



June 11, 2018

City of Calgary, Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development
The City of Calgary
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Dear Members of SPC on Planning & Urban Development:

Re: Centre City Levy Program – Annual Report for Year 2017

BILD Calgary Region and NAIOP Calgary Chapter would like to acknowledge the work by Administration to refine the format for the annual report pertaining to the Centre City Levy Program. Significant progress was made in this regard in the last annual reporting cycle and the current reporting continues to meet the improved standard.

The improved standard of reporting provides a level of detail that allows Industry, fund contributors and Administration alike to confirm that the collection of revenue and the terms and conditions by which those funds are spent, are in keeping with the intent of the bylaw. This is also critical in providing Administration, Industry and other stakeholders the baseline information needed to engage in deeper discussions to consider and assess the intent and effectiveness of the program and determine how improvements to the fund, its operation and management may be made.

We look forward to discussing the allocation and focus of the Centre City Levy program, as we remain committed to ensuring the fund supports development in the Centre City and confirming at the same time that the fund delivers the greatest possible benefit to the community.

The next order of business for the City-Industry Work Plan Established Area team related to the Centre City is to expand the discussions regarding the Terms of Reference and operation of the fund to address feedback and concerns the Established Area Working Group has identified to administration as areas of focus.

It is the expectation of the Industry working group members that there will be a collaborative and comprehensive review of the fund, landing on shared recommendations (potentially proposing possible reallocation and operational adjustments for the fund) going forward for support and ratification by Administration and Senior Leadership teams prior to the end of this year, being Q4 2018.

Lastly, we acknowledge Administration's commitment to deliver an annual report in 2019 as we anticipate this will provide an opportunity to update Committee and Council, not only on the fund activity in 2018, but also to provide a touchpoint on any modification or adjustments arising out of the upcoming discussion and engagement.

We appreciate the commitment by Administration to engage our Industry Associations on these matters and look forward to continuing our work in the spirit of genuine collaboration and partnership that has been fostered to date.

Respectfully,
BILD Calgary Region



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