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Mayor Fred Eisenberger
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

In follow up to the FCM Big City Mayors Caucus meeting on February 8th in Ottawa, please find attached a copy of my motion and background information on The City of Calgary's revised Military Leave Policy.

I want to thank the Big City Mayors Caucus members present at the February 8th meeting for their unanimous support of The City of Calgary's motion on military reservists.

Please don't hesitate to call my office if you have any questions, or should your Administration want further information on the policy, please contact Ms. Deb Mayberry of Pension and Benefits Governance & Design at The City of Calgary's Human Resources Department. Deb may be reached at 403-268-2585 or by e-mail at deb.mayberry@calgary.ca.

Thanks again.

Yours sincerely,


Dave Bronconnier
MAYOR

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**Motion
Big City Mayors' Caucus**

Consideration of Reservists Policy

Mayor Dave Bronconnier, City of Calgary

(1) Key considerations:

- Strong communities are built by the contributions of their citizens.
- One of the areas this is evident is through the training and experience provided to Primary Reservists in the Canadian Forces.
- With recent changes in the use of Reserve personnel by the Canadian Military, policies may no longer adequately acknowledge the contributions to the community
- The enhanced technical and leadership skills provided by these individuals are beneficial to employers and communities.
- The Canadian Reserve Force, our part-time military, is voluntary and although employer support is voluntary, the contributions of the Reserve Forces international peacekeeping efforts and domestic relief operations are seen as a benefit to all Canadians.
- One way to support the Canadian Reserve Forces is to help ensure that our employees who serve in the military reserves are able to do so without detriment to their careers or financial hardship to their families.

(2) Key Directions:

This motion directs that:

- (1) Big City Mayors' Caucus agrees to bring forward to their respective Councils for consideration the development or updating of their Reservists Policy to adequately acknowledge the contribution and demonstrate support for the Canadian military.