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First name (required)	Bob
Last name (required)	Morrison
Are you speaking on behalf of a group or Community Association? (required)	Yes
What is the group that you represent?	Calgarians for Sensible Growth

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What do you wish to do?  
(required)

Submit a comment

How do you wish to attend?

You may bring a support person should you require language or translator services. Do you plan on bringing a support person?

What meeting do you wish to attend or speak to? (required)

Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure and Planning

Date of meeting (required)

Jul 25, 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published [here](#).)

(required - max 75 characters)

IP2023-0559: Citywide Growth Strategy: New Approach to Growth Applications

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In opposition

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# Calgarians for Sensible Growth

## Submission to City Council Amendments to the Municipal Development Plan & Area Structure Plans IP2023-0559

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, we advised the Infrastructure and Planning Committee to reject the proposed process for new community growth applications ([video](#) @ 00:42:40).

At the time, we exposed the false assumptions behind the process:

- Assumption #1: **City funding is needed** – FALSE. The market can take care of itself.
- Assumption #2: **Shifting growth to the Established Area is not feasible** – FALSE. Subsidizing sprawl has distorted housing economics.
- Assumption #3: **The full costs can be ignored** – FALSE. Socio-environmental issues have huge financial implications.
- Assumption #4: **Calgary needs more new communities** – FALSE. Calgary has plenty of suburban land supply.

**But our key message was that Council asked Administration the wrong question.**

**Instead of asking how to approve more new subdivisions, Council should have asked:**

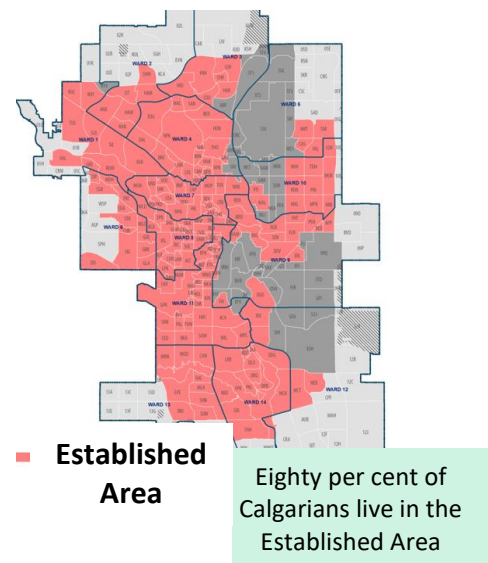
**“DOES CALGARY NEED MORE NEW SUBDIVISIONS ON THE FRINGES?”**

**And the answer – the only fiscally prudent answer – is an emphatic NO!**

**What Calgary needs instead is a moratorium on new subdivisions outside the Established Area.**

Growth – community-sensitive, community positive growth – needs to be channelled to the Established Area to benefit the communities where 80% of Calgarians already live.

Approval of the [Municipal Development Plan amendments](#) and [Area Structure Plan amendments](#) will carve into stone a financially foolhardy growth pattern that will be with us for at least another fifty years.



During those fifty years, infrastructure and services in the Established Area will continue to deteriorate. Instead of the 50% of growth promised to the Established Area, continuing to sprawl will guarantee that, by 2079, 50% of **Calgary's population** will be living outside the Established Area.

This will be a travesty in terms of more greenhouse gas emissions, greater social inequity, higher housing costs, and – especially for you as custodians of the public purse – financial carelessness.

Your responsibility, your obligation to Calgarians today and into the future is to refuse Administration's requests for these amendments and instead:

### **DIRECT ADMINISTRATION TO IMPLEMENT A MORATORIUM ON NEW SUBDIVISIONS OUTSIDE THE ESTABLISHED AREA**

We would like to discuss this issue with you prior to the 25<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know when it would be convenient to meet. E-mail: [SensibleGrowth@shaw.ca](mailto:SensibleGrowth@shaw.ca)



**We drive into the future using only our  
rear-view mirror**

**- Marshall McLuhan**