

## Letters of Support from Affected Stakeholders



July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The City of Calgary  
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To: Kathy Dietrich and Matthias Tita,

**Re: Green Line SE policy timeline**

On June 15th 2016, The Federation of Calgary communities along with members from the City's Planning and Development department organized an information session on the Developed Areas Guidebook, planning for the Green Line, Main Streets, and some upcoming Local Area Plans. The intent of this event was to provide community members with information on city initiatives and their respective timelines. During the discussion portion of this event, we heard consensus from community association representatives in attendance: engagement for the Green Line SE project and related planning projects has been given too short a time frame for meaningful engagement (particularly for projects of this scale) and multiple and simultaneous large-scale planning projects are stretching the communities' ability to engage effectively. In consideration of what we heard at the June 15 Developed Areas Guidebook session, and subsequent comments received, the Federation asks that administration extend their timeline on this project.

The Green Line SE policy is a unique planning project that integrates many plans, policies, and guidebooks, as a result its scope and complexity exceeds that of most planning projects. A project of this scale should not be rushed (especially as physical delivery is far in the future) rather, importance should be placed on the process and ensuring that the concerns of various parties and stakeholders are heard. Proper investment in engagement and education of stakeholders in early stages will provide a stronger base of community support in implementing the policies. Additionally, the current Green Line engagement is scheduled over the summer. Most community associations' boards and committees do not meet over the summer months, and capacity to fully participate in engagement opportunities is limited during that time period.

During the past few months, the City has announced an abundance of engagement events. With evenings filled with engagement activities from intensive charrettes to public open houses for Main Streets, Green Line, and many other related planning topics, community association volunteers feel like they are unable to engage in every project. Volunteers are at the heart of the community association movement and they play a unique role in our planning system. They advocate for and educate on their community and they are willing participants in these planning projects. It would be a loss to the project and to the planning process to lose their perspective because they are unable to attend all the events. Both the City and community are pillars in the planning process and must rely on

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one another to attain a positive outcome. To support community associations in the work they do, the City, in addition to reviewing the timeline, might also consider: prioritizing projects to determine which projects require in-person engagement and which do not, attaining awareness of other city-wide projects to ensure they do not conflict with other events that require community association attention, and to clearly communicate the expectations and outcomes of engagements so community associations can allocate their time appropriately.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the concerns presented and your continued partnership.

Sincerely,



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Delivered by Email

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Dear Sir:

**Re: SPC for PUD – Deferral Request for Policy Review**

Please take note that CHBA-UDI Calgary Region Association members would like to acknowledge the extraordinary effort and diligence with which City of Calgary Administration and staff have been approaching the substantial Policy reviews and Guidebooks composition.

We do, however, have a concern that the timeline for delivery and targets for reporting to Committee and Council are extremely ambitious given the body of work. We are concerned and wish to ensure that the timing of the Policy projects is secondary to ensuring the Policies themselves are comprehensive, clear, achievable, without conflict or contradiction with other policies and, therefore, readily implementable. The new Policies should be informed by and reflect the input of a fulsome stakeholder review. Unfortunately, Industry Associations are challenged in requesting the Volunteer time necessary to participate effectively and thoroughly over the summer and our ability to engage is limited.

Accordingly, we understand City of Calgary Administration will appear before SPC for PUD on July 22 requesting additional time via a vis a vis a deferral request and we fully support this approach.

Respectfully,  
CHBA-UDI CALGARY REGION ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BJJ", is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

Beverly J. Jarvis  
Director of Policy & Government Relations

c.c. CHBA-UDI Calgary Planning Committee;  
Industry Work Plan #3 Established Areas Committee

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**MILlican-OGDEN  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

July 18, 2016

The City of Calgary

To Whom it May Concern

Re – ARP / Established Community Guidebook  
Developed Areas Guidebook

Please accept this letter as support from the Millican Ogden Community Association for a request for a delay in Council's consideration of this proposed Guidebook. The Guidebook appears to be quite a complex document and we feel that we need much more time to completely understand the purpose of it, and how it can properly integrate with the creation of an Area Redevelopment Plan. Admittedly most of the comments in the Guidebook appear on the surface to be standard common sense policies, but we remain concerned about why it is being proposed as a statutory document. We are concerned that it will create a cookie-cutter approach to the writing of ARP documents and remove some of the flexibility that should be available in respecting some of the characteristics of individual neighbourhoods.



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