



September 12, 2016

Dear Mayor Nenshi and Calgary City Council:

Letter of Support for Improving Calgary's Accessibility

On behalf of the City's Advisory Committee on Accessibility (ACA), please accept this letter as a sign of support for the work ongoing on the Notice of Motion aimed at Improving Calgary's Accessibility to encourage a city that is accessible to all.

Committee members of the ACA have had the opportunity to connect with Planning and Development to discuss how Calgary's built environment can have an exclusionary effect on its citizens. I am encouraged by the trajectory of this work, the thoroughness of this initial discovery phase and how the path ahead will be to improve accessibility by making adjustments to processes and by including provision for accessible design in policies, including key documents such as the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Planning Guidebooks and the forthcoming City-Wide Urban Design Guidelines.

Given the scope and scale of the need for accessibility in Calgary, we believe changes and improvements to our city could have substantial positive impact on everyone. Great cities include every person throughout the city's streets, sidewalks and public spaces.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Dyer".

Jeff Dyer

Chair, Advisory Committee on Accessibility – City of Calgary

