

NOTICE OF MOTION

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ALDERMAN COLLEY-URQUHART

SAFE CITY DESIGNATION - THE CITY OF CALGARY

WHEREAS the vision of the City of Calgary is working together to create and sustain a vibrant, healthy, safe and caring community; and

WHEREAS Calgary is the first large Canadian municipality to implement the Safe Community model and join the international Safe Communities Network; and

WHEREAS members of the international Safe Communities Network believe that injuries are predictable and preventable; and

WHEREAS all human beings have an equal right to health and safety; and

WHEREAS we desire to build on the excellent existing partnerships dedicated to safety in our community by bringing them into a collaborative network; and

WHEREAS there are long-term sustainable programs covering both genders and all ages, environments, and situations; and

WHEREAS there is a need for programs that are designed to meet the needs of high-risk groups and environments, and programs that promote safety for vulnerable groups; and

WHEREAS our programs will document the frequency, severity and causes of injuries and threats to personal safety; and

WHEREAS we will utilize effective evaluation strategies to assess our programs and processes; and

WHEREAS our learnings will be shared in the national and international Safe Community Networks; and

WHEREAS our schools will be safe and challenging places where engaged citizens are developed and nurtured; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request the citizens of this city to continue to build upon our heritage by making Calgary a place where all people, homes, places of work and play, and streets are safe; safety education is effective, business promotes and values safety, neighbors look out for one another, and citizens are active in making informed choices for their lives and the safety of their community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council request the citizens of this city pledge their commitment to safety and designate ourselves as a member of the Safe Community Network in order to support existing Calgary initiatives to encourage safety in our schools, businesses, churches, government, media, community groups, and families, and that we urge the leaders of each of these jurisdictions to support and contribute to this noble endeavor.

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