 litres of fuel and reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 42,000 kilograms;

AND WHEREAS, telework is defined as working from home, a satellite office, a telework centre, or any other workstation outside the main office using technology to substitute for work-related travel;

AND WHEREAS, The City of Calgary, Calgary Economic Development and Transport Canada through the ecoMobility Program are partners in an innovative regional telework initiative "WORKshift" to accelerate and facilitate the adoption and measurement of telework practices in the Calgary and region business community, that will serve as a template for other Municipal programs across Canada;

AND WHEREAS, The City of Calgary and Calgary Economic Development are working with the Association for Commuter Transportation of Canada to coordinate a national telework awareness week;

AND WHEREAS, Calgary is considered a leader among Canadian cities for our commitment to providing travel options and making Calgary's transportation system more sustainable and would be the first city in Canada to designate such a week;

AND WHEREAS, telecommuting considerably reduces the strain and congestion on the public road and transit networks, while reducing the emissions from commuter vehicles, increasing the savings for employees and providing businesses with increased employee productivity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Bronconnier be requested to consider declaring April 19th-23rd, 2010 as Calgary's first Citywide Telework Week to coincide with the Earth Day (April 22nd), and encourage local businesses to participate.