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Members of Priorities & Finance Committee (PFC) And All Members of Calgary City Council
The City of Calgary
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Re: Mitigating the Impacts of Severe Weather Events in Calgary, PFC 2021-0194

BILD Calgary Region (BILD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above noted Report. We acknowledge and appreciate Administration's efforts to reach out to stakeholders for feedback.

Attachment 2: BILD wholly supports recommendations for **Education** and will participate in those efforts by hosting an online-webinar for members, as well as through alternate communication to members and the public. We would suggest adding trade/educational institutions, such as SAIT.

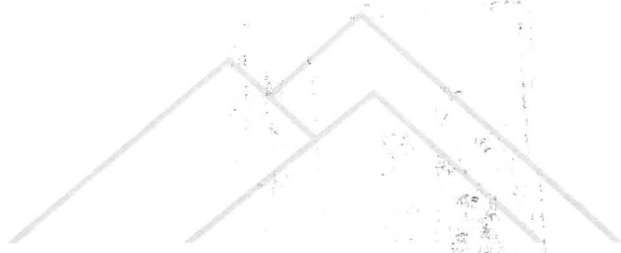
Regulate – Building Codes are issued by the National Research Council of Canada (NRC). The ongoing process of reviewing building codes is detailed, involves a broad array of stakeholders from across Canada, including subject matter experts, and under current processes is lengthy with changes to codes being considered and as appropriate adopted every 5 years. As of 2019, there is no longer an Alberta Building Code (ABC), the current code is the National Building Code of Canada – 2019 Alberta Edition, and in other words the national code is adopted as Alberta's building code.

With that background, BILD Calgary Region reaffirms its support of ongoing comprehensive examination of building and planning standards, including building codes and material standards to ensure new construction and building alterations are robust and will perform in a satisfactory manner in all anticipated operational conditions, and will provide affordable options for existing and prospective homeowners. With that background BILD supported Councillor Chahal's motion in July 2020 which indicated:

- An Alberta specific review of building codes to ensure building codes used for Alberta construction and renovations are specifically applicable and appropriate for the full array of operational conditions and circumstances in Alberta; and
- Any such *review must* support both reasonable long-term construction materials performance as well as reasonably priced homes for Calgarians and Albertans.

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Attachment 3: Proposed Impact Resistant Roofing Rebate – BILD supports provided it is available to ***new home purchasers as well as re-roofing projects*** in order to ensure equity and, to be most effective in achieving environmental, climate and resilience outcomes. Further, if potential reduction of roofing material costs noted in #4 are to be achieved, the rebate must apply to the city's largest sector of 'new rooftops' by way of incentive rather than a regulatory building code approach with negative impacts.

Finally, any and all efforts to mitigate damage due to severe weather must be cost neutral and supported through offsets to ensure housing affordability is not compromised in the City of Calgary.

Respectfully,

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