

## **MOTION ADOPTED BY COUNCIL**

### **MOTION PUT FORWARD BY ALDERMAN STEVENSON**

#### **NM2008-44 – AIRPORT TRAIL**

WHEREAS, the Calgary Airport Authority has advised that in order to accommodate construction of the new north/south runway, closure of Barlow Trail, North of McKnight Boulevard is scheduled to occur within 18 – 24 months;

AND WHEREAS; the Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP), approved by Council in 1995, identified Airport Trail NE to be developed as an expressway, connecting Deerfoot Trail with Stoney Trail;

AND WHEREAS; on 2004 May 17, Council approved the recommended road network for Northeast Calgary, as contained in LPT2004-37, Airport Vicinity Road Network Plan, which included development of Airport Trail as an expressway east of Deerfoot Trail;

AND WHEREAS; there is tremendous growth approved for the area East of Deerfoot Trail and North of McKnight Boulevard over the next 20 years with an anticipated increase in population within the City limits of more than 80,000 residents;

AND WHEREAS; numerous planning policy documents have been completed with the belief and understanding that there would be a connection under the proposed runway on Airport Trail;

AND WHEREAS; \$110 million has been allocated for construction of this expressway on the Transportation Infrastructure Investment Plan (TIIP) list of unfunded projects;

AND WHEREAS; construction of the interchange at Stoney Trail and Airport Trail is currently underway;

AND WHEREAS; over the past several months, I have met with representatives from the Federal and Provincial Governments, all of whom have agreed that it is imperative that construction of the tunnel proceed in conjunction with the runway;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council bring the Airport Trail NE, Barlow to Métis Trail project forward from the Unfunded Transportation Projects on the TIIP list and commit the amount of \$50 million toward construction, allocated from the MSI [contingency reserve], contingent on matching funds from both the Federal and Provincial levels of Government;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to proceed with the preliminary design for Airport Trail as an expressway, including the tunnel;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to work with the Federal and Provincial Governments and the Calgary Airport Authority to secure matching funding.