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Subject: Letter of support for the Prairie Economic Gateway Program

Calgary City Council,

On behalf of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express our support for the Prairie Economic Gateway Program — an important initiative to encourage private sector investment in the Calgary region. This initiative will create jobs, unlock private sector investment, support decarbonization, and bolster the Alberta economy by leveraging existing and future transportation infrastructure to advance Alberta as an inland port.

Given frequent national and international trade challenges as a result of labour disruptions, extreme weather events and a lack of supply chain infrastructure, capitalizing on opportunities to bolster our supply chain infrastructure is critical to ensure Calgary, and Alberta are viewed as reliable trading partners. According to our recent survey on Calgary business conditions, over 54 per cent of Calgary businesses believe that supply chain challenges have worsened over the last three months, leading to increased prices of inputs, products and supplies. Projects such as the Prairie Economic Gateway Program will help strengthen supply chain capacity, and support Calgary businesses in accessing and transporting goods cheaper, faster and more reliably, create opportunities to expand to new trading markets, and reduce red tape and regulatory burden for project proponents in the region.

The Calgary Chamber encourages Council to continue exploring the feasibility and economic benefit of the Prairie Economic Gateway Program, recognizing opportunities to incentivize private sector development that supports trade, regional economic development and additional supply chain resilience is beneficial to all Calgary businesses.

Warm regards,

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The Calgary Chamber of Commerce exists to help businesses reach their potential. As the convener and catalyst for a vibrant, inclusive and prosperous business community, the Chamber works to build strength and resilience among its members and position Calgary as a magnet for talent, diversification and opportunity. As an independent, non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1891, we build on our history to serve and advocate for businesses of all sizes, in all sectors across the city.

