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Last name [required]	Thompson
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Date of meeting [required]	May 6, 2025
What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published <a href="#">here</a> .)	
[required] - max 75 characters	Item #4 Beltline Road Permanent Closure BYLAW 6C2025
Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In opposition



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Council members thank you for allowing me to comment on the proposed permanent closure of a portion of 10th Street SW. I have reviewed the submission and find the applicants characterization of community engagement as disingenuous. As someone that lives in the community I find the level of engagement has been poor from the start of the pilot three years ago. There was no notice that the road was going to be closed and then it just was. I had to search to find out what was happening. I think it is premature for Council to vote on this proposal. I would rather they instruct the applicant to perform real engagement with the broader community that lives and works around the area including getting support from the Community Association before permanently closing the road. I would also ask council to look to the applicant to provide information on usage of the area in question in it's resubmission. From what I can see no one uses the area. There might have been a hand full of times when we have even seen people using the space. I would contrast that with Barb Scott park which is regularly used. As well, the area is adjacent to a school playground that is fenced in which gets way more use by the children than the area in question. I find it hard to believe that such a small area is going to provide any meaningful new green space in the Beltline. I would rather invest what limited resources the city has on a meaningful area that will be used. I am sympathetic to the argument around improved safety for the school children, but again would ask the applicant for data to support it's position. From what I can see most children are walked to school by their parents and that hasn't changed even with this road closed. In conclusion, I respectfully ask Council to not approve these changes and instead instruct the applicant to seek true engagement with the broader community.



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First name [required] Kevin

Last name [required] Baer

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

[required] - max 75 characters Land use redesignation Beltline Loc2024-0202 Bylaw 72D2025.

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



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First off I would like to say that I am in favour of the closure, but in doing so you have increased the traffic on 13th Avenue enormously. Cars and trucks in a hurry to get to and from 12th Ave and 17th Ave via 9th Street has become as busy and on some evenings more busy than 8 Street. There has developed a daily rush hour that can go late into the evening with cues of vehicles sometimes a block long. By eliminating the traffic on one street you have increased the amount of traffic and the speed of the traffic on another residential street. What does the city intend to do about the traffic problem that it has created.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Baer  
Resident of the Beltline for over 24 years.



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As a resident adjacent to the proposed road closure with 2 young children at home I am strongly in favor of the proposed road closure and redesignation. Having lived for the past 2 years to the temporary closure I can say it has significantly positively impacted our use of the playground and sidewalks while only providing a very minor inconvenience. While some improvements can still be made (transitioning to a 3 way stop with painted crosswalks at the intersection of 13 Ave and 10 St SW) I think the proposed closure is of great benefit to our community and provides valuable open space for people to use while not impacting traffic flow, parking or people movement in any meaningful way. Please consider this my strong suggestion to accept the proposed Land use redesignation.



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[required] - max 75 characters Redesignation of road closure (Plan 2510265) to S-CS.

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Why is this closure even in effect. There is never anyone using the skateboard park and all the closure results in is frustrated drivers speeding through the playground zone to get to another street to continue on to the avenue they are trying to get to. There is no explanation as to why this closure and resignation is being requested or what problem in the community it is trying to solve.

Strongly opposed and request the street be reopened.



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This proposal is a fantastic idea. It helps reduce the reckless driving in our neighbourhood and provides families additional seating at the picnic tables. I would request more visible STOP signs along 13 Av SW.



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Traffic get balled up coming out my alley on 9th St. Because of the road closure on 10 st. Thousand of cars are inconvenienced because of this road closure and i sometimes cannot drive onto 9 st because of the backed up traffic. This park is seldom end used.



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First name [required]	Karen
Last name [required]	Dombrowski
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I wish to have my statement included in the discussion of the above approval request for a permanent road closure of 10 Street SW, between 12 & 13 Avenues SW. I am strongly opposed to this closure for the reasons outlined in the above noted attachment. I would like to attend the meeting but wonder if I would have to be there for the 9:30 am start and possibly have to remain the entire day or if there is a published/ established order of topics to help narrow down the time commitment. I am a senior with mobility issues. Thank you.

