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RE: Item 7.4 | Climate Resilience Policy C627A Review

Dear Mayor Knack and members of Infrastructure Committee:

BILD Edmonton Metro is a non-profit organization representing over 500 companies in the building and development industry. Our members are committed to shaping our region to ensure more people and businesses choose to live, invest, and thrive here.

BILD supports Climate Resilience Policy C627A and its shift toward greater flexibility and a Sustainable Return on Investment (S-ROI) approach. An S-ROI lens can help target investments to measures that deliver meaningful climate, social and financial outcomes, rather than relying on prescriptive requirements that may not fit every project or building type.

Right-sizing infrastructure and investment

BILD supports right-sizing infrastructure and climate-resilience investments from both a fiscal and climate perspective.

Appropriately scaled infrastructure reduces unnecessary upfront costs, improves long-term efficiency and directs limited public and private capital to where it has the greatest impact. The report shows how flexibility can reduce costs while maintaining emissions-neutral outcomes: optimizing a hypothetical fire station design reduced estimated policy-related construction costs by about \$1.1 million, or nearly 30 per cent of the additional costs associated with the application of Council's climate policies on public infrastructure design. This reinforces the need to focus on outcomes rather than a single prescribed pathway.

Implementing policy direction in a smart and practical way

BILD also encourages Council to recognize that adopting policy does not guarantee implementation. Climate resilience measures must be achievable within the economics of development and redevelopment. Overly prescriptive or disproportionate requirements can delay investment or prevent projects from proceeding, limiting both near-term climate improvements and long-term sustainability benefits. Going forward, we encourage further reducing additional costs associated with policy implementation.

The proposed S-ROI approach helps address this by allowing requirements to reflect the analysis and characteristics of each project. This aligns with feedback from the City's engagement process,



including BILD members, that flexibility and removing overly prescriptive requirements can improve costs without sacrificing climate outcomes.

BILD supports the proposed direction and encourages the City to maintain a pragmatic, outcomes-based approach as the policy is implemented. Edmonton can advance climate resilience while supporting housing, redevelopment and economic growth if ambition is balanced with affordability, pragmatism and measurable results.

Sincerely,



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