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Re: EC2025-0225

To the Mayor and City Council of Calgary,

I am writing today to express my support for the recent update to the Water Utility, Wastewater, and Stormwater Bylaw. After witnessing the devastating impact on small businesses in the landscape industry in 2024, I am grateful that we were consulted during the process of these important updates for the 2025 season.

Allowing the watering of all types of plant materials, including trees, shrubs, sod, seed, and food plants, is a significant improvement that will help protect and enhance green spaces across Calgary. Furthermore, enabling construction projects to continue, as well as the installation and testing of irrigation systems, will help ensure that we do not experience a repeat of the challenges faced in 2024.

We look forward to collaborating with the City of Calgary to establish ongoing best practices for water efficiency in developing green infrastructure. This includes public engagement on making water-wise choices and working with City staff to craft bylaw and policy updates that reflect the value of the landscape while ensuring water security for the City.

On behalf of the landscape and nursery industry in Alberta, I thank the Council and staff for their ongoing communication and willingness to work together toward solutions that will protect Calgary's water and green spaces.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel Beatson".

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