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Date of meeting [required] (if you are providing input on service plans and budget adjustments, please select “November 18”) **Oct 16, 2024**

What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published [here](#).) (if you are providing input on service plans and budget adjustments, please write “budget” below.)

[required] - max 75 characters **Item 7.2 City Building Program Update**



Public Submission

CC 968 (R2024-05)

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

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

Please replace the letter dated October 16th that was previously submitted through the City Clerk's portal this morning with this letter. (Item 7.2)



October 16, 2024

The City of Calgary
P.O. Box 2100, Station M
Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

Attention: Sonya Sharp, Chair, Infrastructure and Planning Committee

Dear Infrastructure and Planning Committee Members,

Re: Item 7.2 City Building Program Update (IP2024-0993)

BILD Calgary Region appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the City Building Program Update being presented to the Committee on October 16, 2024. The update includes progress on three significant components of the City Building Program:

1. The Calgary Plan
2. The Zoning Bylaw
3. The Street Manual

According to Administration's report, the engagement for these components has unfolded over three phases:

“Three phases of engagement have been completed since the City Building Program began. This has involved robust engagement with the public, interested parties, equity-deserving communities and Indigenous Nations and peoples to ensure that all Calgarians have had the opportunity to help shape the future of our city. A variety of innovative tactics have been used and engagement plans have been adjusted throughout in response to requests from our partners. A fourth phase is underway focused on the Zoning Bylaw and the Street Manual.”

BILD's response is organized into two main sections:

- A. Comments on the Engagement Process for The Calgary Plan
- B. Feedback on the Fourth Phase of the Engagement Process for the Zoning Bylaw and the Street Manual

A. Comments on the Engagement Process for The Calgary Plan:

BILD members play a crucial role in Calgary's development, responsible for a significant amount of development agreements, off-site levy payments, substantial on-site infrastructure investments, and the majority of residential building permits issued each year.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft Calgary Plan, however we note that BILD did not receive the initial draft of the Calgary Plan until June 24, 2024. The timing of engagement coincided with a period when many stakeholders were away due to the summer holiday season and the Calgary Stampede, resulting in limited opportunities for BILD and other stakeholders to provide feedback on this important document.

Through the efforts of both Administration and BILD, BILD was able to host joint, detailed working sessions with the City on July 30, 31, and August 1, 2024. These sessions allowed BILD staff and BILD members to discuss more than 700 comments, feedback, and concerns BILD members had provided to Administration from review of the initial draft.

On October 15, 2024, BILD received Administration's response to our comments. BILD understands there will be an opportunity to have a read-along with Administration to review the updated document. Given the significance of the Calgary Plan, we welcome this commitment to meaningful, ongoing dialogue between

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Administration and stakeholders. We trust Committee members support this approach to ensure adequate consultation time is taken as we continue to work towards a Calgary Plan that reflects the needs of both the development industry and Calgary's broader community.

B. Feedback on the Fourth Phase of the Engagement Process for the Zoning Bylaw and the Street Manual

BILD commends Administration on their recent adjustments made to the engagement process for the Zoning Bylaw and the Street Manual, which were conducted alongside the Calgary Plan sessions. BILD had initial concerns regarding the quality and thoroughness of the consultation efforts. While the initial phases lacked the necessary depth and focus, we acknowledge that recent adjustments have been made in response to our concerns. In recent weeks, Administration has worked proactively with BILD to plan our membership's participation in the Zoning Bylaw engagement, allowing for meaningful input from our members and other stakeholders.

We trust members of Committee support the proactive planning for thorough two-way engagement Administration is taking on the Zoning Bylaw and Street Manual.

BILD remains committed to working collaboratively with the City to ensure these foundational documents reflect the needs and perspectives of both our members and the broader Calgary community. We look forward to continued engagement opportunities to address outstanding concerns on the Calgary Plan, Zoning Bylaw and Street Manual and to develop an approach that will not only enhance the engagement process but also help produce documents that support Calgary's growth in a sustainable and effective manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on these important initiatives. We look forward to continued dialogue as we work together to shape Calgary's future.

Yours truly,



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