

Letter of Support



Date: 26-Jan-2022

To: Stuart Dalglish, GM Planning and Development

Re: Citywide Growth Strategy: Industrial Action Plan Update, IP2022-0080.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of NAIOP Calgary we provide this letter of support for the Industrial Action Plan Update (a report for the Industrial Growth Strategy (IGS)).

NAIOP Calgary has been actively working on the IGS with the City Growth strategies team. For NAIOP Calgary this piece of the City wide growth strategy (the others being developing (greenfield) areas and established areas) is extremely important as it affects many of our members.

City administration has done a good job of engaging Industry and listening to feedback. This has resulted in bringing the right people to the table to solve issues/concerns. For example, the City Land Use Bylaw team joined the working groups and expedited the pilot DC district that Industry had initially crafted. A further example is the consulting group, Cushman Wakefield, that the City engaged to provide a thorough 'state of the union' as it applied to Industrial lands, both in the city and the Counties.

The IP2022-0800 report details the state of the work of the Industrial Growth Strategy as at the end of 2021. Much has been accomplished for which we thank the City IGS team. Our major concern is one that is across the entire corporation, that project creep is due to the Pandemic and its effect on City staffing levels. For example the key topics of industrial property taxes, development standards and the levies paid by new industrial development have a delayed completion between 9 and 15 months. If the City wishes to implement a true citywide growth strategy in the 23-26 budget these IGS's need to be expedited.

Once again we thank the City growth strategy team for their work on the IGS.

Sincerely, on behalf of, NAIOP Calgary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy Huntingford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G".

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