

Mr. Kyle Ripley
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The City of Calgary

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Re: Genesis Centre Council Report

YMCA Calgary, the NE Centre of Community Society and the Calgary Public Library, collectively known as the Genesis Centre Operating Partners, are very pleased to provide this letter of support for the recommendations contained in the Genesis Centre Council Report.

The Genesis Centre Operating Partners have worked in partnership with The City of Calgary over the past several years to not only design and develop the Genesis Centre of Community Wellness but to also establish management and operating parameters that will ensure the long term success and sustainability of the facility. The Centre was specifically developed to foster and enhance community and individual well-being in the most diverse quadrant in the City of Calgary through the provision of recreational, social, educational and cultural activities and by all accounts is achieving significant success in this regard with over 1.5 million visits in 2015 alone.

With the formal establishment of the Capital Reserve Fund, the Operating Reserve Fund and the Environmental Event Contingency Fund, as recommended in The Genesis Centre Council Report, the Operating Partners will be well positioned to maintain the quality and integrity of the facility as well as the high standard of program and service provision that has been established at the Genesis Centre for many years to come.

The Operating Partners have been actively engaged in The City's "project closure" process and are most anxious to conclude this phase of work, as proposed in the Genesis Centre Council Report.

Yours truly,



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