

Letter of Support – Federation of Calgary Communities



May 25th, 2021

Standing Policy Committee - Planning and Urban Development
PO Box 2100, Station M

Re: Community Involvement Involvement Toolkit

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.

The Federation has been involved as a key stakeholder and was involved in the baseline engagement for this project since its inception. We circulated the toolkit to our members 2 years ago and continue to direct members to it periodically. The toolkit has a lot of information and resources community association members, boards and residents can use to understand how and where to get involved in planning and development issues in their communities and at the city-wide level. We appreciate that the project team is open to making changes to the toolkit based on feedback received from members of the community.

While the toolkit has a lot of potential, a lot of community associations are still unaware that it exists. We recommend more marketing and promotion through the various City channels, and we also recommend that the toolkit is promoted at public engagement and outreach events that involve planning and development at the City.

We appreciate all the effort and work it took to create this toolkit and would like to thank the project team for their dedication and time. The Federation appreciates being involved in this process as a partner and we look forward to more opportunities for future collaboration on this project.

Sincerely,



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Letter of Support – BILD Calgary Region



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RE: Community Outreach on Planning and Development - PUD2021-0466

BILD Calgary Region (BILD) is pleased to provide this letter in support of Administration's Report on Community Outreach on Planning & Development.

Our appreciation for Administration's work in this regard is reflected in the comments we have received from our members including "the toolkit is valuable... a lot of work has gone into this process... it exceeds what other municipalities offer applicants... etc."

The work offers benefit to both the more experienced builders and consultants as reinforcement or benchmarking for the community outreach work they do, as well as provides valuable guidance to those who are less experienced in building and development or who are working in a community where they do not have previous experience.

BILD is committed to working with Administration to continue to develop materials and update content.

Yours truly,
BILD CALGARY REGION

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