GREAT Ward 9 NEIGHBOURHOODS
GIAN-CARLO CARRA

COMMITTEE NEWS IN BRIEF

SPC on Community & Protective Services – June 1, 2016

Payday Lending and Financial Inclusion Task Force Report

The Standing Policy Committee recommended that Council formally direct Administration to conclude the Payday Lending and Financial Inclusion Task Force which completed its work to produce a research report and deliver recommendations for policy and regulatory changes and strategies for enhancing safe and affordable financial products and services. The Standing Policy Committee also recommended Council approve Administration recommentions and give three readings to the proposed amendments to the Business Licence Bylaw 32M98. Ammendments to this Bylaw are recommended in order to increase access to safe and affordable financial products and improve financial literacy and education. They complement Provincial legislation introduced earlier this year aimed at curbing predatory lending.

Proposed Changes to the Council Policy for the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Program

The Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services recommended that Council rescind previous FCSS policies and Council directions and endorse the revised Council policy. These revisions allow for more streamlined processes to ensure the FCSS program, which has seen significant budget increases and has gone through a comprehensive business process review, continues to be efficient, effective and responsive to dynamic social and economic changes in our society. The Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services also recommended Council authorize Administration to access. $250,000 in 2016 and $500,000 in both 2017 and 2018 from the FCSS Stabilization reserve for the purpose of maintaining the municipal contribution to the FCSS program budget to address emerging issues

Community Representation Framework - An Update to the Future of Community – Building Scoping Study

The Standing Policy Committee recommended that Council approve the formation of the Community Representation Framework Task Force and adopt the prepared Task Force Terms of Reference. The Task Force would work to examine and make recommendations on current policy and regulatory structure with regard to the roles, responsibilities and relationships of organized community groups to maximize sustainable and relevant public benefit through all stages of a community's evolution.

Sports Ramps on Private Residential Properties

The Standing Policy Committee directed Administration to prepare amendments to Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 which would allow citizens to build sports ramps within regulations in their private yards without the need for a development permit. It also recommended that Council give three readings to amendments to Community Standards Bylaw 5M2004 which would allow concerns about noise generated by sports ramps at night to be addressed.

Council News in Brief is an informal summary of highlights from Calgary City Council's meetings. The City Clerk provides the complete and formal documentation of Council's meetings.

Cllr. Gian-Carlo Carra c/o Office of the Councillor T 403.268.5330 **| E** Ward09@calgary.ca **|** Mail Code # 8001A **|** PO Box 2100, Stn 'M' Calgary, AB T2P 2M5