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Beltline Community Investment Fund

Vision, principles and values

Purpose of document

This document summarizes the visions, principles and values pertaining to the Beltline Community Investment Fund (BCIF) contained in the three guiding documents listed in the fund framework:

- **Greater Downtown Plan**
- Beltline Area Redevelopment Plan **Part 1: West Beltline Area**
- Beltline Area Redevelopment Plan **Part 2: East Beltline Area**

In the BCIF application form, potential applicants are asked to demonstrate how their projects align to these key documents. Therefore, this summary document is a resource that applicants can refer to when putting together a proposal.

For more information on BCIF, please email BCIF@calgary.ca or visit calgary.ca/BCIF.

Note: In the event of any inconsistency between this summary document and the full guiding documents, the information in the original documents shall prevail. The Beltline Area Redevelopment Plan Part 1 is being reviewed.



Downtown Strategy: Commitment to equity, inclusion and accessibility

Source: Calgary's Greater Downtown Plan

Vision for Greater Downtown

Greater Downtown is the economic and cultural heart of Calgary. It is a resilient and vibrant place for everyone, with welcoming neighbourhoods, active streets and well-used public spaces.

Principles for the Greater Downtown

1. Economic vitality and innovation

Create exciting places that attract, support and retain businesses, entrepreneurs and talent to provide diverse employment opportunities.

2. Identity and place

Design neighbourhoods that Calgarians are proud to call home. Ones that are inclusive, connected, and accessible to businesses and services.

3. Opportunity and choice

Give everyone access to places to live, shop, learn, work, eat and play, plus diverse housing choices and mobility options.

4. Health and wellness

Ensure everyone has equitable access to health care and medical services, recreational and cultural opportunities, and healthy food.

5. Social interaction

Build gathering places for civic, arts, cultural, recreation and entertainment activities, and neighbourhood get-togethers.

6. The green network and natural environment

Protect and restore the green network, natural areas, biodiversity and ecological functions for everyone's enjoyment.

7. Mobility for all

Provide options that address the mobility needs of people of all ages and abilities, including walking, wheeling and using transit.

8. Climate mitigation and adaptation

Support the transition to a low-carbon economy and adapt to the changing climate by enhancing the resilience of our infrastructure.

9. Quality urban design

Connect buildings, streets and places while responding to the emerging needs of people, property owners and businesses.

10. Resilient and prepared

Adapt, survive and thrive in the face of chronic stresses and acute shocks to our physical, natural and social systems.

Beltline Local Area Redevelopment Plan Part 1: West Beltline area

Vision

The Beltline will be an authentic, livable and diverse high density urban community. This will be reinforced by creating high quality neighbourhoods through the provision of a wide variety of land uses and building types, supported and enhanced by quality private development and public spaces and amenities.

Principles

1. Foster and support neighbourhoods that:
 - Have clear and logical neighborhood boundaries.
 - Support residential development wherever possible.
 - Ensure vibrancy and diversity of mixed-use areas.
 - Support and promote local economic development.
 - Include built, natural and social environments that are resilient and generate low emissions.
 - Support public safety initiatives.
 - Ensure all neighborhoods have convenient access to essential community amenities and services such as transit, pedestrian and cycling paths, schools, childcare facilities, social services, open spaces, natural amenities such as rivers, playgrounds and public recreation facilities.
2. Take an artful approach to everything that is built in the Beltline.
3. Provide for high-density and mixed-use development while ensuring neighbourhood livability.
4. Protect and enhance unique character and heritage.
5. Improve pedestrian and cycling environment and manage transportation demand.
6. Encourage diversity in building types and styles.
7. Provide for a variety of physical and social environments and housing types.
8. Improve the public realm.
9. Promote development that will foster a low-carbon and climate-resilient neighbourhood.
10. Promote processes that are open to creativity and innovation and reward achievement of the vision and principles.

Beltline Local Area Redevelopment Plan Part 2: East Beltline area

Vision

The culture and entertainment district will be a year-round destination for residents and visitors to participate in a diverse array of cultural, sports and entertainment experiences. The area will tell Calgary's unique story to the world. It will become an exciting and vibrant mixed-use community that preserves and celebrates its rich history through creating authentic spaces while encouraging future growth that is unique and connected.

Core ideas

1. An authentic culture and entertainment district is a distinct Calgary experience that celebrates the history and heritage of the neighbourhood and city.
2. A connected and accessible culture and entertainment district links adjacent neighbourhoods to the district, the river and one another.
3. A resilient culture and entertainment district promotes inner-city density, encourages high quality design, and creates a distinct experience.
4. A vibrant culture and entertainment district is an active mixed-use area with a series of distinct places and spaces that function as the heart and gathering place for adjacent neighbourhoods and functions as a local and regional destination.