Karen Dombrowski  
#201, 1033 – 15 Avenue SW  
Calgary, Alberta T2R 0S5

April 28, 2024

**Mayor and Members of Calgary City Council**

The City of Calgary  
800 Macleod Trail SE  
Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

Letter of **Opposition to the Connaught Open Street**

Dear Mayor Gondek and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my very strong **opposition to** the proposed Connaught Open Street Project at 10 Street and 13 Avenue SW being made permanent and the Land Use Designation being changed. This project represents bullying and waste of City resources on something which should never have been implemented. It does not serve nearby residents and provides no benefit to the community. In fact, the opposite is true. I have fought this project since it began in 2022, and will continue to voice my objection as much as I can. I do NOT drive but am still negatively impacted by it.

I am sending this opposition letter based on a re-working of the template letter Sustainable Calgary has sent out to people who have joined their e-mail list on the issue. This is on purpose to try to illustrate the bias and interference Sustainable Calgary shows on the matter.

The proposed development causes the following problems, among others to the Beltline and Calgary as a whole, including:

**1. Traffic Impediment**

Closing ½ of a block to vehicles causes major traffic rerouting for residents and, **MORE IMPORTANTLY**, it means that emergency vehicles are negatively impacted. This presents higher risks for people needing immediate assistance from Police, Fire and Ambulance Services. Ambulances and Fire Trucks must drive three extra blocks from their Station on 10 Avenue between 9 & 10 Streets SW OR drive the wrong way down a one way avenue to get to any building on 15 Avenue SW between 9 & 11 Street. This delay could mean life or death for residents, especially for Grace Manor, a seniors building.

Additionally, emergency equipment frequently used 10 Street for quick and convenient access to 17 Avenue SW. They can't do that anymore.

## 2. Wasted Taxpayer Money

In the three years since this project was implemented, I have passed through it many times while walking and, unless there are Sustainable Calgary staff there with incentive games or refreshments, ALMOST NO ONE ever uses the space. The only seating is hard wooden planters or platforms and there is nothing else to do there. It is pavement with some paint on it.

There is a pod on the parking lot for Connaught School which stores tables, chairs and other supplies for the 3-4 hours per week in the summer when people from Sustainable Calgary man the site to attract visitors. Someone paid for this.

## 3. Kids Don't Play There

A vast majority of the residents in this area are adults. Children attending Connaught School are mostly bussed in and are NOT ALLOWED to leave the school property during recess and lunch breaks, for security reasons. The school has a large, well equipped playground, immediately on the other side of the fence from the Open Street project. Any children residing or visiting in the area use this playground, not the project space, which has nothing for them to do.

## 4. Kid's Safety

The Connaught school had crossing guards for many years and very few if any incidents with vehicles. To my knowledge only once in the last 35+ years, was the fence damaged by a motor vehicle. Most of the students who attend are bussed in and offloaded away from the corner. Those who walk are usually accompanied by an adult.

Teaching grade four children that they can effect change in society is a lofty and admirable aim. NOT teaching them that there are consequences they need to consider is not admirable, it is brainwashing.

## 5. Lack of Consultation

Prior to the establishment of this project, there was extremely limited consultation with the residents of the area. A review of Sustainable Calgary's website indicated that only one building, Connaught Garden, a multi-family project immediately east of it, was consulted and informed.

In the first year of the project (2022), I tried multiple times to contact my ward Councillor, Sustainable Calgary and City Parks to get information, see the permit and express opposition. It was almost impossible and there was never follow up. I contacted 311 multiple times and they opened four different service requests but there was never any action or contact on them. They were all mysteriously closed with no explanation or answer.

## 6. Closing A Road and Calling It Open Streets is Offensive

There is a real contradiction in doing this. It is insulting. There is also something fundamentally wrong with teaching children to "**play in the street**" when there are generations of history of teaching the opposite.

## **7. Traffic Patterns Moved, Not Reduced**

Traffic immediately adjacent to the intersection has probably been reduced, but that just means it has increased a block or two away. There was already congestion in those areas, it has now been concentrated.

