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The City of Calgary
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Attention: Standing Policy Committee – Transportation and Transit

Re: SPC-T&T Meeting 2019 March 20
Agenda Item: 7.3 - Green Line Q1 2019 Update - TT2019-0245

Chinatown is a cultural community that serves all Calgarians: the residents, property owners and business operators and those who travel into Chinatown from outlying communities and regions around Calgary plus tourists. These are visitors who come to shop, eat, learn, play and socialize in an environment of culture, language, overseas societies, and family.

These patrons must be able to access Chinatown through all modes of transportation – LRT, Transit, cycling, and personal vehicles in addition to walking.

While the Green Line is targeted to travel along 2nd Street SW, across the Bow River and up the escarpment in Crescent Heights to a station around 16th Avenue North, due consideration must be given to:

- Growth and support of businesses along Centre Street North both south of the bridge plus those north through Crescent Heights and beyond to the 160 Avenue N terminus; and,
- Providing Calgary north communities and especially Chinatown patrons access to their cultural community destination sooner as opposed to later or never for the ultimately long term survival and viability of Chinatown

As outlined in the 2016 Chinatown stakeholder engagements and as input to the upcoming Chinatown Cultural Plan and Local Area Plan, Calgarians come to Chinatown to Live, Work, and Play. However, it is becoming increasingly difficult as parking spaces are becoming fewer and fewer and the parking rates are a barrier for many.

While LRT is not the only answer, it is a significant answer to both the merchants, associations, various cultural groups in Chinatown and their patrons unless The City increases the parking capacity and makes parking more affordable.

Failing to realize an LRT system beyond 16th Avenue, 40th Avenue, and 64th Avenue North will result in patrons avoiding Crescent Heights and Chinatown in favour of suburban neighbourhood destinations that will never promote Calgary's Chinese community history and contributions as well as Chinatown and its stakeholders have done and continue to do today.

We ask that City Council considered an aggressive and balanced investment of the LRT on the Green Line in both directions – north and south.

Sincerely,



Grace Su,
Chinatown BIA Chair



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Chinatown BIA Executive Director

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