

Message from the Chair

I look back on 2017 with great pride and joy. The

achievements of our District Council and our exceptional volunteers have been outstanding. As a volunteer-run District Council, it is passion and purpose that drive us toward our mission to provide leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities.

With 2017's theme and focus on "Competitive Cities" we executed on a number of events in collaboration with key partners such as Calgary Economic Development, CMLC, and the University of Calgary Marquee events such as the Denver Fireside Chat featuring the former Mayor of Denver, Federico Pena and former CEO of Denver Economic Development, Tom Clark, provided critical insights into the importance of leveraging core competencies and working collaboratively within the region to align a common vision. Our second annual design tour, held in Austin, Texas had a perfect balance of city building and economic diversity, complemented by an engaged group of participants.

On a local level there was varied programming content such as the value of art, housing affordability, and mixed-use planning. The energy and enthusiasm of our Young Leaders Group has provided the foundation for our peer-to-peer education through intimate and engaging lunch and learns focused on areas such as development, legal, and finance.

The launch of Urban Plan, and in particular our first Alberta Urban Plan for Public Officials, presented at the Canadian Institute of Planners Conference, was a valuable opportunity to showcase the program in 2017. This past year's launch of our newly formed Canadian City Catalysts Initiative Council (CCC) in Los Angeles (at the ULI Fall Conference) exemplified the power of teamwork across our District Councils and provided an opportunity to strengthen our national network.

In the year ahead, we are excited to maintain the momentum of empowering quality thought leadership, building valuable partnerships and growing our membership across Alberta. We are looking forward to supporting initiatives/programs such as the HealthYYC Initiative, the Canadian City Catalysts Initiative Council, and Urban Plan (anticipated to be launched at University of Alberta in 2018).

Thank you again to our dedicated volunteers, supportive sponsors, and inspiring members. On behalf of the board, an immense thank you and farewell to two board members who have provided tremendous value and direction to our District Council: Jyoti Gondek and Doug Leighton. We encourage our membership to share ideas on how ULI Alberta can provide the right content to propel us forward and we are looking forward to bringing new sponsors on board in 2018 to ensure the sustainability of our District Council for years to come.

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Membership Type



68%

876 attendees

6 events







LAUNCHED THE CANADIAN CITY CATALYSTS INITIATIVE COUNCIL (CCC)

ULI Canada is a joint, regional effort spearheaded by representatives from ULI District Councils of Alberta, British Columbia and Toronto. ULI Canada provides a forum and joint programming to ULI members nationally and promotes the significance of Canadian interests to the Institute as a whole.

The Canadian City Catalysts Initiative Council (CCC) intends to provide opportunities for industry leaders to participate in a ULI national level dialogue, share perspectives and experiences on the implementation of effective strategies which have positively impacted catalytic city building development.

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