## **8. Urban Planning Bias**

I have travelled to many countries around the world, and have seen (and support) the use of proper bike lanes and active transportation. Current University teachings on Urban Planning lean very heavily toward reducing motor vehicle usage at all costs. This is effective in many cities but Calgary has unique challenges which have not been taken into account. We have 5-6 months of winter, with cold and snow. Walking, jogging and biking don't work well in those months. We have many hills which also negatively impact those active transport proposals. Closing roads is certainly unhelpful.

I encourage City Council NOT to approve this project. It does NOT have the general support of the nearby residents. Many persons living within six-seven blocks of it are angered by it and especially by the inability to voice opposition to it. Alderman Walcott has never responded to my e-mails (his staff did three times, but he never has shown me the courtesy of a response).

No one living in the area I have spoken to in the last couple weeks even knew about this hearing before City Council. It appears that only those who support it got an invitation to participate. A notice should have been sent to all residents in the area, informing us of the hearing, just like we are notified of changes to other road usage patterns.

Thank you for reading this. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require further information regarding my support for this project.

Below I have included the "template" that Sustainable Calgary issued giving detailed directions and instructions on how to support this project. It is very biased towards their beliefs and borders on manipulation.

Yours truly,

Karen Dombrowski

[REDACTED]

#201, 1033 – 15 Avenue SW  
Calgary, Alberta T2R 0S5

The template Sustainable Calgary sent out.

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[Stakeholder's Full Name]  
[Stakeholder's Title/Organization]  
[Address]  
[City, Province, Postal Code]  
[Email Address]  
[Phone Number]  
[Date]

**Mayor and Members of Calgary City Council**

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**Subject:** Letter of Support for The Connaught Open Street

Dear Mayor Gondek and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Connaught Open Street project at [Project Name or Address], submitted by Sustainable Calgary. This project represents an important step forward in creating a more vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable Calgary, aligning with the city's vision for community safety, responsible growth and community enhancement.

The proposed development offers numerous benefits to the Beltline and Calgary as a whole, including:

**1. Adding park space**

Currently parks make up only 4.3% of the Beltline's total area, far below The City's benchmark of 10%. Beltline's current lack of greenspace is exacerbated by the unique demands of it being a high density community. As 98% of Beltline residents live in apartments, the vast majority of residents do not have access to private outdoor greenspace.

**2. Get kids moving**

In ParticipACTION's 2022 report, children in Canada received a D for physical activity. Children walking and biking to school are in the minority in Calgary, and few live in walkable places. Walking is the most popular commuting mode in Beltline, given nearby amenities and transit. And catchment for Connaught school is small enough that most kids could walk to school within 20 minutes.

**3. Increases kid's safety**

Our partners at Ever Active Schools worked with the students of Connaught School to identify their concerns around walking to school. Cut-through traffic and speeding was the primary concern, and they thought the road closure would address that, while also providing more greenspace to the community, and a walking route with less pollution.

In a parent survey we conducted, over 90% of respondents said that the open street

made the intersection safer for students and families walking to and from school. We've also heard from teachers that school drop offs and pick-ups have been safer due to reduced traffic.

**4. Reduced traffic**

Evidence shows that when roadspace is removed, traffic on nearby streets reduces. This is called "traffic evaporation" and it has been evidenced in school street closures globally, with Ontario researchers noting around a 60% reduction in traffic on adjacent streets.

**5. Low Capital Costs to the City for Public Asset**

This new Park does not come with a capital funding ask and is funded by a combination of external funding and previously approved funding programs including the Beltline Community Investment Fund, Stormwater Redevelopment Fund and Healthy Canadians and Communities Fund

**6. Empowers kids**

This project has been incredibly empowering for the Grade 4 students involved, showing them they can make a true difference in their community.

**7. Supports City of Calgary Policy**

This project aligns with many city policy objectives and principles aimed at building beautiful, safe, climate resilient neighbourhoods including:

- Beltline Area Redevelopment Plan
- The Beltline Parks and Public Realm Playbook
- Calgary Safer Mobility Plan
- The Greater Downtown Plan
- The Guide for Local Area Planning
- Calgary Transportation Plan
- Guide for local Area Planning
- Step Forward Pedestrian Strategy

This redevelopment proposal has been thoughtfully designed to align with the [e.g., Municipal Development Plan (MDP), Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP)], ensuring compatibility with the surrounding context and contributing positively to the community's character.

