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ELBOW PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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September 29, 2020

To: Councilors and City Clerk

Re: SPC on Planning and Urban Development Meeting October 7, 2020
MDP Amendments

Dear Councilors:

The Elbow Park Residents Association is writing this letter to express our support regarding the proposed amendments to the MDP.

It seems that our initial concerns with the MDP amendments, outlined in a letter to Mr. Blaschuck on June 19, 2020, have been listened to.

What we like:

- The City has been working with the Community Associations. The MDP team has shown that we can work together.
- Density will be focused in areas where it makes sense: Main Streets, corridors served by Primary Transit Network and Activity Centers.
- More emphasis on Climate Change and Water.
- Greening the City: more emphasis on protecting our natural environment and urban parks.

Question we still need answered:

- We don't understand how the Developed Areas Guidebook (DAG) can still be part of the implementation plan (Volume 2, Part 3), while further down the hierarchy list the Guidebook for Great Communities is mentioned as another statutory document. It is not clear how these two documents can both exist in the MDP.

- Neighbourhood Activity Centers (NAC) need to be clearly identified. We don't want to run the risk of having a street corner identified as a NAC because there is one small corner store.
- The words "Neighbourhood" and "Community" seem to be used indiscriminately throughout the MDP, even though the definitions are noted on page 36.
- The definition of Community has to be redefined when we move towards multi-community plans. For example: What we call the Community of Elbow Park right now, really would be a neighbourhood according to this definition.
- On page 34: A "Complete "15 minute" Community should consist of socially and economically mixed neighbourhoods. The Multi-Community pilot plans so far are much bigger than "15 minute walkable" complete communities.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns and opinions.

We are looking forward to a continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Elbow Park Residents Association.



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October 7th, 2020

Members of SPC on Planning and Urban Development (PUD)

Re: Municipal Development Plan & Calgary Transportation Plan Review

Dear Committee Members,

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.

Our organization has been involved as a stakeholder in the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) & Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP) review process since it began in early 2019; we continued to be involved when the project scope changed in July while providing our members with project updates and important milestones. We support the proposed revisions to the Municipal Development Plan and Calgary Transportation Plan; and we also support making the Calgary Transportation Plan a statutory document.

We are pleased that the MDP/CTP team worked collaboratively with community associations and the Federation as stakeholders throughout the review process. This included sessions with the Inner-City Coalition and the Federation's Urban Planning Committee, where the team reviewed the red line document and answered questions from community associations. The team also held a feedback session and produced a document highlighting what they did with community feedback. All the above were beneficial in helping members understand the proposed revisions in the MDP and CTP, and the rationale behind some of the changes.

We would also like to commend the team for being responsive to feedback from us and our community members. We had some concerns about unintended outcomes of some of the amended language. We are happy that those concerns have been addressed.



We continue to support the vision of the MDP that focuses on creating a more compact city, accommodating growth in the nodes and corridors of developed areas, and alignment of policies with other statutory planning documents. We are pleased that the MDP continues to support intensification primarily along Main Streets and Activity Centres; we would suggest staying the course with this concept as communities move forward through the local area planning process. The Core Indicators now include the updated metrics from the 2018 Monitoring Progress Report; this is important as it tracks the progress that City has made so far in achieving the Plans' vision.

The Federation appreciates being engaged as a stakeholder, and we hope that we have continued opportunities to provide meaningful input alongside our community membership as we move forward with the Next Generation Planning System. We look forward to the in-depth review and amendments that will be completed during the next update to the MDP and CTP.

Sincerely,



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