

Letters from Stakeholders



December 21, 2018

Re: Municipal Development Plan and Calgary Transportation Plan Review

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. We are pleased to offer our support as a key stakeholder for the Review of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP).

Along with other internal and external stakeholders, our organization was invited to participate in the MDP & CTP Strategic Workshop in early November. We were also invited to discuss any concerns and provide feedback to the project team in late November, and to review the draft work and engagement plan in December.

The MDP and CTP are critical documents for communities as they provide key direction for lower-level policies and inform how our communities are designed. The documents are also critical during the development application process and frequently referred to by community association planning committee volunteers.

We are generally supportive of the engagement strategy thus far and can appreciate that the engagement delineates between education and consultation components. As the MDP and CTP are high-level documents, it is imperative that Calgarians and communities are given the tools to understand how the documents influence their every day lives.

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Moving forward we would like to see that the engagement focuses on clear outcomes and is made accessible to all Calgarians. Further, we would like to see that the engagement is right-sized for the impact and scope of specific elements within the two plans. We understand that a considerable amount of planning work is being undertaken in 2019, and we would like to ensure that this work clearly aligns with other policy work, and that communities and Calgarians can expect to see consistency on the engagement between this project and others.

The Federation appreciates being engaged as a key stakeholder thus far, and we hope that we have continued opportunities to provide meaningful input alongside our community membership.

Sincerely,

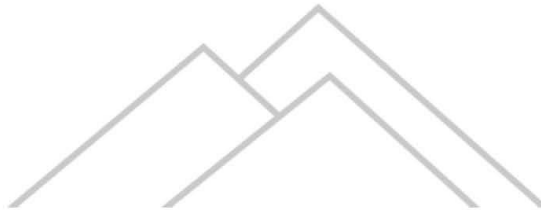
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January 2, 2018

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And All Members of Calgary City Council
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**Re: Scoping Report – 10 Year Review;
Municipal Development Plan & Calgary Transportation Plan**

BILD Calgary Region is very pleased to be working with the City of Calgary's Senior Administration and Staff in Planning and Transportation (the "City Administration") in the review of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP) to achieve the updated and consolidated city-wide comprehensive Plan.

In our preliminary conversations with City Staff, we have touched on the following points:

- The overarching vision, principles and objectives of the MDP and CTP remain constant and are not under review;
- The intent of the review and consolidation is to ensure the Plan contains policy that is appropriately housed at a statutory level, without replicating content that is already captured effectively within City policy elsewhere;
- Are there gaps in the current policy that should be addressed with consideration to achieving MDP goals, such as housing affordability (both market and non-market), health, environmental issues, innovation, technological changes, etc.?
- The targets and core indicators within the MDP/CTP:
 - Should they be aspirational or attainable?
 - Are we tracking the correct indicators?
 - Are we trending in the direction of our targets?
 - Does policy support that direction notwithstanding the time to achieve the target?
 - Are there barriers within policy or implementation to achieving those targets?
- Is there an opportunity to address circumstances where objectives within the Plan conflict or require prioritization in order to achieve the stated goals?

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Given the 60-year horizon of the plan, we understand that Administration wishes to focus on ensuring that trends move towards the direction of the longer term goals, and use the targets as an indicators to measure that progress, not to set or 'force' policy outcomes.

BILD Calgary Region advocates that the guiding direction for decisions regarding the new Plan should be **improving housing choice and affordability**, along with transportation choice, as well as those stated in the Report's Executive Summary, being supporting a prosperous and competitive economy, maintaining a sustainable municipal financial system and providing a good quality of services for current and future Calgarians, while protecting the natural environment.

As noted in the Report, there are a number of factors in place, subsequent to the adoption of the MDP/CTP, which may have an impact on the new Plan, such as the Modernized Municipal Government Act, the City Charter, Calgary Metropolitan Region Board, and it will be important to protect and preserve the original MDP/CTP vision while aligning with the updated status of the City, Region and Province.

Given that the building and land development Industry, both in new communities and established areas, is a critical partner with the City in the growth and change guided by the Municipal Development Plan and Calgary Transportation Plan (and the consolidated New Plan), BILD Calgary Region looks forward to participating with the City as a **collaboratively engaged partner** throughout the Review Process.

Respectfully,
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