

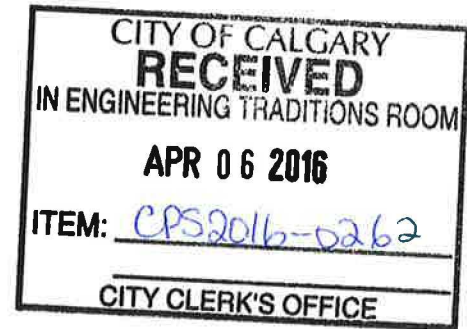


Edgemont Community Association



April 4, 2016

The City of Calgary
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- Attention:**
- His Worship, Mayor Naheed Nenshi**
 - Ward 1 - Councillor Ward Sutherland**
 - Ward 2 - Councillor Joe Magliocca**
 - Ward 3- Councillor Jim Stevenson**
 - Ward 4- Councillor Sean Chu**
 - Ward 5- Councillor Ray Jones**
 - Ward 6- Councillor Richard Pootmans**
 - Ward 7- Councillor Druh Farrell**
 - Ward 8 - Councillor Evan Wooley**
 - Ward 9 - Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra**
 - Ward 10 - Councillor Andre Chabot**
 - Ward 11 - Councillor Brian Pincott**
 - Ward 12 - Councillor Shane Keating**
 - Ward 13 - Councillor Diane Colley-Urquhart**
 - Ward 14 - Councillor Peter Demong**

Dear Sirs:

Re: LEAF PROGRAM – EDGEMONT, CALGARY, AB

The Board of Directors of the Edgemont Community Association is in full support of the recent petition to implement a LEAF program in our community. This petition was supported by over two-thirds of the property owners in Edgemont. The majority of our residents acknowledged that the public green space of Edgemont need upgrading, and they have committed to an annual investment of \$84 per property to receive enhanced landscaping. That this amount of support was achieved during these challenging times in a large diverse community, is dramatic evidence of the urgent need for community improvement.

There has been widespread support for the LEAF program as the revenue raised will be invested directly in Edgemont, providing visible benefits this year, and more incremental

benefits as the program continues.

The LEAF petition process has been a 'community activating' program. Homeowners were contacted by volunteers during the door-to-door canvassing and this created more awareness of other community programs, areas of concern and also identified opportunities for community initiatives. Topics raised during the canvassing process still continue to be discussed and acted upon within our community.

With a mandate of over 67% of our homeowners supporting the LEAF initiative, the Edgemont Community Association welcomes and endorses this program. We are looking forward to working in partnership with the City of Calgary Parks Department and together we will strive to produce the best LEAF program possible.

We would therefore respectfully request the supportive votes from all members of City Council to allow us to go forward with the Edgemont Landscape Enhancement Program.

In closing, the Edgemont Community Association, Members and Board of Directors would like to thank our 100+ volunteers who have walked thousands of miles to meet and canvass support for the LEAF Program. Indeed, Calgary is still a city of volunteers who have the best interest of the community at heart. Bravo, Calgary!

Sincerely,



Phil Durrant, President
Edgemont Community Association Board Directors

cc: Anne Charlton – Director of Parks
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