

**MOTION DEFEATED AT COUNCIL 2009 MAY 11**

**MOTION PUT FORWARD BY ALDERMEN CONNELL, COLLEY-URQUHART, MCIVER AND STEVENSON**

**NM2009-23 – MEMORIAL DRIVE LANE CLOSURE**

WHEREAS Memorial Drive serves as a vital east-west transportation corridor in the city with average weekday traffic volumes of 35,000 vehicles per day between 4th Street and 1 0th Street NW;

AND WHEREAS Calgarians have access to over 800 kilometers of bicycle paths in the city, many of which provide direct access to and along the Bow River;

AND WHEREAS there are several pedestrian linkages from communities both north and south of the Bow River providing access the Bow River pathway and adjoining park spaces;

AND WHEREAS 16th Avenue North is not a viable alternate route due to construction scheduled over the summer months;

AND WHEREAS parking in the area is very limited and therefore significantly restricts the enjoyment of this area by all Calgarians;

AND WHEREAS some area merchants have expressed concerns about vital access to their businesses that could impact revenues during these challenging economic times;

AND WHEREAS the City of Calgary has a prescribed process in place for lane and road closures to accommodate community special events.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all lanes of Memorial Drive remain fully open to traffic every day in August 2009, to the exclusion of all previously approved events and programmed construction activities.

**RECORDED VOTE**

For: Aldermen Chabot, Colley-Urquhart, Connelly, McIver and Stevenson

Against: Aldermen Farrell, FoxMellway, Hawkesworth, Hodges, Lowe, Mar, Pincott, Ceci and Mayor Bronconnier.

**MOTION LOST**