

Standing Policy Committee – Community and Protective Services

July 15, 2015

Calgary EATS! Food System Assessment and Action Plan

The CPS Committee approved the Calgary EATS! Food System Assessment and Action Plan report. The report establishes that an initial report be provided to Council no later than December 2017 and every four years after reflecting The City and community's actions with respect to the Calgary EATS! Food System and Action Plan.

Payday Lending and Financial Inclusion Task Force Terms of Reference

This report outlines the Terms of Reference for the newly formed Payday Lending and Financial Inclusion Task Force. As part of its mandate, the Task Force will work with the provincial and federal governments in reviewing payday loan business practices and regulations and developing recommendations for better protecting financially vulnerable Calgarians. It also recommends strategies for mainstream financial institutions to increase access to safe and affordable financial products and services including short-term loans and financial counselling and education. The report also requests the referral of an update on the business licensing of payday lenders from the SPC on Planning and Urban Development (PUD) to the SPC on CPS no later than Q2 2016 to better align with the reporting requirements for the Task Force.

The CPS Committee received the Terms of Reference for information.

Advisory Committee on Biodiversity Terms of Reference

The CPS Committee approved the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee Terms of Reference that have been developed based on a review of best practices of similar committees at the federal, provincial and municipal levels. The Terms of Reference will guide the establishment of the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee at the October 19, 2015 Organizational Meeting of Council.

The Sport Facility Renewal Funding (SFR) Program Recommendations

The CPS Committee approved the SFR report which represents Council's commitment to invest \$40 million (\$10 million per quadrant) in funding towards the renewal and upgrade of existing sport facilities in Calgary. Projects eligible for funding are directed to the non-routine or major maintenance or upgrades of existing sport amenities. The report outlines Administration's recommendations for funding allocations in 2015.

Livery System Update

As required annually in accordance with the Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee (TLAC) Terms of Reference, Administration and TLAC are moving forward with recommended Livery Transport Bylaw 6M2007 housekeeping amendments. These amendments include the introduction of a new

fare evasion offence which will allow Livery Transport Officers to issue fines, an offence for tampering with taxi security cameras, as well as new provisions for taximeters to ensure dispatched calls are accepted by on-duty drivers. Further, an amendment to the taxi plate selection process is also included to remove driving hour requirements from the selection process, resulting in greater equity among drivers and allowing more drivers to be eligible for the plate selection process.

The CPS Committee approved the report with an amendment to direct Administration to report back to Council in 2016 Q1 on the merits of releasing the remaining Council approved taxi plate licenses, and the annual plate release in the 2015 Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee Work Plan.

Calgary Fire Department (CFD) 2014 Annual Report

Administration presented the 2014 Fire Annual Report which demonstrates the quality of service CFD employees provide to Calgarians. Moving forward, the CPS Committee will recommend that Council approve the incorporation of this information into the semi-annual reporting opportunities provided through the Corporate Action Plan process, and the Community Services & Protective Services (CS&PS) Annual Report, which between them provide for three reports yearly. In doing so, reporting efficiency will be improved.

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