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Dear Ms. Nicholson

Re: The Junction Project (Letter Dated April 2, 2019)

Thank you for your letter dated April 2, 2019 regarding The Junction Project and for your continued support for infrastructure investments in our city. In this letter you identified three areas of interest, including: a parking solution for the downtown, prioritizing economic opportunity and fiscal responsibility regarding The Junction project.

In terms of a parking solution for the downtown, as you have indicated in your letter, there is current and planned development in our downtown. Let us assure you that every effort is being made to present options to Council that will assist with alleviating these pressures. While it is anticipated that parking inventory will be created in association with a hotel that is critical to the success of convention and performance centre, there is still a need for a solution that can service these new facilities. A report will soon be presented to Council that outlines recommendations for their consideration.

Second, you've identified prioritizing economic opportunity. Although Council has provided direction for staff to consider an alternate site for the Library/Art Gallery, no decision has been made to relocate the facility at this time. In addition to the request to consider alternate sites, Council has also provided direction to explore opportunities for private sector participation, further enhancing the opportunity for economic development in our community. With the approval of the 2019 budget, staff is proceeding with the next stages of development. As a result, the progress of the convention and performance centre is not being compromised.

Specifically, the 2019 budget gives staff the ability to proceed with soil conditions and geotechnical investigations, environmental assessments, and vibration analysis; all of which will inform the design stage. For the very reasons you have outlined in your letter, we want to have a clear understanding of these conditions in order to make the most informed decisions possible.

I am happy that you have been selected and participating as a member of The Junction Collaboration Working Group. Please continue to provide the concerns, suggestions and ideas of The Chamber through this avenue, as speaking to this working group directly will provide you quick access to information about this project to inform your membership. I also know that your input will be helpful in informing recommendations to Council, allowing the project to be as successful as possible for our community.

Again, thank you for your continued support. Your feedback is always welcome.

Sincerely,

Brian Bigger
Mayor