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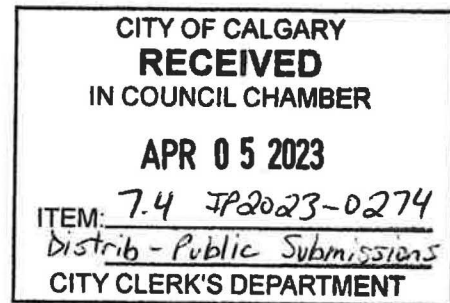
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Re: File Number IP2023-0274.

Letter of Support for the Heritage Communities Local Area Plan (Agenda Item 7.4)

Dear SPC Members,

Thank you for considering my thoughts on the Heritage Communities Local Area Plan.

I am speaking in **support** of the Heritage Communities Local Area Plan.

I am a resident of Chinook Park, part of the larger tri community of CKE. I was a delegate to the Working Group for the Heritage Communities Local Area Plan, initially as a representative of my CA, and then later as member of the community.

I must commend the professionalism with which the working group sessions were conducted. The knowledge and experience of the Heritage LAP team were apparent throughout the consultation process. I have taken courses through the SFU Urban Design Certificate Program and I am confident that the planning principles the working group used to assist with the Plan are those used all over the world when considering what makes cities, communities, and neighborhoods work. The team's professionalism and knowledge helped the working group create neighborhood specific plans that take into consideration the working group's local knowledge.

Larry Beasley, former planning director with the City of Vancouver, has said, "**A city is the most complex invention of the human mind – an organism in a constant state of transformation.**"

I believe that the Heritage Communities Local Area Plan attempts to make sense of this complex invention and respects the need for transformation, or at the very least, change. The LAP is essential for the future success of our communities, and for our city as a whole. The Heritage LAP team used our **local** knowledge to envision a future for our communities that will carry us into the future. This plan will help ensure that our communities are vibrant and liveable for the current residents as well as for future generations.

One of the most important parts of the Plan is to ensure that there are choices for different types of housing in **all** neighborhoods. The words "density" or "blanket density" are thrown around a lot. This term has become so politicized and is used negatively by those opposed to this plan. Diversity of housing types in **all** neighborhoods is necessary for healthy communities and healthy cities. It allows for culturally and socio-economically diverse people to co-exist side by side. Does this mean that we need to increase the density in **all** parts of the city - yes! This doesn't negate single family homes, as that choice will continue to be available. But other choices will also be available. People make different housing choices for many reasons. Some people want to own a car, some do not. Some people are single parents, single people, widowed, have a dependent adult living with them, have children. We make housing choices for all kinds of reasons and the Heritage LAP allows people to have those choices within every community. Peoples' life situations change, and they may not want to leave their current

neighborhood. Housing choice can ensure that people can stay in their chosen neighborhood regardless of what might come up in their lives. The Heritage LAP allows for this continuity.

Using “density” as a dirty word fails to consider the positives of density. Schools remain vibrant parts of the community, more amenities can pop up or stay, community members live side by side with those who are be different in many ways, which humanizes all people. And of course, density in communities allows for choice in transportation as well. Walking, biking and driving can all thrive in more dense neighborhoods. The goal is to make our communities liveable and sustainable for ALL Calgarians, including those who can’t speak at council meetings, for those who haven’t arrived in Calgary and even for those who aren’t yet born. Council must consider these future residents as well as the current residents of our communities. The Heritage LAP does this.

I’d like to speak about the LAP in the context of my children and change. Children are the embodiment of change. They, like many young adults, are leaving for jobs and for school and they will be comparing Calgary to other places they have lived. Calgary must innovate and grow into a city of the future to attract them back. What we wanted in our communities and cities will be very different from what our children, or grandchildren will want. And even more importantly, the changes coming to our planet will dictate that they will not be able to have what we have. The Heritage LAP plans for the future and can flex and pivot with the different circumstances in which our communities may find themselves in the future. We would plan for change in our futures as individuals or as families or as a business. Cities and neighborhoods must do the same.

The only constant is change. Our world is changing, and our communities need to as well. The climate is changing, geopolitical forces are forcing change in the world – from immigration to inflation, energy sources will need to change. The world our children and their children will live in will be vastly different from the one we live in, just as the world we have lived in is different from the world of our parents and grandparents. In 1958, when Chinook Park as a neighborhood was being conceived, Calgary’s population was 220, 000. Chinook Park was at that time a polo club and a racetrack. Before that farmland, and before that our indigenous peoples were the only human inhabitants of Chinook Park. Back then it would have been impossible to envision the city we live in today. Just as it is difficult to envision our communities so far in the future. Though the Heritage LAP can’t see 100 years into the future, it is a living document that attempts to envision some of the changes that are already happening, and plan accordingly. The only prudent thing to do is to plan for change.

Members of The Standing Policy Committee for Infrastructure and Planning, I ask that you move forward with the [Heritage Local Area Plan](#) to ensure that Calgary is a great city for everyone. We don’t have great communities until we ALL have great communities. Thank you so much for your time.

Respectfully,

Sonja Johnson



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Thank you for the opportunity to speak in strong favour of the proposed Heritage Communities Local Area Plan (LAP). I am a lifelong resident of a Heritage neighbourhood, Eagle Ridge, and a both grateful and active member of this community. The Heritage Communities have so much to offer, from a stunning reservoir and waterfront with its multi-use trails to excellent transit connections and warm neighbours. I am lucky to call this place home. However, while some residents today will no doubt argue that the LAP threatens these assets, I take a different view. I believe it is a profound shame that, because of antiquated housing restrictions and exclusionary zoning, so few Calgarians get to call these communities home. We are connected to two MAX BRT lines, an LRT line, and a dense network of pathways. And yet surrounding these assets are a sea of single-family homes. This is not how a forward-looking city that belongs in this century plans itself. So much, for so few. I grew up in this area, and would love to continue living here, but because of limited housing options will not be able to do so indefinitely. The lack of anything other than single family homes, from modest townhouses to mid-rise apartment buildings, stifles housing supply and drives up prices in a part of the city that far more people should be able to call home. And while some today will no doubt hold little objection to densification along Macleod Trail or other major corridors, why should apartment-dwellers and renters be limited to live along noisy and industrial arterials? Our community's greatest asset is its natural beauty - why should individuals who cannot afford or do not desire a single-family home be barred from these beautiful neighbourhoods? There is no reasonable answer to this question in a city that purports to strive for equity, inclusion, climate resilience, and economic diversification.

I urge the Councillors here today to think not only of our community's current residents,



but also of their children. Please consider the future generations of Calgarians who seek to and indeed may one day call our neighbourhoods home. Those Calgarians including of my generation deserve to have their voices heard, even if they cannot present before you today.

Please vote yes to the Calgary we strive to be, not the Calgary we are today. Please vote yes to the Heritage Communities Local Area Plan.