

Jan 2, 2016 (via email)

Dear Mr Mayor and Councillors

I am writing to you in my capacity as the President of Nature Calgary.

Nature Calgary is a volunteer organization with over 400 members in Calgary. We have the following objectives

1. To promote and assist in the preservation of native habitat and of natural features.
2. To provide publications and educational opportunities for the membership and the public.
3. To promote the collection of natural history observations for statistical and educational purposes.
4. To engage in any activity ancillary to the achievement of the above objectives.

During the past several months we have been one of a number of "stakeholders", invited by Calgary Parks, that have participated in a series of public meetings to provide input to the Bend in The Bow planning process. Late in November the City released its draft plan for the Bend in The Bow project. Our membership is deeply concerned by several elements of this plan and has voiced these concerns at length both to myself, directly to City Parks and , in some cases, to their local councillors.

The nub of our concerns is that the City appears to be positioning to transition the Inglewood Bird sanctuary from what it is, a Bird Sanctuary, in fact a Federal Migratory Bird Sanctuary, to a more inclusive "all purpose" city park, with many features that would be clearly detrimental to its primary role as a bird sanctuary. We recognize that the City needs to address a wide range of stakeholders, each of whom brings a different set of demands and perspectives to the table. However, it is also clear that not every one of the City's 64 public parks can address every one of these needs.

I have attached our detailed letter to the Bend in the Bow project managers. You will note that in every case of a major potential intrusion in to bird habitat at Inglewood Bird Sanctuary we have proposed a viable alternative at another City Park location.

Mr Mayor, under your leadership City Council has achieved a reputation for doing the right thing. On behalf of our members I urge you to do the right thing in this case and support our request to preserve the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, the jewel of City Parks, as a bird sanctuary.

Sincerely

Andrew Hart

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Copy of letter sent to Bend in the Bow project management as part of the requested public input process on December 17, 2015 (receipt acknowledged December 18, 2015) is attached.