I encourage City Council to approve this project and support the continued evolution of Calgary as a dynamic and livable city. [If applicable, include a personal note about how the project benefits the stakeholder, their organization, or the community.]

Thank you for your attention and commitment to fostering Calgary's growth and development. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require further information regarding my support for this project.

Sincerely,  
[Stakeholder's Full Name]  
[Title/Organization]  
[Contact Information]

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## Instructions to Supporter:

- Customize the letter to reflect your unique perspective and connection to the project.
- Be concise but specific about the benefits the project will bring to the community.
- Submit the letter **by email** as follows:
  - You can provide correspondence to Council on public hearing matters to City Clerks for inclusion in Council agenda packages. These must be received in the City Clerk's Office **prior to 10 a.m. on the second Thursday prior to the Public Hearing Meeting date (April 25th)**. Email [cityclerk@calgary.ca](mailto:cityclerk@calgary.ca).
  - Use the following naming convention for the word document when saving it: "[LOC#\_\_\_]\_Letter of Support\_[date]"
  - In the email subject line, please write: "Letter of Support for LOC 202\_ - \_\_\_\_ in [community name]"
  - Remember: if typing directly into the above template, please ensure these instructions are deleted prior to sending to the City Clerk.
  - BCC: [srimal@sustainablecalgary.org](mailto:srimal@sustainablecalgary.org)



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[required] - max 75 characters Connaught Open Street

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



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Yes! Wonderful design that would create more livability in an area that needs it!



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The area is very under used and is very boring for children to play inside. It creates traffic jam in the neighborhood in in the morning and when children get off school around 2:30-3 PM. Rushing parents try to drop off/pick up children for school without enough space to do so. Please return the road to its original design to to restore safe traffic in the neighborhood.



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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to voice strong opposition to the proposed permanent closure of 10th Street SW, adjacent to our home and a nearby public school.

Since the temporary closure in 2022, we have observed firsthand the unintended consequences it has had on our neighbourhood, particularly on 13th Avenue SW. Closing 10th Street has created significant congestion issues during school drop-off and pick-up times. Parents, with no safe or convenient alternative, now routinely block our drive-ways while dropping off or waiting for their children. School buses are also forced to park along 13th Avenue, further exacerbating the congestion and making the street extremely difficult to navigate during peak times.

This situation is not just an inconvenience — it has introduced real safety concerns. The increase in traffic on 13th Avenue creates hazardous conditions for children walking to and from school. The volume of cars, combined with impatient drivers and blocked sightlines, puts pedestrians — particularly young children — at considerable risk.

The road network around the school simply cannot support the additional pressure caused by the closure. There are few viable alternatives: 11th Street does not allow stopping, and 12th Avenue prohibits stopping during peak hours. As a result, 13th Avenue has become overwhelmed, an issue that affects not just school families but also the residents who live here year-round.

It is also deeply concerning that the group advocating for this closure has only consulted the property on 10th street. None of the residents on 13th Avenue SW, who are directly and significantly impacted, have been consulted or given a meaningful opportunity to provide feedback. A decision that affects so many should not proceed without broader, transparent community engagement.

Finally, from our daily experience living next to the closure, it is clear that the supposed benefits are minimal. The closed portion of 10th Street sees very little pedestrian or cyclist use, even during peak hours. It has not become the vibrant, active space that might justify the disruption it causes. Instead, it sits largely empty while creating major traffic and safety problems elsewhere.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to reconsider and reject the proposal for a permanent closure of 10th Street SW. A more balanced solution that prioritizes both community safety and convenience should be pursued.

Thank you for your consideration.



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As a resident who has lived across from this site for years, having seen the evolution from a four-way intersection into this pocket park, I fully support this initiative. It has made the streets safer for the vast majority of students who walk and wheel to Con-naught School and added much-needed green space to our neighborhood, which is already lacking (4.3% vs the City benchmark of 10%).

I would love to see a further rollout of this initiative in other spots throughout the Belt-line, similar to the West End in downtown Vancouver, where roads dead-end or divert for vehicles while still allowing bikes and foot traffic to proceed (e.g., Bute St and Stovold Lane; Comox St and Deman St). Far too many people treat the Beltline as a means to cut through to get elsewhere and don't pay much attention to the fact that it's one of the densest neighborhoods in the city. Slowing streets down will make it safer for everyone.

