

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THE ALBERTA ECOTRUST FOUNDATION
(the "Foundation")

- and -

THE CITY OF CALGARY
(the "City")

WHEREAS:

- A. Low Carbon Cities Canada ("LC3") is a proposed affiliation of seven local environmental centres and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
- B. Each of the seven local LC3 centres will be situated in a Canadian municipality including the City of Calgary;
- C. The Foundation is seeking to set up a low carbon city centre (LC3) Fund in Calgary;
- D. The objectives of the LC3 Fund are to facilitate local investments, strategic grants, demonstration projects and/or other programs that address barriers and accelerate adoption of local emissions reductions solutions, while operating in collaboration with the municipality and local stakeholders.
- E. The LC3 Fund will be domiciled within the Foundation and not be a separate legal entity;
- F. The City and the Foundation wish to work co-operatively to establish the LC3 Fund in Calgary and to accelerate local greenhouse gas emissions reduction within Calgary.

NOW THEREFORE the City and the Foundation enter into this non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (the "Memorandum") to confirm their intention and willingness to engage in discussions and work together on reducing greenhouse gas emissions as follows:

1. MEMORANDUM IS NON-BINDING

Except for the provisions herein dealing with confidentiality and privacy legislation including the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Alberta), this Memorandum is not intended to and does not create any legally binding obligations as between the City and the Foundation. This Memorandum's sole purpose is to outline the parties' intentions with respect to the City's potential involvement in the LC3.

2. OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 The parties agree that they share a mutual interest and commitment in accelerating local greenhouse gas emission reduction within Calgary.
- 2.2 The parties intend to work together, where possible, to establish the local LC3 Fund reduce greenhouse gas emissions, keep each other informed and where appropriate, involve each other in projects that advance greenhouse gas emission goals.
- 2.3 The parties wish to take a "multi-solving" approach to designing climate actions, pro-actively co-designing climate actions to create greenhouse gas reduction solutions and to complement the work the City is already undertaking in this regard.
- 2.4 The parties have a mutual interest in learning from each other's success and failures in ways that assist in strengthening the impact of their respective work. The City and the Foundation intend to share information where possible to support a continuous learning and improvement process.

3. CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE PARTIES

- 3.1 The Foundation intends to:
 - (a) set up and administer the LC3 Fund which includes establishing a governance model under which decisions will be made by the LC3 Fund;
 - (b) receive endowment funds from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and funding from other sources;
 - (c) align the LC3 Fund's strategic objectives and priorities with the climate actions plans of the City, in particular Calgary's Climate Resilience Strategy;

- (d) accelerate and advocate climate efforts, in particular the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by providing opportunities and funding, grants or loans for eligible projects;
- (e) provide one seat on the advisory body of the LC3 Fund to a representative from the City;
- (f) Support the work of the City where possible, which could include sharing information, Foundation/LC3 Fund staff participation and coordination of efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Calgary.

3.2 The City intends to:

- (a) Designate a representative to participate in the advisory group of the LC3 Fund;
- (b) Support the work of the LC3 Fund where possible, which could include sharing information, City staff participation and coordination of efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the City of Calgary.

4. MOU REVIEW PROCESS

4.1 The City and the Foundation may consider negotiating a formal agreement between the parties, which agreement would be subject to Municipal Council approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned acknowledge this Memorandum of Understanding at Calgary, this 3 day of June, 2020.

THE ALBERTA ECOTRUST FOUNDATION

Per: *Patricia* (seal)

Per: _____

Approved:

**THE CITY OF CALGARY as Represented by
the General Manager, Utilities and
Environmental Protection**

As to Form: *Simone Fraser*

Per: *[Signature]*
(seal)

As to Content: *[Signature]*