



Public Submission

CC 968 (R2024-05)

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ENDORSEMENT STATEMENT ON TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION, ANTI-RACISM, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING

The purpose of The City of Calgary is to make life better every day. To fully realize our purpose, we are committed to addressing racism and other forms of discrimination within our programs, policies, and services and eliminating barriers that impact the lives of Indigenous, Racialized, and other marginalized people. It is expected that participants will behave respectfully and treat everyone with dignity and respect to allow for conversations free from bias and prejudice.

First name [required]

Greg

Last name [required]

Smith

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 comment on? [required]

Council

Date of meeting [required]

Sep 10, 2024

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

[required] - max 75 characters

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

In opposition



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

My name is Greg Smith. I am the owner and founder of The Blues Can at 1429 9th Ave SE Calgary. We are a live music venue. We took over the space formerly occupied by The Ironwood Stage and Grill on October 1st 2010 (a month short of 14 years). We do and have always done a minimum of 11 shows a week for a total of over 8000 live music shows. We have hosted thousands of public jams including youth jams all that time. I am also a member of the Inglewood community and have lived in the house I live in today (1 block away) since May 1st 1980 (just short of 45 years). My opposition to this project is simple. I object to trading an established cultural contributor who employs 20 full time staff and hires thousands of musicians each year while entertaining many tens of thousands of music lovers each year for one mans profit and 30 half million dollar condos. That's it. The mental health of tens of thousands versus one mans profit. You now have to choose. I will point out one additional fact. There is an underground river flowing under this property that will cause major construction delays. Based on similar projects it could be 3 or 4 years with millions of gallons of water being put into the sewer system over years possibly in perpetuity.