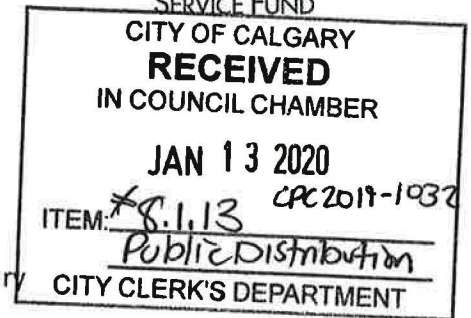




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Councillor Gian Carlo Carra, Ward 9 Councillor

RE: Support for Land Use Amendment Application for YCC - Youth Centres of Calgary

Dear Councillor Carra,

Happy New Year!

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Board and members of Ogden United Church to express our full support for the Land Use Amendment application provided to City Planning by Jane Wachowich and YCC - Youth Centres of Calgary. As you well know, Ogden United has been working at engaging the Ogden community over the past several years on addressing gaps and needs in the community. You, yourself, have sat at the table for numerous meetings with key stakeholders in serving the community. Our support recognizes that this particular centre tangibly addresses a number of the gaps that have been identified in the support network of the wider community.

As the centre occupies the lot directly across from our church building, we are able to witness, on a daily basis, the meaningful work of the centre with the youth of the community. It is our belief, here at Ogden United, that this youth centre not only enhances the lives and livelihood of the youth who engage with its staff and volunteers, but that the result of this engagement strengthens the integrity and resilience of the wider community, and its families. Furthermore, the youth at the centre are establishing meaningful and supportive relationships with the centre, and by extension their community, which instills a far-reaching sense of support and safety within – and pride for – their community.

So please accept this letter as the emphatic support of the congregation of Ogden United Church, its Board, and its Minister for the application. It is through programs and initiatives like this that communities are strengthened and enhanced; through tending to the well-being and support of community members, especially those who are vulnerable and exist on the margins of existing community structures. This centre has been a meaningful addition to the Ogden community, and we look forward to the favourable response to their application so they may continue to enhance the life of this community in the future.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to be in touch directly.

With my best wishes for the coming year, and continued gratitude for all you and your team do to in service to the residents of Calgary.

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