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The Glamorgan Community Association fully supports the Sarcee/Richmond Interchange Study and conclusions. This report is a result of a truly collaborative effort between residents, businesses and the directly affected Community Associations. We would like to thank our former Councillor Richard Pootmans for his active involvement in helping to ensure that all parties were heard. The City of Calgary has an excellent engagement/consultation process and this is one of the rare projects where it was actually applied. When this happens, there are no surprises, everyone has a voice and the results speak for themselves.

1) The format of holding Open Houses for feedback and reporting back the findings was met with great success. We acknowledge this is more work in the beginning. However as with anything, extra time at the beginning, more than pays off in the end. The result is a document that captures the issues, constraints and overall difficulty of trying to retro fit something that should have been constructed 20 years ago.

2) Residents and business alike, preferred the recommended plan and the criteria cited by both groups was nearly the same. This was a surprise to the Team working on the project. It is no surprise to the residents and businesses of Calgary. If the City of Calgary followed their own process, this consensus would be reached on every major project. No one likes the "surprise" factor. The recommended plan was identified right at the beginning and as we worked through the issues it became very clear it was the only one that actually made sense.

3) The Team heading up this project was outstanding. They truly listened to the issues and had a much better understanding of the constraints as information came to light. Their expertise and knowledge was extremely helpful during the entire process.

4) This project requires funding. The City of Calgary has wasted hundreds of millions of dollars at Bow Trail and Sarcee Trail with nothing to show for it. This intersection at Sarcee and Richmond Road is the first major intersection north of the SW Ring Road coming off T'suu T'ina lands. This is critical, particularly to residents living east of Sarcee Trail and west of 37 Street S.W.. With the impending closure of 45 Street S.W. from Glenmore Trail we lose a very important road out of the infrastructure network. Access to our community is of the utmost importance. We have very limited road infrastructure and to lose this access will have a severe impact to all residents.

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5) The needs of the business community are also met in this report. We are fortunate to have access to a number of excellent shopping/health centers. The effort that was made on the part of the Team to address their concerns and issues was outstanding.

We look to The City of Calgary Administration as well as City Council to support this effort by adopting the proposed report and plan as well as providing funding. For years, as communities, we have tried to get the City of Calgary to pay attention to this intersection. It has finally happened. To ignore the significance of this interchange would be folly. In its current state it is very dangerous, half finished and currently poses danger to drivers and pedestrians alike.

With the significant increase in anticipated traffic volumes once the portion of road through T'suu T'ina is completed and the closure of 45 Street is done this will escalate. The westerly portion of the Ring Road will not be completed before the T'suu T'ina portion and the pressure on this intersection will increase.

We would like to sincerely thank the City of Calgary Sarcee/Richmond Team for all of the time and effort that has gone into this process. They came, they listened, they incorporate the issues and concerns and they reported back their findings. All of the Open Houses held were very well attended. There was opportunity for thoughtful and meaningful conversations, ideas and discussion. Out of that comes this report and the recommendations that are fully supported by residents and business alike.

Thank you for all of the hard work and time on this item. It is significant and will have a significant impact on all of us.

Sincerely,

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