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Re: the *ImagineParks* 30-year planning framework and *Our BiodiverCity*, Calgary's 10-year biodiversity strategic plan, on the agenda of the Standing Policy Committee for Community & Protective Services, on Wednesday, March 4, 2015.

I am writing to support, in principle, two vision documents: the *ImagineParks* 30-year planning framework and *Our BiodiverCity*, Calgary's 10-year biodiversity strategic plan. Both are crucial planning instruments which will envision and make possible the maintenance, implementation, conservation, and preservation of parkland for future generations of Calgarians.

Nose Hill is to Calgary what Citadel Hill is to Halifax; Battlefield's Park to Quebec City; Mount Royal to Montreal; Stanley Part to Vancouver; and Beacon Hill Park to Victoria. This Hill is a dominant geographical feature in Calgary since its southern slopes can be seen from most locations in the City; providing a constant reminder to citizens of the prairie landscape surrounding them which has played such an influential role in our economic and cultural development.

The source for this comparison is *Re: Nose Hill, a Brief* which was presented at the "Nose Hill Hearings" to the Calgary City Council in June, 1972, respectively submitted by Calgary Local Council of Women.

The brief goes on to indicate that visitors to our City attending the "new" convention centre will probably have little opportunity to sense the unique landscape flavour of the prairie surrounding Calgary, except to visit the natural grassland of Nose Hill or to view it from a distance.

Yours truly,

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