



# REPORT TO CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION



## 2023 World Petroleum Congress (WPC) Update – Public Session

**Date** | 2023 06 28

### Commission Role

- Information only       Approval

### Type of Meeting

- Full Commission meeting – Public Session  
 Governance and Personnel (G&P) Sub-Committee  
 Finance and Audit (F&A) Sub-Committee  
 Complaint Oversight (COC) Sub-Committee  
 Anti-Racism Committee

### Purpose

- Obligation under the Police Act  
 Update on progress  
 Other: (x)

Chief Neufeld has identified the World Petroleum Congress (WPC) as a Major Policing Event. As per section 19 of the “CPC Policy and Procedures Manual”, an open exchange of information is required between the CPC and the CPS.

### Recommendations

This report is to be received by the Calgary Police Commission – Public Session for information and is the second of three updates scheduled in 2023 as we plan for the WPC.

### Background / Issue

#### 1) Background:

This report builds on the presentation to CPC from January 25, 2023. Calgary will host the 24th World Petroleum Congress in September 17-21, 2023.

- Event numbers:
  - Visitors: 15,000
  - Delegates: 5,000
  - Countries: 100+

- National and international exhibitors: 200+
- Ongoing event updates can be found online at: <https://www.24wpc.com/>
- The WPC Committee (WPCC) will join the public session for any questions

**Why it matters:** This event is expected to draw large crowds putting Calgary on the global stage and has the potential to draw protests and demonstrations. CPS is responsible for supporting the safety and security response for the event. This event meets the criteria for a Major Policing Event and as such the CPS will provide updates on the plan.

## 2) Project objectives:

The overarching goals of safety, preparedness, collaboration, and coordination underpin the Integrated Security Unit's (ISU) planning, project management, and event objectives:

- Develop a plan to ensure the safety of citizens and event attendees that assists with partner coordination.
- Build an ongoing intelligence picture to inform the event response.
- Provide a well-run project.
- Provide a visible police presence to ensure public safety with minimal community disruption.
- Provide effective crowd management.
- Provide safe access to host venues and hotels.
- Provide enforcement and investigation when necessary.
- Provide a local police liaison to designated VIPs/dignitaries attending the event.

**Why it matters:** CPs has a clear path to deliver an effective security response.

## 3) Project update:

The project is on track to deliver on all objectives as planned. The project is also currently on budget.

These findings are based on:

- Internal monitoring of project progress
- Internal monitoring of project budget
- An external assessment by RCMP major event consultants who found that we are on track and well-placed with our efforts. They are also taking away some leading practices that we have employed.

**Why it matters:** Having an independent third party evaluate project progress lends support to our claims.

#### 4) Intelligence update:

Internally, CPS is focused on monitoring potential risks and threats. There is currently no intelligence that suggests a direct threat to the WPC and the City during the event.

CPS is actively collaborating with municipal, provincial and federal partner agencies to continuously evaluate risks and threats to the WPC.

Please see the attached June monthly newsletter for more details.

**Why it matters:** Intelligence informs the planning and scalability of the operational response.

#### 5) Operational response update:

Operational planning continues and will be complete by mid-July, including scalability components for contingency. Additionally:

- The Incident Command System (ICS) model is in place and being populated based on timing and need leading up to the event
- Established the Strategic Escalation Group with the City to address any major issues that require higher level coordination, etc.

**Why it matters:** We are in a comfortable position and confident that we will be able to respond to the evolving situation.

#### 6) Physical elements:

The physical context of the event plays a role in planning and operations. Physical elements will impact the movement of people during the event downtown and especially around Stampede Park. Physical elements include:

- New Convention Centre construction at Stampede Park
- Green Line LRT preparation to the north of Stampede Park
- Victoria Park/Stampede station rebuild at Stampede Park
- Designated protest zones outside of Stampede Park
  - CPS is planning for the establishment of dedicated protest & demonstration zones to enable peaceful lawful protest activity to occur.
- Anticipated road closures and downtown impacts
- **Why it matters:** Awareness of physical constraints and their impacts on access and movement downtown is an important component in the planning and execution of the operational response.

## 7) Public communications:

CPS will coordinate communication responsibilities with the WPCC and City of Calgary partners to ensure timely and relevant communication. CPS will primarily focus on security-related content, including the items mentioned below.

**Why it matters:** It is important to keep the public informed in a clear and timely manner. Coordination will reduce extraneous messaging and help avoid confusion.

## Discussion / Analysis

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At this time, project budget, planning and implementation are on track based on the current intelligence picture.

## Conclusion

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Summary points:

- The project is on track to deliver on key objectives
- The operational response continues and will be complete by mid-July, including scalability for contingency situations
- Physical context plays a role in planning and operations
- Public communication will be coordinated between CPS and external partners

The next update will be presented at the September CPC Governance and Personnel meeting. We will reach out sooner if anything occurs that requires the engagement of the CPC.

## Attachments (if any)

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- Nil

## Approval signatures

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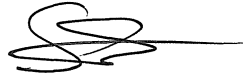
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