



July 14, 2016

To: Current Prince's Island Park Management Advisory Committee (PIPMAC) members

Re: **Prince's Island Park Management Advisory Committee (PIPMAC) Proposed
Dissolution**

Both Calgary Parks and Calgary Recreation would like to acknowledge your past commitment and thank you for your dedication to the Prince's Island Park Management Advisory Committee (PIPMAC) over the last 20 years of the committee's life. The City is proposing dissolution of this committee in September 2016 and we would like to take this opportunity to share the reasons behind this change.

In 1999, the Prince's Island Park Management Advisory Committee (PIPMAC) was established as a committee of Council. The purpose of PIPMAC was to provide input into the Greater Prince's Island Park Master Plan process and make recommendations around redevelopment issues including park usage patterns, maintenance, noise, parking, commercial uses and community relations. The committee was made up of 15 members and included representation from adjacent communities, festival and event stakeholders, and Calgary Parks and Calgary Recreation staff. During the park master planning process, PIPMAC gathered public input and provided data to create recommendations and park guidelines. This information was valuable and is reflected in the current Prince's Island Park Master Plan. These guidelines are still in place when managing park use and they enable Calgarians the opportunity to play, quietly connect with nature, attend special events, connect with culturally diverse communities and experience the excitement and activity characteristic of a vibrant city.

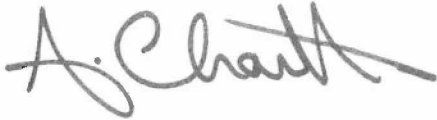
Over the past several years, the role and participation of PIPMAC members has evolved and fewer meetings have been held. The Prince's Island Park Master Plan guidelines are in place and working effectively, and The City's Internal Events Team (IET) has been created to formally manage and review usage of Prince's Island Park for major events. There are also clearly defined opportunities to engage on projects that may impact the park such as the Green Line and West Eau Claire redevelopment. Furthermore, City of Calgary staff have worked with committee members to establish regular communication lines to ensure questions and concerns are responded to in a timely and efficient manner. Initiatives in recent years include recovery from the flood and tree disasters, Jaipur bridge lighting, expansion of the skating lagoon, and other general park upgrades. These have all been completed successfully outside of a formal PIPMAC committee meeting.

As Prince's Island Park management has reached a level of maturity and stability, The City is proposing that the current PIPMAC committee be dissolved as a formal committee of Council. This dissolution will be captured in a formal report to the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services on 2016 September 7 and then on to Council for final approval on 2016 September 26. We are committed to working with you to ensure communication is maintained and

will be available to facilitate future engagement opportunities on issues that are relevant to Prince's Island Park.

Thank you again for your time and dedication. We look forward to working with you in the future. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact my office at 403.268.5204.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Charlton', with a stylized, flowing script.

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