That being said, there are a couple of improvements I would like to see:

- Turn the 13th Ave and 10th St intersection into a three-way stop (currently just a two-way stop for those heading east/west along 13th Ave)
- Improved visibility of the stop signs
- Paint lines on the pavement showing crosswalks and stop lines for vehicles
- Better traffic management along 13th Ave (between 11th and 10th St) during pick-up/drop-off times; it's super congested, with cars blocking driveways and parkade ramps



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



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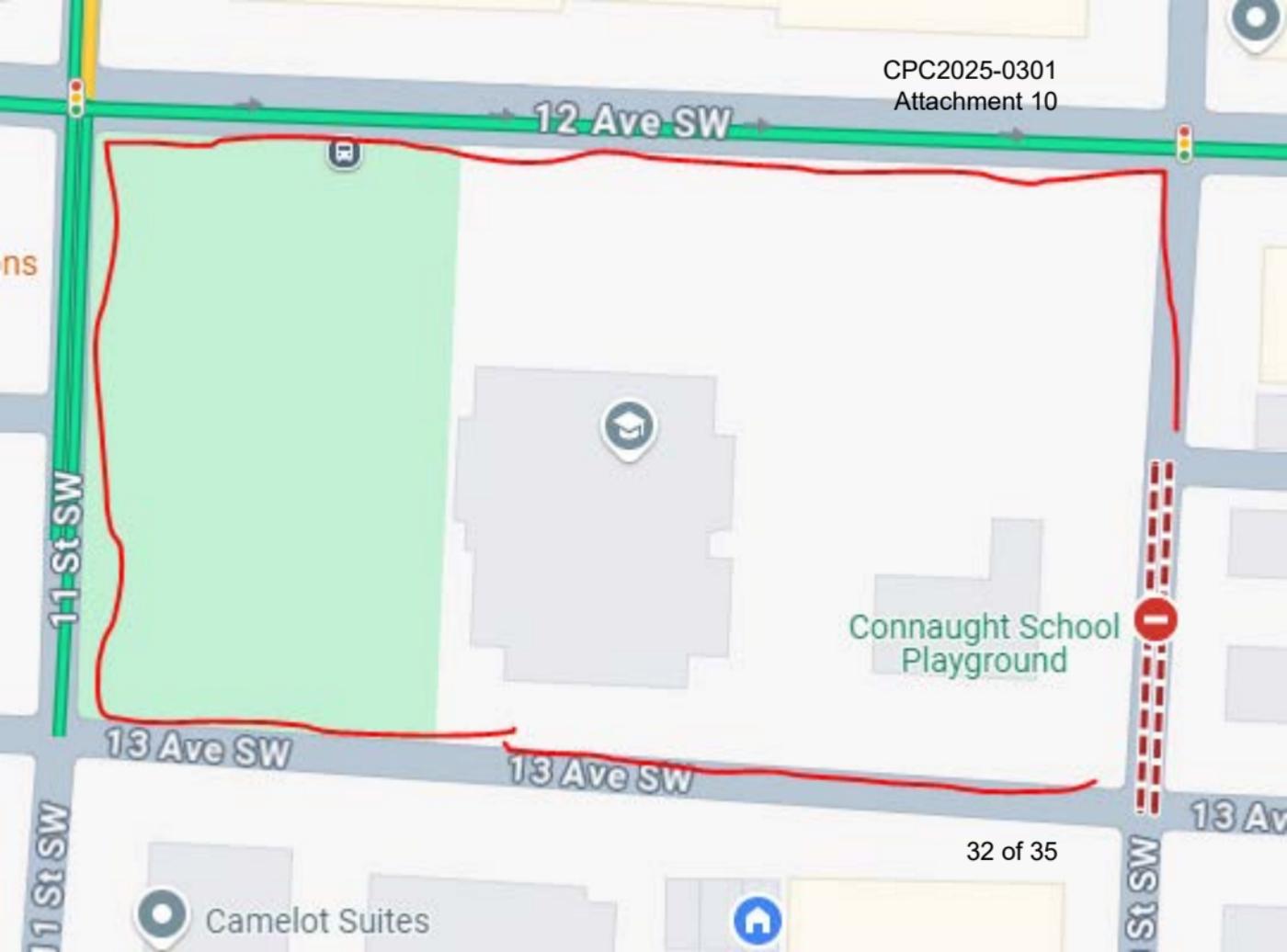
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I represent the residents of Mulwood court which face Connaught school. We are in opposition to this resignation. Firstly, we are not NIMBY'ers having all chose our current homes for the park and walkability factor. we understand the need for open spaces. However the closure of this road is impracticable for a few reasons  
-usage. in the two years it has been closed we have seen little to no use of the space, despite additional attempts to make it more appealing (benches, firepits, etc.)  
-parking. the parking situation and congestion on 13th ave is nightmarish. The school board stores 3-4 busses on the north side of 13th ave overnight and starts loud diesel engines around 5 AM all winter. On top of this, parents either using the park or dropping their kids off routinely park in front of our unit driveways due to lack of any other spacing available. 13th ave frequently becomes fully congested and impassible during peak commuter hours for this reason. Here is a photo of just this morning people parked in front of the driveways. For a busy school with residents surrounding, bike lanes on the other two sides without parking, the parking situation has become untenable. Our residents are frequently unable to leave their garages, as people park and leave their cars regularly. The diesel bus storage makes the road passable by one car at a time.  
-the residents in our complex facing the alley with small children have noticed a marked increase in alley commuting including at high speeds to bypass this congestion and are worried for their safety.

