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First name [required] Karolina

Last name [required] Blawat

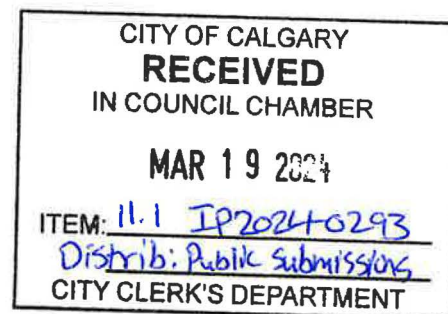
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What meeting do you wish to comment on? [required] Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure and Planning

Date of meeting [required] Mar 13, 2024

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



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Main Street Business Support Grant pilot

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

As someone who runs a business in the area and has been negatively effected by the main streets project, I am in full support of the grant pilot and think it would be a tremendous help to my business as well as many others in the area.

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Last name [required] Blair

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Infrastructure and planning committee

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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I'm now having customers messaging me saying they don't want to come in because they are worried about finding parking. They don't want to deal with the traffic which is will result in loss of income. I opened my shop in marda loop because it was a very upbeat and walkable neighborhood. However the construction has put a huge damper on the business. I have watched other businesses crumble because of the construction and do not want to become one of those businesses.

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First name [required] Michael

Last name [required] Bruni

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Date of meeting [required] Mar 19, 2024

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Item 11 Urgent Business-Advancing Business-Friendly Approaches

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

Neither

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I am the President of the Marda Loop BIA. I attempted to speak at the committee meeting last week and was online waiting but unfortunately due to a communication glitch was unable to speak. I have since sent notes to Councillors Sharp, Wong and Walcott. At the outset I want to indicate it is positive that the committee recognized the need for some assistance to the businesses in Marda Loop. However I submit the criteria for a grant application and determination is unfair and needs some revision. The prima facie criteria that was submitted is to hold a business licence. I respectfully submit this is somewhat arbitrary to the exclusion of a portion of the BIA membership that does not require such licence and have been significantly impacted. As I suggested to Councillor Walcott the criteria should be based on impact both financial or otherwise and be open for grant applications by any who are BIA members or hold a business licence. Most if not all business licence holders would be BIA members. This in my opinion would not necessarily result in additional cost and if so then just reduce the grant amount for more recipients. This type of process engages an accountability on the grant applicants to prove impacts that could be financial or otherwise such as reputation management. To prescribe impacts based on types of business is not fair or effective and often defers to those that are the most vocal. Our role as a BIA is to represent all the businesses in Marda Loop regardless of the nature of their business. All of which are required to pay the BIA levy. Accordingly regardless if you agree or not with the impact determination process above the grant proposal should be open to all members of the BIA as being fair and equitable. And please in getting to that point avoid categorizing businesses based on their nature as all business have been impacted. Thank you for the opportunity to put forth the position of the Marda Loop BIA.

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Main Street Business Support Grant pilot - for eligible businesses in Mard

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

Dear City of Calgary,

I am writing to voice my strong support for the proposed Main Street Business Support Grant pilot aimed at eligible businesses in Marda Loop. As a business owner in this area, I have experienced firsthand the challenges posed by ongoing construction, which has substantially impacted our sales.

The construction has not only disrupted the flow of foot and car traffic but has also led to utility disruptions, particularly in gas supply. These disruptions have forced me to temporarily close my business, further exacerbating the financial strain caused by the construction.

Customers have voiced their frustrations about the difficulty in entering and leaving Marda Loop due to the ongoing construction, compounding the challenges faced by local businesses like mine.

The Main Street Business Support Grant pilot offers a ray of hope for businesses like ours, providing much-needed financial assistance to weather these challenging times. By alleviating some of the financial burdens caused by the construction disruptions, this grant can help businesses stay afloat, retain employees, and continue serving our community.

I urge the city council to approve this initiative promptly, as it represents a crucial life-line for small businesses in Marda Loop. By supporting us during this difficult period, the city demonstrates its commitment to the well-being and resilience of our local economy.

Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,

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