



Letter of Support for Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 proposed changes

Dear Councillors,

This letter is in support of the proposed changes to Land Use Bylaw 1P2007. Calgary Arts Development supports the initiative to allow pop-ups and interim uses in commercial and industrial spaces for short periods of time without a development permit process, as well as simplifying the "Market" use definitions. This initiative is a strong fit with the following recommendation from our 2017 arts and culture infrastructure report *Building on our Momentum*.

Work with The City of Calgary to pilot new programs to support identified needs and preferences for creation and operation of arts and culture space such as: Enabling short-term flexible space through the creation of a description in the Land Use Bylaw for 'pop-up' activity (frequent, changing, short-term uses of parcels and existing buildings).

These proposed changes will enable artists, arts organizations, makers and other members of Calgary's creative industries to test out business ideas and social enterprises without the long-term process and costs that a development permit process can often entail.

The proposed changes also align with our Strategic Framework priority "Arts-led city-building." We believe that artists, arts organizations, and arts collectives can contribute a great deal to animating Centre City and other neighbourhoods in Calgary; something that contributes to quality of life for residents and attracts talent and visitors to our city.

Please contact me if I can answer further questions about how initiatives like this one support a resilient and sustainable arts sector contributing to a strong, vibrant, connected city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patti Pon'.

Patti Pon
President & CEO