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Dear Art Pawlowski,

As an applicant who has either applied for or held an event in the Municipal Atrium or Plaza, you were advised via a letter in October 2009 that The City of Calgary would be repealing and replacing Bylaw 28M91, The City Hall Complex Bylaw. Adjustments are needed as the existing bylaw was passed in 1991 and does not adequately address current security and safety issues, security design and the management of municipal complex activities.

The draft bylaw was presented to City Council's Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services on October 28, 2009 and was referred back to Administration for further consultation and revision, to return no later than March 2010.

This is a follow up letter to indicate that upon further research and modifications, Administration is presenting a second draft of the bylaw on February 3, 2010 to City Council's Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services. If it is accepted at the February 3 committee meeting, it will then proceed to City Council for approval, where an effective date will be determined.

Under the proposed bylaw most activities will continue to be allowed on the Plaza and in the Atrium and reflect a commitment to provide public access as well as establish effective safety measures that support and respect activities that occur in and on the Municipal Complex. Key components of the proposed bylaw include:

- Allowing activities in and on the Municipal Complex, while ensuring those that are either unsafe or inappropriate are prohibited.
- Regulating activities to ensure appropriate access to, and egress from, the complex for operations.
- Providing a designated space known as the permit zone on the plaza for public events.
- Establishing a no-cost permit requirement for events on the plaza and in the atrium with an appeal process.

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- Specified penalties that are consistent with recommendations in the Bylaw Fine Review Guideline (CPS2008-62) and reflective of similar offences in other bylaws.

If you have further questions please email owen.key@calgary.ca or phone 3-1-1.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'O' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. **In the proposed new Bylaw what are the expanded boundaries that define the Municipal Complex?**
The Municipal Complex boundary has been expanded to include:
 - o The sidewalks on the west, north, east and south sides of the Municipal Complex.
 - o The +15 system from the Glenbow Museum entrance through the Centre for Performing Arts, the Municipal Building to the doors of the Calgary Police Service Building.
2. **Where is the proposed allocated space to hold an event on the Municipal Complex Plaza?** The defined area is approximately 1000 square feet between the main stairs leading out of the Municipal Building, south to the Police and Fire Memorials.
3. **Does the proposed Bylaw affect the use of the +15 system?** Individuals and/or groups can continue to come and go thru the +15 system and events that are hosted or co-hosted by The City that are held or overflow into the +15 may continue as before. However, there is no provision for an organization to book space within the +15 system unless special approval is obtained from the Complex Manager.
4. **Why were the definitions and prohibited activities defined in the Bylaw?** Many of the prohibited activities were also prohibited in Bylaw 28M91. These items were reviewed and updated to ensure fairness for each application, clarity to the user and to enhance safety and security needs. For additional clarity, a new policy was also developed for use of the Municipal Plaza.
5. **What is the new application process to book either the Municipal Complex Plaza or Atrium?** To streamline operational processes, separate applications have been developed for the Municipal Complex Plaza and the Municipal Complex Atrium. Once an application has been approved, a permit will be issued for the event. A permit is required for events being held in both the Municipal Atrium and the Municipal Plaza and must be in possession of the permit holder on the day of the event. Internal and external use applications can be obtained by emailing the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@calgary.ca .
6. **When will the new Bylaw become effective?** An effective date for the proposed Bylaw has not been determined. It will be presented at City Council's Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services on February 3, 2010. If approved on this date, it will be forwarded to City Council for approval where an effective date will be determined.
7. **What happens if I want to book either the Municipal Atrium or Municipal Plaza before the proposed Bylaw is approved?** Until the proposed Bylaw is approved, applications will be considered under the current Bylaw 28M91. If you already have an event booked, it will proceed under Bylaw 28M91. Once the proposed Bylaw has been approved applications will be considered under the new rules, definitions and policies that correspond to that Bylaw.