please reconsider this change for the above reasons, kids play on the grass not the road.





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Thank you,

Kathleen

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**From:** Michael Rac <[transportation@beltlineyc.ca](mailto:transportation@beltlineyc.ca)>

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Attached is a letter of support for LOC2024-0202 in the Beltline,

Thank you

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**Michael Rac (he/him)**

**Board Director, Mobility**

**Beltline Neighbourhoods Association**

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**Mayor and Members of Calgary City Council**

The City of Calgary  
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**Subject:** Letter of Support for the Connaught Open Street

Dear Mayor Gondek and Members of Council,

On behalf of the Beltline Neighbourhoods Association (BNA), I am writing to express our strong support for Sustainable Calgary's Connaught Open Street project in the Beltline.

The Beltline is one of Calgary's densest communities and faces a significant and growing park space deficiency. Parks currently make up only 4.3% of the Beltline's total area — far below The City's target of 10%. With 98% of residents living in apartments, many without access to private outdoor space, and a higher proportion of low-income households, the need for new public greenspace is urgent. Air quality in the Beltline is also below City benchmarks, further underscoring the importance of projects that support healthy environments.

In addition to addressing the open space shortage, there is a pressing need for safer, more active routes to schools and community destinations. Walking is already the most popular commuting mode in the Beltline, with 40% of residents walking to work. However, only 30% of public street space is devoted to walking and wheeling. Creating safer active transportation routes will help address this gap, particularly for children. According to ParticipACTION's 2022 report, Canadian children received a D grade for physical activity. Safer routes to school have been shown to improve health, academic performance, concentration, and mental well-being, while reducing traffic hazards and exposure to vehicle pollutants.

Sustainable Calgary's Connaught Open Street project will transform a section of 10th Street SW adjacent to Connaught School into a permanent greenspace, building on their successful pilot project. This intervention will implement permanent traffic calming measures, prioritize people walking and rolling, and significantly improve safety and accessibility for Connaught School students and the broader community.

The BNA recognizes the critical value of park spaces in dense urban neighborhoods. They foster a sense of belonging, improve physical and mental health, and strengthen community ties. We wholeheartedly endorse Sustainable Calgary's efforts to transform an underutilized street into a vital new park space and active transportation link that will enhance the livability and quality of life in the Beltline.

We respectfully urge City Council to approve the Connaught Open Street project and support a healthier, safer, and more vibrant future for the Beltline.

Thank you for your attention and your commitment to building a better Calgary. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information regarding our support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Rac'.

**Michael Rac**  
Director of Mobility, BNA