

May 2, 2017

Standing Policy Committee Planning and Urban Development (PUD)  
PO Box 2100, Station M  
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**RE: PUD2017-0390: Health Impact Assessment Update Report**

Dear Members,

The Federation of Calgary Communities is a support organization for Calgary's 152 community associations, as well as 70 other small community-based not-for-profit organizations. We have been part of a stakeholder group, led by Joyce Tang, in developing a Terms of Reference for the proposed Health YYC initiative. We are in support of the above referenced Health Impact Assessment Update that is before you.

While many of the eight healthy planning principals are embedded in the Municipal Development Plan and throughout other City policy and guidelines, we feel that this initiative provides an opportunity to advance the inclusion of these principals into planning through education, awareness and best practices. The TOR before you offers a cross-sectorial approach to share best practices and opportunities to experiment and learn from the practical application of these principals.

As a partner in planning with the City of Calgary, we are looking forward to continued participation in this work.

Sincerely,

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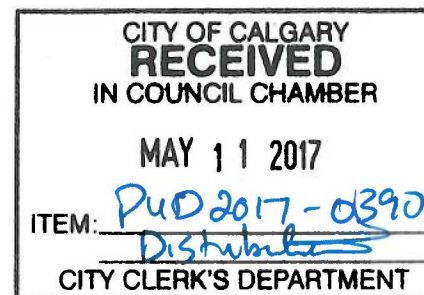


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Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Mayor and Council, City of Calgary  
Standing Policy Committee, Planning and Development  
Sent via Email

RE: **HealthYYC Initiative**  
**PUD 2017: 0390**  
**Health Impact Assessment Update Report**

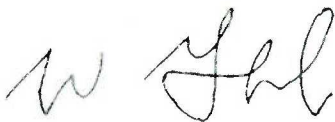


Emanating from the Faculty of Environmental Design (EVDS) at the University of Calgary, *makeCalgary* is a unique community-based initiative that takes the research lab (and the researchers) into the community for information sharing, collaboration, and improved public decision-making regarding social, academic, and health dialogues. Our initiatives are closely associated with the Urban Alliance research partnership between the University of Calgary and the City of Calgary, and we expand on this strong foundation with additional collaborations with community leaders, industry partners, and not-for-profit agencies that are also committed to making Calgary a better place.

On behalf of *makeCalgary*, I would like to extend ongoing endorsement for the City of Calgary's interest in incorporating health impacts into its policies and planning processes. *makeCalgary* strongly supports the concepts of the HealthYYC Initiative and its intent to provide a framework to capture individual partnerships and ideas to leverage, build, and create ways to bring health research and information into decisions on building sustainable communities. As a platform for collaboration and research that emphasizes the connection between all aspects of health and the built form ourselves, *makeCalgary* believes that the HealthYYC Initiative represents the most effective way for the City of Calgary to move forward.

*makeCalgary* is currently involved with various relationships between University researchers and leaders, and City of Calgary staff, including current advocacy and service projects related to the Global Conference: Walk21. We appreciate the invitation to participate on the HealthYYC Initiative and look forward to working with others as part of the proposed membership.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W Ghali".

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