



December 17, 2015

Councillor Brian Pincott, Ward 11
The City of Calgary
Historic City Hall
2nd Floor, 800 Macleod Trail South
Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

Dear Councillor Pincott,

RE: SW Transitway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) - Timeline Discrepancy

I am writing to highlight a serious discrepancy in City documentation and your messages with respect to the funding announcement of the SW Transitway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. In your email to constituents and other stakeholders dated December 9, 2015, you state:

"When funding was secured in September, the Transit Team was able to move forward with more engagement and the detailed project design."

In November 2015, your office stated that the unexpected provincial funding announcement in September 2015 was the reason why your office was late in informing the CKE Community Association about the October 2015 information sessions. This late notification resulted in a failure to provide adequate notice to the Community Association, residents and other stakeholders.

Your office also indicated by email that, due to the last minute announcement by the Province, they had missed the deadline for a submission in the September edition of the CKE Community Association newsletter. As you are likely aware, bold signs advertising the October information sessions were delivered on October 24th, 2015, only four (4) days prior to the first information session.

We note, however, that on the "Project status and proposed schedule" board displayed at the October 27 and 29 information sessions, a copy of which is herewith attached, the "*Approved allocation of Alberta Government GreenTRIP funds and City matching MSI funding*" is shown as having been confirmed in **January 2014**.

According to this City timeline, it appears that the funding announcement took place almost two years ago in which time no public engagement has occurred between then and now.

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I look forward to receiving your explanation regarding this information discrepancy at your earliest convenience. Please contact me by email at info@readytoengage.ca.

Sincerely,

Maurice Tims

Chair, *ready to engage!*

Attachment - Southwest Transitway Project Status and proposed schedule

- C: Councillor Diane Colley-Urquhart, The City of Calgary, Ward 13
Mr. Jeff Fielding, City Manager & CAO, The City of Calgary
Mr. Malcolm (Mac) Logan, General Manager, Transportation Infrastructure
Mr. Doug Morgan, General Manager, Calgary Transit
Mr. Howard Kai, Project Manager, SW Transitway & BRT
Ms. Julie Yepishina-Geller, Communications, Transit Projects -
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Project status and proposed schedule

