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RE: POET LAUREATE FOR THE CITY OF CALGARY

ALDERMAN FARRELL, ALDERMAN PINCOTT

WHEREAS The City of Calgary has a strong literary history that has been supported through initiatives such as The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize, The City of Calgary Transit's Poetry in Motion program, festivals and events such as WordFest and the Calgary Spoken Word Festival and through educational institutions including the University of Calgary's Creative Writing program:

AND WHEREAS Cities and other orders of government throughout the world, including several Canadian cities, have established Poet Laureate programs to ensure that the arts are at the core of civic dialogue:

AND WHEREAS Poet Laureates can "build community through poetry," acting as ambassadors for the arts to the citizens of Calgary, while raising awareness of the arts and encouraging creative participation in civic life:

AND WHEREAS At the request of a citizen-led initiative, Calgary Arts Development Authority has received a lead grant from The Calgary Foundation and matching support from five Calgary-based corporations for the purpose of establishing Poet Laureate for Calgary:

AND WHEREAS Calgary Arts Development Authority is willing to develop, administer and promote the Poet Laureate program with no funding required by The City of Calgary:

AND WHEREAS Calgary Arts Development Authority is prepared to work with The City of Calgary to establish necessary protocols for the Poet Laureate to mark civic occasions as appropriate:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Calgary will:

- Establish the honorary position of Poet Laureate, defined as a published or professionally presented artist,
- Request that Calgary Arts Development Authority develop, administer and promote the Poet Laureate program, in conjunction with The City of Calgary where appropriate.

Signature of Member(s) of Council