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Mr. Don Fairbairn
Chair
Calgary Green Line Board
c/o City of Calgary
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Dear Mr. Fairbairn:

As the collaborative work to resolve the outstanding recommendations from the LRT Review nears conclusion, I am aware that recommendations will be brought to the Green Line Project Board (the Board) in the near future for consideration.

Provincial approval only occurs through the detailed Business Case that Calgary will submit in the coming weeks. While I cannot provide approval prior to that, it appears that the recommendations the Board will consider for a functional line from Shepard to Eau Claire, along with the related procurement strategy that will allow for pricing of the line, address the main concerns identified in the review.

As you know, upon approval of a Business Case, the grant agreement would then be amended. In light of the need for the full provincial contribution for the functional line, the Province will require City Council's confirmation of the revised cost estimate, and acknowledgement that the City is responsible for any funding shortfall or cost overruns as part of the agreement, as the Provincial contribution will not be increased. Given Alberta's current fiscal situation, the Province is not willing to consider any future request for the Green Line beyond this significant investment of \$1.53 billion.

I am pleased to hear that the board sought advice from independent cost and risk assessment experts. I anticipate this information will serve the Board well in its mandate to manage the project and the available funding going forward.

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As you know, I have long been an advocate for the LRT system in Calgary, both during my tenure on Calgary City Council and in my position as Minister of Transportation. As such, I look forward to receiving the revised Business Case, encompassing all of the details underpinning the recommendations, for final consideration and approval.

Please accept my appreciation, once again, for the concerted effort made by the City of Calgary, in partnership with my department, to advance this work through the remaining approvals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ric Mclver".

Ric Mclver
Minister