

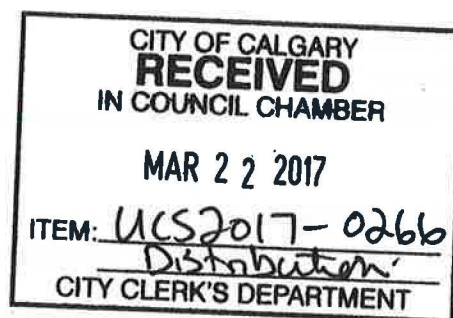


Chinatown
District BRZ

March 21, 2017

City of Calgary
Standing Policy Committee on
Utilities and Corporate Services Committee
800 Macleod Trail SE,
Calgary AB

Attention: Councillor Peter Demong
Chairman



Re: Flood Mitigation Measures Assessment Report

We are writing on behalf of the Chinatown District Business Improvement Area and the presentation from City of Calgary Administration identified as UCS2017-0266.

As you are aware, the Chinatown district was greatly affected by the floods of 2013, a great number of business suffered flood damages, loss of business due to the closure of access to the Chinatown area, and no electricity for an extended period of time. Many residents of Chinatown were evacuated, thus putting strain on social and emergency resources.

We are aware that upstream flood mitigation measures are outside of the City of Calgary's realm, however we would ask that the City of Calgary pursue the continued implementation and funding plan for community level flood mitigation that would include the Chinatown District. This will include the installation of low-height barriers and should be designed to mitigate to a 1:200 year event. The Downtown Core is the economic engine of Calgary and we are of the opinion that it should be protected to mitigate flood damages, as well as economic loss due to the failure of many businesses to operate during flood events.

We would also ask that the City of Calgary continue to work with the Province of Alberta in assisting with the continuation of the Provincial operational agreement with TransAlta regarding the Bow River, and that it be extended beyond the current 2021 expiration date.

We trust as committee members that you will proceed with the Administration's recommendations and that remediation work will continue to protect the Chinatown District from future flood events.

Sincerely


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Director/Treasurer
Chinatown District Business Improvement Area

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