

# Community Association Response

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Overall, I am/we are:

In support of this application

Areas of interest/concern:

Height, included amenities, shadowing impacts, offsite impacts

General comments or concerns:

The Downtown West Community Association is pleased to see the continued development of the mixed-use West Village Towers site. The up to 7 retail units proposed at-grade are welcomed, however, we would encourage that the District's Land Uses favour the more active commercial uses (found in the MU Districts and rules for at-grade uses) and discourage non-active uses, such as offices, financial institutions, or medical uses to be located at-grade. Rules to limit the shadowing of Millennium Park are also welcomed.

The continued increase in the population of the downtown west area also highlights the need to advance parks and open space planning in the area, as indicated in the Greater Downtown Action Plan. Currently, there is little to no seating in the open areas of Millennium Park west of this site. Also, Map 3 of the Greater Downtown Action Plan indicates a welcomed desire for a new public greenspace, located adjacent to the Bow River and the current temporary Bowforth Park, which includes a much-valued off-leash area. Established almost 5-years ago by the Downtown West CA, in cooperation with The City of Calgary, action needs to be taken to make Bowforth Park a permanent asset of this growing community so that the increased population of people and jobs coming to the area will have a new local park that connects existing and future residents with the regional draw that is the Bow River pathway.