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Ms. Heather Douglas, President & CEO
Calgary Chamber of Commerce
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Dear Ms. ~~Douglas~~ *Heather*,

Thank you for your letter of June 11, 2008 and for the support, positive feedback and involvement of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce in the development of the draft Land-use Framework.

Through our public and stakeholder consultations in the development of the framework, a number of reoccurring themes emerged including the need for a comprehensive land-use planning approach that considered the cumulative effects of development. As a result, the development of regional plans across the province and the completion of metropolitan plans for the Capital and Calgary regions are key priorities for the framework.

The focus of the framework, as you point out is to sustain our growing economy, and balance this with Albertans' social and environmental goals. The Government of Alberta certainly recognizes that the Calgary and Edmonton metropolitan areas in particular face intense growth pressures that require a more detailed planning approach.

The Calgary Chamber of Commerce has made an important contribution to the development of the draft Land-use Framework and I welcome your invitation to continue our dialogue as we move ahead.

My office will contact you in the near future to discuss possible dates to meet with the Calgary Chamber of Commerce this fall and further discuss the Land-use Framework.

Thank you again for writing and for your support for the Land-use Framework.

Sincerely,

Ted Morton
Minister