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Chris,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and your colleagues to discuss our analysis of the *Municipal Development Plan review*. It has given us a better understanding of the constraints Administration faces in its efforts to improve the *MDP*.

As discussed, we feel there are many opportunities to upgrade key elements of the *MDP* so the City can manage the challenges of today and tomorrow. Those are outlined in the draft document we provided.

To summarize our recommendations, these changes are needed:

- Intentional alignment with the *Climate Resilience Strategy*
- Better more rigorous indicators, compiled at the community scale where appropriate, coupled with more frequent reporting on progress
- Inclusion of a delay of servicing for the 14 suburban communities approved in 2018
- Incorporation of the successful strategies used by other cities
- Inclusion of food supply and security as core infrastructure
- More ambitious targets for active transportation (transit, bike, walk) modal shares
- Greater transparency and clarity on the legal status of the *MDP*, with incorporation of its legal implications into all analyses provided to Council and other policy makers
- Updating the *MDP's* principles and key directions as an evolution of the City's 2007 guidance on sustainability
- Attention to implementation mechanisms that can actually achieve the goals of the *MDP and recognition that converting policy to budget and implementation is critical.*

We are pleased to know that the 2020 SOOC Report has been useful in your deliberations. The Report supports our contention that along with the residual effects of the COVID crisis, Calgary's future development will be determined by how the City responds to a less viable fossil fuel industry, an oversupply of serviced land, and growing inequality. This is the most fundamental aspect of keeping the City's house in order, a duty which we hope will lead to the changes we discussed yesterday.

Thanks again Chris to you and your Team.

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