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OFFICIAL BUSINESS MOTION

Collaboration with Downtown BRZ on cross-functional task force

WHEREAS one of the core purposes of a municipality, as articulated in the Alberta Municipal Government Act, is to develop and maintain a safe and viable community; and

WHEREAS there continues to be high incidences of lawlessness in our city, lawlessness is defined as a state of disorder due to a disregard of the law, and these behaviours include criminal, uncontrolled and anti-social conduct that has a sustained, pervasive impact on communities; and

WHEREAS the Downtown BRZ has formally expressed deep concerns as to the observed lawlessness occurring in our downtown and its ongoing impacts;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct administration to engage with Downtown BRZ representatives immediately to collaborate on the development of a structure, stakeholder composition and resourcing requirement (if any) for a cross-functional task force on lawlessness with a mandate to:

- Identify the symptoms and depth of lawless behaviours and their impacts in our city,
- Identify stakeholders to strategize on responses and resourcing requirements,
- Work collaboratively with stakeholders to identify solutions and assist in implementing strategies identified to create a sustainable impact,
- Develop a joint communication plan for this task force and its member stakeholders,
- Consider how any recommendations from the task force can support and/or integrate with existing encampment, shelter and housing strategies developed and being implemented by the City of Lethbridge; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT, recognizing that time is of the essence, joint recommendations from the Downtown BRZ and administration be prepared and presented for Council consideration at the December 12, 2023 meeting of City Council.