



## NOTICE OF MOTION

CC 661 (R2009-05)

### Re: Calgary River Access Strategy Councillor Keating and Councillor Carra

WHEREAS Imagine Calgary identified that the rivers are integral to Calgarians' sense of community;

AND WHEREAS a multitude of user groups enjoy recreation activities on Calgary's rivers;

AND WHEREAS recreational activities on the Bow and Elbow Rivers provide economic opportunities for Calgary's tourism industry; AND WHEREAS the 2013 floods have resulted in a loss of trailer access points, specifically on the Bow River;

AND WHEREAS the 2013 floods have contributed to a shift in river bottom channels and sensitive fish habitat;

AND WHEREAS future opening of Harvie Passage will encourage more recreational river users;

AND WHEREAS this is a multi-City department topic, additionally including both Provincial and Federal jurisdictions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that administration prepare a policy report and implementation plan to address a Calgary river access strategy that include:

- High level policy statements
- The identification of stakeholders
- Further public access points
- Terms of public access
- Continued public safety consideration
- Delivery models
- Capital and operational costs required
- Potential bylaw amendments required

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Administration (Water Resources, Calgary Fire Department, Calgary Recreation, Calgary Parks and Calgary Community Standards) engage with commercial river users for discussions on river access issues in the short term;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this report be presented to the SPC on Community & Protective Services no later than Q1 of 2017.

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Signature of Member(s) of Council

*John Carra* *Shane Keating*