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* Last name	Williams
Email	<a href="mailto:larry.williams@shaw.ca">larry.williams@shaw.ca</a>
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* Subject	Calgary Greenline LRT

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I am of the opinion that The City of Calgary should cut back on the building of this line.

Neither the Province nor The City can afford to build this line at this time. Also, ridership of all transit will be down for at least a year and quite likely forever. With the Covid-19 pandemic, all businesses that could be letting their employees work from home. Many businesses will look at the expense and taxes related to business space and will decide that employees do not have to work from a central location. The only time a person would have to work centrally might be during a probationary period. Even meetings with clients can be done via computer.

If you insist on doing this project, consider only doing the southern leg for now.

Send your time and money on attracting new businesses to Calgary.



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\* First name Brian  
\* Last name Godin  
Email bgodin@gmail.com

Phone

\* Subject I support the Green Line

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I support the Green Line. Public transit expansion is paramount to reducing the gap of mobility, lowering carbon emissions in Calgary, lowering general traffic on the roads, offering safe options for those who choose to consume alcohol and to a sustainable future as the world and our city progresses.

The transit system of Calgary was a significant reason in the decision of my registered nurse wife and I, a non civil servant, to move here. It will be a significant role in our decision to purchase a house in Calgary or to look elsewhere when our current lease expires in December. While I would almost certainly never use the Green Line personally, the importance of affordable transit access to as many people as possible is undeniably a positive one. Please do not appeal to the conflict of interest ridden council members or the NIMBYism of a select few. My own neighborhood, Sunnyside, had this 'concern' when the Red Line was built long before my arrival in Calgary and without it, I almost certainly would reside elsewhere in or outside the city.

The city needs this, the absolutely necessary step in a New Deal-like infrastructure investment that benefits everyone in the city except the oligarchs that oppose it.

Sincerely,  
Brian Godin



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* First name	Valerie
* Last name	Rendell
Email	valerierendell@gmail.com
Phone	5874368257
* Subject	We Need Green Line Now

* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please do not allow this much needed project to be shelved...
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* First name	Paul
* Last name	Kennett
Email	paul.j.kennett@gmail.com
Phone	5878997476
* Subject	I Support the Green Line

* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	My comments are included in the attached email.
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**From:** Paul Kennett paul.j.kennett@gmail.com  
**Subject:** I Support the Green Line  
**Date:** June 3, 2020 at 10:51  
**To:** themayor@calgary.ca, ward07@calgary.ca  
**Cc:** publicsubmissions@calgary.ca  
**Bcc:** Jill Hartman hilljartman@gmail.com

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Dear Mr. Nenshi and Ms. Farrell,

My wife, Jill Hartman, and I support the Green Line! Please add both our voices to the pile.

Calgary is in desperate need to better public transit. Cheap, regular, and far-reaching transit will reduce costs for many Calgarians, and reduce incidences of impaired driving.

I could go on, but prefer to keep this short.

Please fight for this project, and spend appropriately in the present make this new C-Train expansion as effective and sustainable in the long term as possible.

Sincerely,  
PK

Paul Kennett  
Barrister & Solicitor

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\* Last name Wong

Email [lucxaw@gmail.com](mailto:lucxaw@gmail.com)

Phone

\* Subject Green Line Support

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I would like to voice my support for the Green Line. I live in an area with access to the Blue Line and within walking distance of Max Purple so I know the importance of rapid transit. I went to Crescent Heights High School and worked in Inglewood so I appreciate the need for Green Line.

I initially questioned the need to cross the river in Stage 1 but I'm now convinced it's the right strategy for the future. I trust the Bridge crossing will be beautiful.

To the opponents who say \$40 million operating cost is too much, I would consider that \$3 billion in return from other government levels is a fantastic return for \$40 million in yearly investments. This investment is needed as part of our post COVID recovery and should be pursued.

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Jun 6, 2020

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\* First name Pablo  
\* Last name Elizondo Bernal  
Email pablo19@outlook.com  
Phone 5877198997  
\* Subject Green Line Project

\* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Dear Counsellor

I ask you to support the Greenline Stage 1 on June 15. I understand your concerns about operating costs in the future. However, I view \$40 in operating cost as an investment that returns \$3 Billion in investment from the other orders of Government.

We have an unprecedented opportunity to benefit from committed funding and we must take advantage of this for Calgary's recovery post-COVID.

Sincerely

Pablo Elizondo Bernal



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Let's get this done. It makes sense to get across the river now to 16th so in later years it can keep expanding north as more dollars become available.



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Dear Mayor Nenshi and Calgary City Council:  
This is a brief note to express my very strong support for the proposed Green Line. We have waited so long for this to happen and now, when we're knocking at the door, some folks are getting cold feet. This makes no sense. Calgary needs a modern, state-of-the-art, transit system that will grow with our city. How can we possibly see a better, cleaner, future for ourselves and our children without a first class transit system? Please move ahead with this project quickly. The alternative: more dithering and "discussion", is unthinkable.



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\* Subject LRT Green Line

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I am writing to express my support of the Green Line expansion of Calgary's light rail transit system. This critical infrastructure will ensure a sustainable future for Calgary, reduced traffic congestion along the North-South corridor, and improved access to services at the South Health Campus Hospital. City Council has spent years engaging the public, coming up with the best solution, on budget. I fully support the City Council moving forward with this project.



