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**CONSENT AGENDAS & NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Alderman Danielson and Alderman Colley-Urquhart**

WHEREAS Calgary City Council, as part of the 2003 Legislative Governance Review, adopted a recommendation that full presentation, discussion, questioning, debate, and engagement of Administration be conducted at the Committee level;

AND WHEREAS the "Consent Agenda" approach is used by many other municipalities in North America at Council meetings;

AND WHEREAS a "Consent Agenda" approach would allow Committee recommendations that are unanimous to be brought forward to Council as "Consent" items on the Agenda;

AND WHEREAS Notices of Motion are often considered at the Committee level in other Canadian municipalities, and under the Procedure Bylaw, there is no mechanism for individual Members of Council to bring items of business to SPC and Special Committee meetings;

AND WHEREAS under the Procedure Bylaw, Notices of Motion must be placed on Council's Agenda where they are then debated at its regular Business Meeting and often referred to Committee;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of a Consent Agenda approach in The City of Calgary and placing Notices of Motion on the appropriate Agenda of a Committee or Council could reduce the amount of time spent by Council members reviewing these matters at Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the principle of "Consent Agendas" and provide for Notices of Motion to be placed on Agendas of SPC and Special Committees;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. File NM2004-11.
2. Council direct the Law Department, with the City Clerk, to amend the Procedure Bylaw, Appendix One – Order of Business at Meetings, Section 2(7)(c), by adding the words

***"(i) Consent Items  
(ii) Non-Consent Items"***

after the words, "at least 10 days prior";

3. Council direct the Law Department, with the City Clerk, to draft and add the definition of "Consent Agenda" to the Procedure Manual Part One – Interpretation; and
4. Council direct the Law Department, with the City Clerk, to amend the Procedure Bylaw, Notices of Motion, Section 114(3) by adding the words, "***of the next scheduled SPC, or***" after the words "added to the Agenda".