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City of Calgary

Council Strategic Initiative Fund Application

Re: Faith Emergency Preparedness Initiative (FEPI)

To whom it may concern:

It is with pleasure that I recommend support for the Faith Emergency Preparedness Initiative application.

About five years ago I had the privilege of meeting Marg Pollon who introduced me to her vision of community involvement in emergency preparedness and response.

Her idea of using the local churches in Calgary and the strong sense of community of its followers to support first responders and the City of Calgary during emergencies had tremendous merit from my perspective.

In fact I challenged Marg to develop and implement this model in Calgary thus creating a successful template for implementation in other communities across Canada. To her credit she has worked relentlessly toward that goal!

With a bit of in kind support from my office, FEPI has come a long way since that conversation with a number of workshops and engagement from various stakeholders culminating to date with the creation of the FEPI Advisory Council comprised of a number of local, municipal, and provincial officials all acknowledging the value and validity of Marg's vision.

I strongly support the application of FEPI for the above noted funding as its very existence is to enhance the community of Calgary and its level of emergency preparedness.

Sincerely,

Michel Sigouin

Regional Director, Alberta

Public Safety Canada