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NOTICE OF MOTION
CC 661 (R2009-05)

RE: TAX STATUS OF BINGO FACILITIES
COUNCILLOR CARRA & CHABOT

WHEREAS there are three bingo facilities located in Calgary:

- Bingo Barn located at #10 1107 33 St NE
- Five Star Bingo & Pub located at 4980 25 Street SE
- Bingo Palace located at 2604 35 Ave NE;

AND WHEREAS the bingo facilities are all run by non-profit organizations that facilitate fundraising for over 100 non-profit and charitable organizations;

AND WHEREAS the bingo facilities are not currently exempt from taxation as they are specifically excluded from exemption by section 8 of the *Community Organization Property Tax Exemption* by virtue of being bingo facilities holding bingo facility licenses;

AND WHEREAS the province has a review of COPTER scheduled to be amended March of 2017 and open to public review for 60 days before going to the fall sitting of the Alberta Legislation for its three readings to pass into law.

AND WHEREAS the bingo facilities have requested tax relief due to their taxable status;

AND WHEREAS each Alberta municipality administers property assessment and tax rolls including exemptions in its jurisdiction within this legislative framework as part of the process of maintaining the municipality's property assessment roll;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to its authority under section 364 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Council can pass a bylaw to exempt a non-profit to any extent;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct administration to cancel the municipal portion of the 2017 taxes with the following conditions, the Bingos individually maintain their status as Class 'A' Bingo Facilities for 2017 and the property owners of the three properties occupied by the Bingos confirm in writing that they will provide the full benefit of the tax cancellations to the Bingos.

Signature of Member(s) of Council