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I understand and appreciate that due to funding and other concerns, City Council directed the Green Line Project Team to revisit the alignment and build approach in order to examine other alternatives, but the proposed revised alignment does not meet the commitments made to community residents.

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An updated Green Line LRT alignment was presented on May 12, 2020. I support the SE segment to the Downtown, but the alignment and the build approach north of the downtown core are **unacceptable**.

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Address: #405-108-2 street s.w. (park side)

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I've watched Calgary change over the past 30 years and grow in to a city that I am proud to call home. I've chosen to stay here, to raise children here, to work here as a Family Doctor and to enjoy the diverse sports, culture and arts scene here. An integral part of any large city is public transportation. It improves access for our more vulnerable citizens, but it also allows greater connections and enjoyment of our fine city for all.

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I know this is not an easy time for anyone's budget, and it is easy to develop nearsightedness, especially in projects of this magnitude. I implore you to remain optimistic, to invest in our public lives and to continue to make things better for all Calgarians. Let us be honest - the recent economic hardships have impacted those Calgarians who were already struggling the most, and the Green line would also benefit them the most. It will create jobs and opportunities. It is an investment in Calgary and Calgarians.

I'd like to say I'm surprised that there is a group of well-to-do men who are the ones lobbying the loudest against this project, but alas, I'm not. This is how people view us in Calgary, and Alberta. But this is not who we are. We look after each other, we value public services and we stand up for things that matter. The Green Line Matters.

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RE: Support For The Green Line Stage One Plan

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The Tuxedo Park Community Association (TPCA) believes the Eau Claire to 16th Avenue N component of Segment 2 to be the most economic, social, environmental, commercial and traffic sensitive component of the Green Line LRT and it cannot afford to be compromised nor delayed if the Green Line to every serve the north-central riders in an efficient and best possible way. With the funding in place now, the Green Line must extend north across the Bow River.

The community of Tuxedo Park has been enthusiastically engaged in this project and see this project as an opportunity to support not only improved transportation, but to support the planning and development activities in Tuxedo Park, including the North Hill Area Growth Plan, the Main Streets Initiative, the Calgary Transportation Plan. These plans have focused on creating complete communities, complete streets and increasing mobility choices for citizens. The basis of the North Hill Area Growth Plan has been on the Green Line being in place in the community.

A key support for the North Hill plan is the Green Line stations along Centre Street supporting the increased density in our community and renewal of Centre Street and Tuxedo Park. Without the Green Line, we fear this long-overdue blueprint for North Central communities like Tuxedo Park will be hobbled.

The TPCA believes that council should support the Administrations recommendation to proceed with Segment 2 and to ensure that the issues we raise and from the further recommended studies are funded and addressed. Further, the TPCA

supports the position to invest additional funding should it become available through project efficiencies to accommodate expansion of the Green Line north of 16 avenue north.

The TPCA also recognizes that the switch to a surface operating train along Centre Street through Crescent Heights may create negative impacts to the community. These can and need to be addressed as part of the study and design phase for Segment 2.

### **Traffic**

During construction and operation, traffic capacity on Centre Street will significantly diminish for commuters into and out of downtown. The proposed alignment will also significantly affect the 4th Street NW to Centre Street North via 12 Avenue NW as a downtown commuter route.

The TPCA is concerned that a significant portion of this traffic will divert to Edmonton Trail. Edmonton Trail as is north of 16th Avenue suffers from excessive speed, and a lack of pedestrian crossing facilities. Without sufficient investment in these facilities, the increase in traffic along Edmonton Trail will cause it to be further short of the goals of Main Streets, and create a street hostile to the increased density in the community being sought in the North Hill Area Growth Plan.

In addition, the TPCA is concerned that existing commuter traffic from Centre Street and 4th Street NW will use residential streets to reach Edmonton Trail.

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### **Phase 2: Extension and Public Realm**

The TPCA proposed street realm through Crescent Park. These elements were previous proposed through Tuxedo Park as part of the surface running alignment of the original north alignment of the LRT.

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The TPCA is concerned that the proposed surface station at 16th Avenue will be a barrier to future expansion north. The demolition of the proposed 16th Avenue station to accommodate an underpass or a surface crossing of 16th Avenue would be unacceptable and wasteful.

In consideration of the these points, the TPCA requests that the city and council ensure that these concerns are addressed quickly in the next study and design phase for segment 2 and that the sufficient funding is budgeted to implement the necessary strategies. Should additional funds be made available, these should be prioritized to enabling future expansion north of 16th Avenue as part of phase 1 construction.

**BRT: Centre Street and Tuxedo Park Public Realm**

As part of the original Green Line consultation, support of the Green Line through Tuxedo Park because of the positive impact it would bring to the Centre Street public realm and the Tuxedo Park space at 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue. These spaces have so much more potential, and this will be needed to accommodate the goal of complete communities being proposed along this corridor and around the Tuxedo Park space as part of rapid transit planning. The TPCA continues and will continue to push for these improvements as part of any rapid transit planning and development along Centre Street.

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In closing, the TPCA reiterates our support that the Green Line needs to go north, and that the concerns raised can be addressed in design. This opportunity to support light rapid transit to North Central communities is a once in a generation opportunity. It is now time to for council to seize that opportunity and support the recommendations as presented by administration.

Thank You,

Tuxedo Park Community Association Board of Directors