

Letters of Support from BILD, NAIOP & FCC



July 3, 2020

Calgary City Council
The City of Calgary
PO Box 2100, Station M
Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

Dear Mayor Nenshi and All Members of Calgary City Council:

Re: Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Amendments to Support Business

BILD Calgary Region (BILD) is pleased to support the below noted proposed LUB Amendments to assist business and to contribute to vibrant communities. We would encourage Council and Administration to continue to find opportunities for greater flexibility in the LUB, applying the test of 'reasonableness' as is outlined in administration's 'Rationale' for the proposed changes.

1. Eliminate the requirement for permitted uses to meet parking requirements when the permitted uses are going into an existing building in commercial, industrial and mixed-use districts
2. Delete the prohibition of speakers for Outdoor Cafes
3. Eliminate the size maximum and distance to residential requirements for Outdoor Cafes
4. Expand allowable Pop-Up Uses and Interim Uses
5. Increase timelines for Special Function - Class 1 (e.g. wedding, graduation party, parking lot sale)
6. Increase the outdoor limit for retail, Pop-Up Uses and Interim Uses to have outside merchandise beyond 6 metres from the entry

Respectfully,
BILD Calgary Region

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July 14, 2020

Calgary City Council
City Clerk's Office, Legislative Service Division
The City of Calgary
P.O. Box 2100, Station "M"
Calgary, Alberta T2P 2M5

Dear Council Members,

Re: Land Use Bylaw Amendments to support Businesses

The Federation of Calgary Communities (the Federation) is the support organization for over 230 community based non-profit organizations, including 152 community associations. We assist community volunteers in navigating Calgary's planning process and advocate for a community perspective throughout our work. We are pleased to offer our support for the proposed Land Use Bylaw amendments to support businesses.

It is important that we support our local businesses as they recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and other economic pressures. The proposed amendments will continue to encourage small business and address the fast-changing retail landscape.

While we are supportive of the amendments, we also ask that Community Standards ensure that they are enforcing bylaws and dealing with issues from residents promptly. Timely enforcement of bylaw infractions will help initiatives like these continue to gain support from our communities.

The Federation appreciates being informed as a stakeholder, and we look forward to more opportunities for more meaningful input in the future.

Sincerely,

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