



February 20, 2020

Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development  
The City of Calgary  
PO Box 2100, Station M, #8063  
Calgary, Alberta T2P 2M5

**Re: Downtown District & Strategy**

**Dear Committee Member:**

Arts Commons is a key contributor to the social, economic, cultural and intellectual life and well-being of Calgarians and visitors.

As such, we're writing on behalf of Arts Commons to support the formal establishment of a district, in the defined area, to coordinate action and investment toward common outcomes amongst area stakeholders.

Arts Commons is supportive of a collective approach by area stakeholders to re-think and invest in programming, address social disorder, and improve perceptions of safety to grow the number of Calgarians and visitors that frequent the district.

Our collective goal is to create an environment in the district that makes people feel welcome and comfortable to visit, while availing themselves of the services and attractions such as Arts Commons, the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre, the Glenbow, as well as numerous businesses and City Hall.

We look forward to working collaboratively with The City of Calgary and all stakeholders to better meet the needs of Calgarians and visitors to our community.

Yours truly,

Colleen Dickson  
Chief Financial Officer  
Interim Co-CEO

Greg Epton  
Chief Development Officer  
Interim Co-CEO