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Hello,

On behalf of the Strategic Growth Planning Department, I'd like to request a proclamation from the Mayor to be made at the Nov 5 Council meeting with a corresponding lighting of City Hall in green lights on November 8, which is World Town Planning Day. It is a day to acknowledge the accomplishments of professional planners and the critical role of planning in creating healthy, livable and sustainable communities.

Please see the text below of the full proclamation being requested. Alternatively, I've attached a revised Proclamation used last year, which may better fit the Airdrie legislative requirements for these types of requests.

The [Canadian Institute of Planners](#), supported by the provincial arm, the [Alberta Professional Planners' Institute](#) support professionals working for the City of Airdrie who work towards good planning outcomes that improve the lives of people and benefits society at large, creating places to live, work and play together.

It's our belief that this request satisfies the criteria for approval (Council Policy P-COM-70-C) by being a cause that has national significance (described here: World Town Planning Day Significance) and is a cause that benefits most Airdrie citizens.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional supporting materials.

Thank you,

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Declaration to Have November 8 Recognized as World Town Planning Day in Airdrie, Alberta

From the parks we enjoy, to the streets we travel, to the places we call home, the discipline known as planning is interwoven within our lives. Every day, planning professionals work in communities like **Airdrie, Alberta**, across the country, and around the world to make a positive difference in how we live, work, and play. By leading the design and management of

land and resources, planners help to protect our environment, promote health and well-being, preserve cultural heritage, and deliver community features that contribute to better outcomes for all.

On November 8, 2024, the Canadian Institute of Planners will join other planning organizations worldwide to celebrate the 75th annual World Town Planning Day. On this noteworthy day, planners come together with fellow community builders and citizens to celebrate the purpose of this important profession. World Town Planning Day represents an opportunity to reflect on the vast accomplishments of planners and to encourage curiosity and collaboration in solving modern challenges.

This year, World Town Planning Day is dedicated to one of the most pressing topics of our time – the housing crisis. With the theme of “Homes Start with Planning,” the Canadian Institute of Planners, The Alberta Professional Planners’ Institute, and the Global Planners Network acknowledge the ever-evolving nature of the housing crisis while celebrating the innovative spirit of the planning profession and its ability to respond with solutions. Driven by the values of equity, inclusivity, and sustainability, planners remain actively engaged in promoting housing affordability and choice in communities like **Airdrie, Alberta** and beyond.

Therefore, in acknowledgement of this historic occasion, I, **Mayor Peter Brown**, call on the **City of Airdrie** to declare November 8 as World Town Planning Day.

It is more important than ever before to support Registered Professional Planners in **Airdrie, Alberta**, Canada, and around the world, as they purposefully plan for current and future generations.