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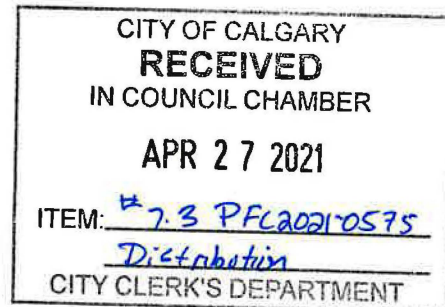
First name (required) Paul
Last name (required) Kovacs
What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Resilient roofing rebate program
Date of meeting Apr 27, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) Attached is a letter of support for the City of Calgary's proposed resilient roof rebate program. The joint letter to the Mayor is from the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction and the Insurance Bureau of Canada. We strongly support this important initiative.

April 23, 2021

The Honourable Naheed Nenshi
Mayor, City of Calgary
P.O. Box 2100, Stn. M
Calgary, Alberta T2P 2M5

Re: **Resilient Roofing Rebate Program**

Dear Mayor Nenshi:



The Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction (ICLR) and the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) would like to express our support for the City of Calgary's proposed resilient roofing rebate program. We are excited by the leadership Calgary is providing to reduce the risk of hail damage, and this rebate program will be an important and welcome element in that regard.

Homeowners in Calgary have experienced billions of dollars in hail damage over the last ten years, yet we believe most losses were preventable. Incentivizing the adoption of impact resilient roofs can help significantly reduce such losses, and the Institute and the Bureau are eager to work with the City to enhance community awareness of hail risk and the actions homeowners can take to better protect their property. We also support efforts by the City to modify Alberta's building code to require installation of class 4 impact resilient roofs on new homes.

The proposed rebate program will be a critical element of Calgary's plan to reduce the risk of hail damage. Through this excellent initiative, Calgary will be leading the country as the first community in Canada to offer financial incentives to homeowners that install impact resilient roofs.

ICLR is Canada's leading disaster research institute. Based at Western University, we provide science knowledge to inform decisions to reduce the risk of damage from basement flooding, wildfire, severe wind, hail and other hazards. We find impact resistant roofing is highly effective in reducing hail damage.

IBC is the national industry association representing Canada's private home, auto and business insurers. Canada's insurers will pay \$1.3 billion to repair buildings and vehicles damaged in the June 2020 Calgary hailstorm.

Calgary's efforts to reduce the risk of hail damage to homes are innovative and pioneering, and will enhance preparedness for future hail events. We strongly support this program and thank you for your leadership to advance hail resilience efforts across Calgary.

Best regards,



Paul Kovacs

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