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I have read and understand the above statement.

First name (required) Pat

Last name (required) Letizia

Are you speaking on behalf of a group or Community Association? (required) No

What is the group that you represent?



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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 Community Development

Date of meeting (required)

Oct 2, 2023

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

(required - max 75 characters)

Drought Resilience Plan

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

In favour

If you are submitting a comment or wish to bring a presentation or any additional materials to Council, please insert below.
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CITY OF CALGARY CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 19, 2023

Re: The Drought Resilience Plan

Dear Mayor Gondek and Members of the Community Development Committee:

The Calgary Climate Advisory Committee is mandated to provide Council and Administration with advice on policies and strategic initiatives related to climate change mitigation and adaptation. Using the lens of climate action, we see a current opportunity to encourage Council to adopt the Drought Resilience Plan. The Climate Advisory Committee supports the Plan as it represents a critical step forward in enhancing our community's ability to cope with the impacts of drought in the context of a warming and changing climate.

Multi-year drought is one of our city's top climate hazards and the impacts of prolonged drought have been summarized within the Plan's climate modeling and risk analysis. This work has informed the strategies needed to mitigate these impacts, and recommends accelerated action for climate adaptation as follows:

Water Security: The Plan emphasizes the importance of ensuring a water supply that can meet the needs of our residents, support the environment, and sustain our economy.

Community-Wide Impacts: Drought impacts range from water supply constraints to environmental and ecosystem impacts, and economic impacts for The City of Calgary. These impacts will need to be considered when planning resilient city infrastructure, operations, and communities.

Action Planning: The Drought Resilience Plan identifies key actions to adapt effectively to drought.

Demand Management: The Plan places a priority on improved demand management. By investing in ongoing water demand reduction efforts, we can reduce water use, thus reducing vulnerability to water shortages during drought and enhancing the resilience of residences and businesses.

Water Storage Solutions: Innovative water storage solutions are essential for ensuring a secure water supply that supports long-term regional growth while simultaneously managing flood and drought risks in a rapidly changing climate.

The Drought Resilience Plan offers a clear and well-defined path for our community to adapt to the multifaceted challenges posed by drought. It is designed to ensure that people, ecosystems, and businesses have the resilience required to endure and recover from prolonged periods of dry conditions and water shortages.

The Calgary Climate Advisory Committee supports the adoption of the Drought Resilience Plan as a climate adaptation tool that can safeguard The City from drought impacts. The recommendations within the Plan reflect a commitment to climate adaptation and mitigation and improving the resilience of the City of Calgary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Letizia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "P" and "L".

Pat Letizia
Chair, Calgary Climate Advisory Committee

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