

Exhibition Lands Transformation Project

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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Aquatic Biosphere - Grant Funding Request

Please be advised that the City of Edmonton is preparing a flexible Planning Framework for the redevelopment of the Exhibition Lands site, formerly known as Northlands Park (site and grounds). Throughout the planning process, proponents of the Aquatic Biosphere have been active in their participation either at public meetings or as an invited member of the "business and industry" stakeholder committee. The Biosphere project team also prepared proposals to the City, initially on an unsolicited basis and secondly, in response to a Request for Expressions Of Interest. In the second instance, this opportunity was created to assist the City's planning staff with ideas generated for site redevelopment considerations.

At this stage in the planning process, a preferred concept balancing both community and city building is currently being circulated for public comment and refinement. Once complete, the Planning Framework would proceed to a public hearing at City Council for approval - anticipated in December 2019. Once approved, an implementation strategy would follow and provide guidance for future opportunities for land redevelopment proposal submission. Timing for this more formal proposal call is anticipated in late 2020, early 2021 and will also be subject to City Council approval.

The City of Edmonton appreciates the ongoing participation by the Aquatic Biosphere Project Team in the planning process.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lyall Brenneis".

Lyall Brenneis

Manager

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