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Mr. Kevin Dieterman, Chair High Level Line Society 1009 Gillies Road Sherwood Park AB T8A1C8

Re: City of Edmonton Support for the High Level Line Project

The City of Edmonton is pleased to provide this letter in support of the High Level Line Society's vision for the High Level Line project - an inspiring example of how community partnerships can foster collaborations across our city.

On December 3, 2019, the Urban Planning Committee expressed their support for this grassroots initiative and the Society's vision, and on December 10, 2019, City Council shared their support. The project imagines connecting existing urban spaces through a linear park spanning from Oliver to Strathcona to support walkability, connectivity, and social and economic objectives.

The Society's efforts also align with the City's strategic plan, *ConnectEdmonton*, by supporting its four inclusive goals: Healthy City, Urban Places, Regional Prosperity and Climate Resistance. As the City anticipates a population of two million people, the network envisioned by the High Level Line would create multifunctional public spaces for generations to enjoy, aligning with the objectives of *BREATHE*: *Edmonton's Green Network Strategy* and strengthening Edmonton's position as an attractive, connected and inclusive city.

The City of Edmonton encourages city builders to consider lending their support to advance this timely and exciting initiative. Community-led projects like the High Level Line underscore the significant contributions that residents and the community-at-large can make in shaping the places where Edmontonians live, gather, work and play. The City of Edmonton is happy to respond to any inquiries regarding this support.

Yours truly,

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