COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE Support for Women's Shelters

Recommendation 1 of the Committee

- 1. That Administration, as part of the upcoming update of the City of Edmonton Affordable Housing Strategy, incorporate the housing needs of women and other persons fleeing domestic violence, and identify key actions.
- 2. That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, write a letter to the Ministry of Community and Social Services, highlighting the need for additional financial resources to address the shelter needs of women and other persons fleeing domestic violence in Edmonton and requesting that additional financial measures be considered.
- 3. That Administration, as part of its on-going advocacy efforts, incorporate an advocacy strategy to raise the profile/awareness of women and other persons fleeing domestic violence and the need for immediate supports for them and their families.

Recommendation 2 of the Committee

That the Social Development Branch, Community Services, 2022 Operating budget be increased by \$880,000 on a one-time basis from the Edmonton Police Services funding held within Financial Strategies to fund the Edmonton Women's Shelters' request as outlined in Community Services report CS00947.

History

• At the April 11, 2022, Community and Public Services Committee meeting, the April 11, 2022, Community Services report CS00947, was considered.

The Committee heard from K. Kingdom, Alberta Council of Women's Shelters; S. Khan, Nisa Homes; J. Reimer, Alberta Council of Women's Shelters; P. Vargas, Catholic Social Services - Lurana Shelter, La Salle Shelter and Drexel Place; and S. Languedoc and C. Furlong Community Initiatives Against Family Violence.

Attachment

April 11, 2022, Community Services report CS00947