

Living Wage and The City of Calgary

On April 28, Calgary City Council voted “yes”, in support of a Living Wage.

City Council agreed to direct Administration to develop a range of Living Wage policy options and their financial impacts, and to report back no later than January 2009.

Council’s vote followed a report from City Administration that revealed that 682 City staff earned less than a Living Wage in August 2007. 11% of city service suppliers did not pay a Living Wage.

Administration’s report on the impact of implementing a Living Wage policy for the City of Calgary also explained that Living Wage policies tend to result in enhanced income, working conditions and quality of life for low wage workers.

VCC firmly believes that tax dollars should not be used to subsidize employers who pay wages that leave workers and their families in poverty. The costs of poverty are passed on to government and the community through homelessness, crime prevention, fee assistance subsidies, income support programs, funding for social service agencies and increased costs to health care and education.

We look forward to working with The City, our partners, and the community to ensure the development of The City of Calgary’s Living Wage policy meets the needs of both low-wage workers and employers.

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