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**Re: City of Yellowknife Draft Community Plan**

Dear Nalini Naidoo,

The Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce is pleased to provide feedback on the City of Yellowknife's draft Community Plan.

Overall, we believe the draft Community Plan is reasonable, fair and economically sound, however, there are a few areas that we'd like to see stronger planning and development objectives and accompanying policy recommendations.

One such area is addressing vacant lots, decrepit buildings and brownfield spaces throughout Yellowknife. We were pleased to see that addressing vacant lots in the City's downtown core is a priority and we support the policy recommendation to implement incentives for landowners to develop vacant parcels (page 20) – but we believe that the City should prioritize addressing vacant lots throughout the whole City and we'd like to see a policy recommendation that specifically addresses brownfield spaces. Our recommendation is for the City of Yellowknife to develop a toolkit of financial incentives aimed at encouraging landowners and developers to undertake brownfield redevelopment.

As per our original submission, we are supportive of the City's priority to take advantage of residential infill opportunities. However, given its proximity to downtown and existing infrastructure, we would like to see Tin Can Hill identified as a potential area for residential infill (page 95).

We were pleased to see that agriculture was mentioned as a permitted use in Kam Lake South (page 48) – but we're wondering if there's a reason it was not identified as a permitted use throughout Kam Lake? We believe that flexibility will allow businesses to flourish and we ask Council to consider whether agricultural activities could be permitted throughout Kam Lake.

Regarding section 5.3.4 Community Energy Planning – we support the City's objective of limiting residential development in areas serviced by trucked water and sewer (page 88), in principle. However, we suggest that this objective and policy recommendation be revised to permit residential development in areas that are already serviced by trucked water and sewer, such as Old Town.



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Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback and if you have any questions – please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully submitted,

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