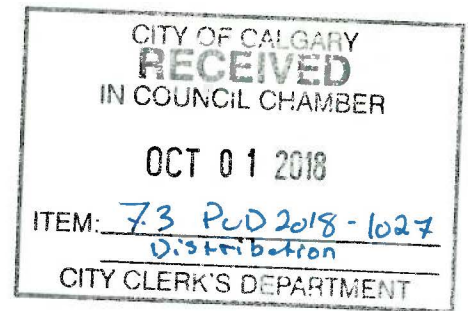




September 28, 2018

SPC on Planning and Urban Development



Re: Green Line Southeast Local Area Plans – Deferral Request

The Federation of Calgary Communities (the Federation) is the support organization for over 230 community based non-profit organizations, including 151 community associations. We advocate for and assist community associations in navigating Calgary's planning process.

Through an email on September 24th, The Federation was made aware that Administration is proposing the deferral of the Area Redevelopment Plans (ARPs) for Inglewood, Ramsay, and Millican-Ogden to Q2 of 2020. From our understanding, this is also when the affected community associations were notified.

The community associations have volunteered their time over many years towards new ARPs, and have worked in good faith towards mutually advantageous policy as our inner city grows and changes. To only have a few weeks notice, with no consultation or understanding is poor practice.

We understand that Administration is working towards a major policy overhaul to improve redevelopment and better direct growth and change. Nonetheless, there must be mechanisms in place for communities in the interim and communities should be apprised of what is happening.

We accompanied members of some of the affected CAs to a meeting with the Developed Areas Guidebook team on September 27th and we appreciate their time. We were assured that the Developed Areas Guidebook would be finishing their engagement by Q2 2019 and learned that the ARP team is responsible for delaying their work. Rather than waiting an additional year, the engagement for the Area Redevelopment Plans should align with the proposals for the Developed Areas Guidebook so that they are ready at the same time. The Developed Areas Guidebook will be doing engagement citywide by Q2 2019, so why aren't these engagements aligned or collaborative? And why is it now, after years of community work, that CA's are being notified by email that their hard work will not be revisited for nearly two years?





Growth must happen in the inner city and we recognize that there will be growing pains. As our inner city grows and changes, we need to develop around transit and we need to focus on the missing middle. In the interim, however, we need to focus on the missing policy that recognizes local community context. Failure to do so will result in the potential loss of community character, and the deepening distrust, frustration and tension between City officials and community residents.

Communities should not feel blindsided by decisions that they learn about at the last minute, especially as communities are frustrated by growth through piecemeal land use redesignations rather than through intention. The deferral of these policies will only contribute to that sentiment. We all need to work better together for a better Calgary.

Sincerely,

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Urban Planner

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