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Focus on Calgary crime plan

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CALGARY -- Calgary's mayor and police chief are set to meet to discuss strategy following a recent string of gun and gang activity in the city.

Over the last month, two young friends were gunned down within weeks of each other, a woman was stabbed to death in a townhouse complex, a man was beaten to death in a nightclub and another man shot to death while in his car downtown.

Alderman Diane Colley-Urquhart, who also sits on the Calgary Police Commission, says Mayor Dave Bronconnier will ask police Chief Rick Hanson what the plan is for going forward.

'JUST AS CONCERNED'

She says Bronconnier is "just as concerned as other Calgarians" about violence in the city and what will be done to address it.

Colley-Urquhart says something needs to be done to deal with drugs in the city to address the root of the violence.

Neither Bronconnier or Hanson could be reached for comment Saturday.

Alderman Ric McIver, who also sits on the Police Commission, said he supports this morning's meeting.

"The chief and police have had several strategies in place for some time now so this probably an appropriate time to reassure the public those strategies are in place and they continue to work on the problem."