

April 26, 2021

Standing Policy Committee on Planning & Urban Development
Office of the Councillors
700 Macleod Trail SE
Calgary, AB T2G 2M3

Dear Mayor Nenshi and City Councillors:

During the Public Hearing from March 22-24, Council listened to three days worth of speakers with a great number of concerns and recommendations to improve the Guidebook. A common theme was the lack of engagement, awareness and transparency on what the Guidebook truly means for residents and communities.

There were no Guidebook amendments presented to the public between the March 22-24 public hearing and the April 28th deadline for written submissions to be published on the agenda for the Standing Policy Committee – Planning and Urban Development (PUD). Further, Administration's report to PUD will not be available online to the public until Friday April 30th. This is two days after the deadline for written submissions.

Council gave direction "to receive and consolidate proposed amendments submitted by members of Council **and the public** for review and consideration for Administration". Council also directed Administration to report to the May 05 Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development committee meeting with a "What We Heard" report based on the Guidebook for Great Communities Public Hearing 2021 March 22-24 "and proposed recommended amendments to the Guidebook for Council consideration, engaging with stakeholders as needed, with public participation in the committee meeting".

The consolidation of amendments from the public is a necessary first step in involving Calgarians in proposed amendment recommendations to the Guidebook. However, we emphasize that meaningful public engagement on **substantive amendments is still needed**, particularly for sections such as: urban form categories (neighbourhood local & neighbourhood connector), urban forestry, heritage, and the Local Area Planning process, as well as others.

The Guidebook represents a major evolution to planning that will directly affect every community within our City for decades to come and it must not be rushed. PUD should not recommend that Council approve an amended Guidebook and Council should not approve an amended Guidebook, in any form, until there has been City-wide public engagement on proposed Guidebook amendments.

We, the undersigned communities, want you to take the time needed to get this right.

Sincerely,

Community Association Co-Sponsors:	
Abbeydale Community Association	
Brentwood Community Association	
Cambrian Heights Community Association	
Cliff Bungalow Mission Community Association	
Crescent Heights Community Association	
Elbow Park Residents Association	
Elboya Heights Britannia Community Association	
Forest Heights Community Association	
Glendale/Glendale Meadows Community Association	
Hounsfeld Heights/Briar Hill Community Association	
Huntington Hills Community Association	
Inglewood Community Association	
Maple Ridge Community Association	
Marlborough Park Community Association	
Mayfair Bel-Aire Community Association	
Meadowlark Community Association	
Mount Royal Community Association	
Parkdale Community Association	
Rideau-Roxboro Community Association	
Scenic Acres Community Association	
University Heights Community Association	
Varsity Community Association	
Woodcreek Community Association	

*NB: that this is not a definitive list. The timeline was too tight for some communities to secure the necessary approval to endorse the letter

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