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What meeting do you wish to comment on? [required]	Standing Policy Committee on Community Development
Date of meeting [required]	Jun 12, 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	Implementation of a hail resilience program
Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In favour



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**Community Development Committee**

**City of Calgary**

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Dear Member of the Community Development Committee,

**Re: Support for Calgary's Hail Resilience Program**

The Alberta Real Estate Foundation (AREF) is a nonprofit grant making organization that supports and strengthens Alberta's real estate industry and benefits Albertans. Through strategic investments, we fund projects across diverse initiatives designed to bolster the work of the industry, government, and our land and built environments. It is with this mandate in mind, that I am pleased to express our support for the Hail Resilience Program and its important work in helping Calgarians adapt to increasingly severe weather events.

AREF recognizes the growing impacts of climate change on communities across the province, and we are committed to supporting initiatives that build climate resilience for people and the built environment. Severe hailstorms—like the one in August 2024 that damaged nearly 60,000 homes—highlight the urgent need for climate adaptation initiatives. Severe weather events pose serious risks to Calgarians' homes, businesses, and overall wellbeing, underscoring the importance of proactive solutions.

The collaborative nature of the Hail Resilience Improvement Network is one of its greatest strengths of this program. By bringing together professionals from the insurance, real estate, and construction sectors, the initiative leverages cross-sector expertise to develop practical solutions to respond to the climate crisis. Its focus on tailored education and resources for both industry and homeowners positions the program to drive long-term, sustainable, and equitable hail resilience across Calgary. Real estate professionals have a vital role to play in this work. As trusted advisors to homebuyers and property owners, they are on the front lines of consumer protection, helping individuals navigate choices that impact safety, property value, and resilience in the face of a changing climate.

The Alberta Real Estate Foundation urges you to support the implementation of this comprehensive Hail Resilience Program. We are particularly supportive of activities that help educate and inform both real estate professionals and consumers, enabling them to better understand and respond to the challenges of hail and other climate-related impacts. We encourage the Program team to remain connected with the Foundation as the initiative evolves, and we welcome opportunities to collaborate—particularly around real estate sector engagement. We are also happy to help leverage our network of professionals, academic partners, and nonprofit organizations to inform and strengthen this important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Josh Traptow'.

Josh Traptow  
Executive Director