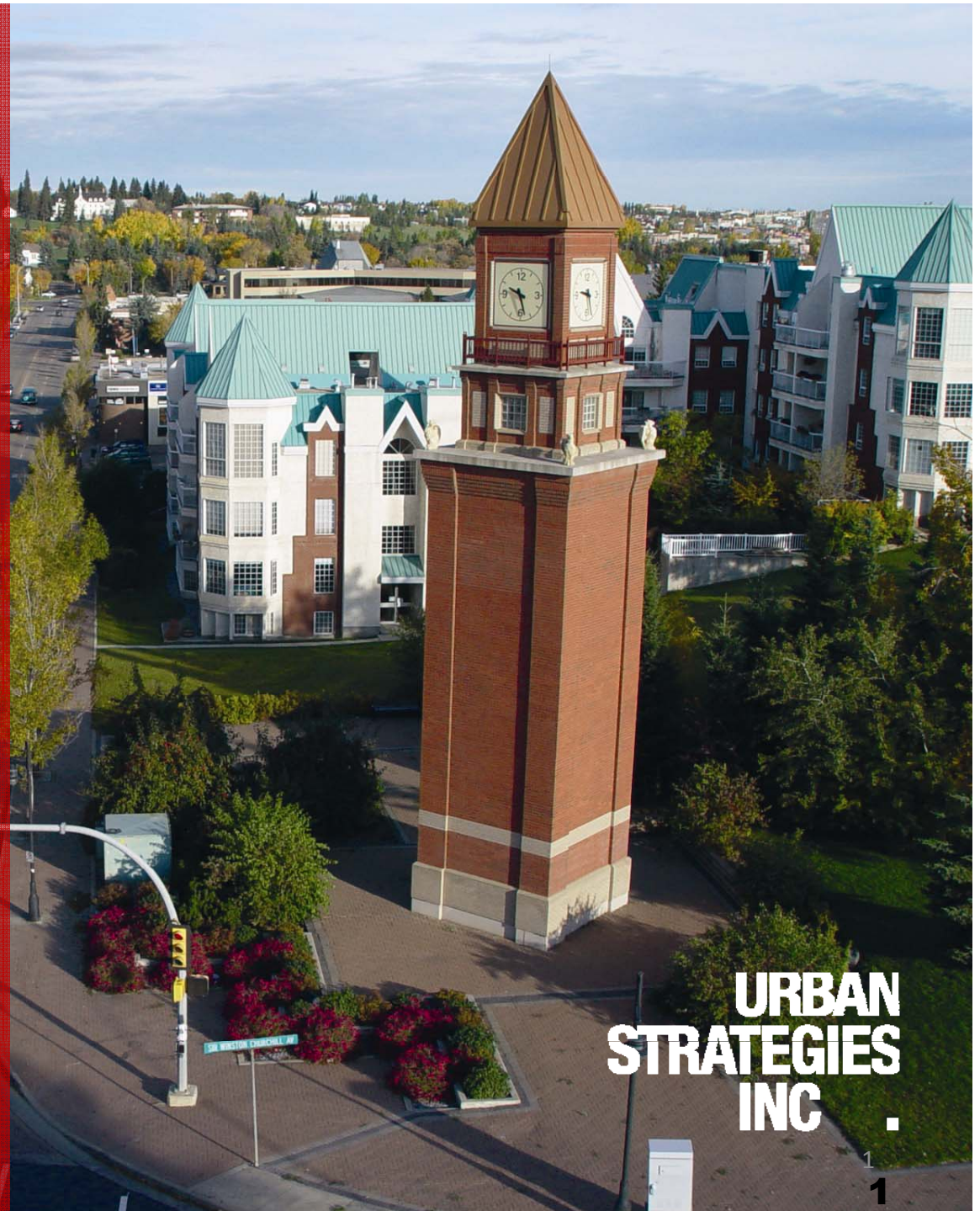


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Tell us what you think

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Break-out Group **Assignment**

- 1. Select** a scribe and spokesperson
- 2. Discuss** the concepts (30 min.)
- 3. List**
 - a. 5 best ideas
 - b. Issues/opportunities that need further consideration
 - c. 3 priority projects
- 4. Summarize**

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Break-out Group #1

5 best ideas

- Walkability
- Extension of the street network
- Connecting millennium park and seniors centre
- Transition in density and tiered landscaping
- A+B

Issues/opportunities that need further consideration

- Congruency of downtown – dispersed mix of uses

3 priority projects

- Transit
- Connectivity
- Density

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Break-out Group #2

5 best ideas

- Extension of st anne
- Town square concept (A preferred)
- Wider sidewalks
- Amphitheatre
- Gateway idea
- Additional river crossing
- A+B preferred

Issues/opportunities that need further consideration

- Traffic on Perron
- Impact on surrounding areas
- Reconsider DARP boundaries
- Density (higher is preferable) standalone density didn't fit
- Farmer's market location

3 priority projects

- Extend St. Anne
- Residential density
- Well designed parking structure
- Additional river crossing

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Break-out Group #3

5 best ideas

- Extending the roadways to the west
- New river crossing
- Plan B market area in Millennium Park
- A + B
- Gateways
- Walkability

Issues/opportunities that need further consideration

- How to draw people/business to the downtown
- Parking is a concern
- Density is key
- no stand alone townhouses
- Focus on winter programming
- Marketing downtown/St Albert

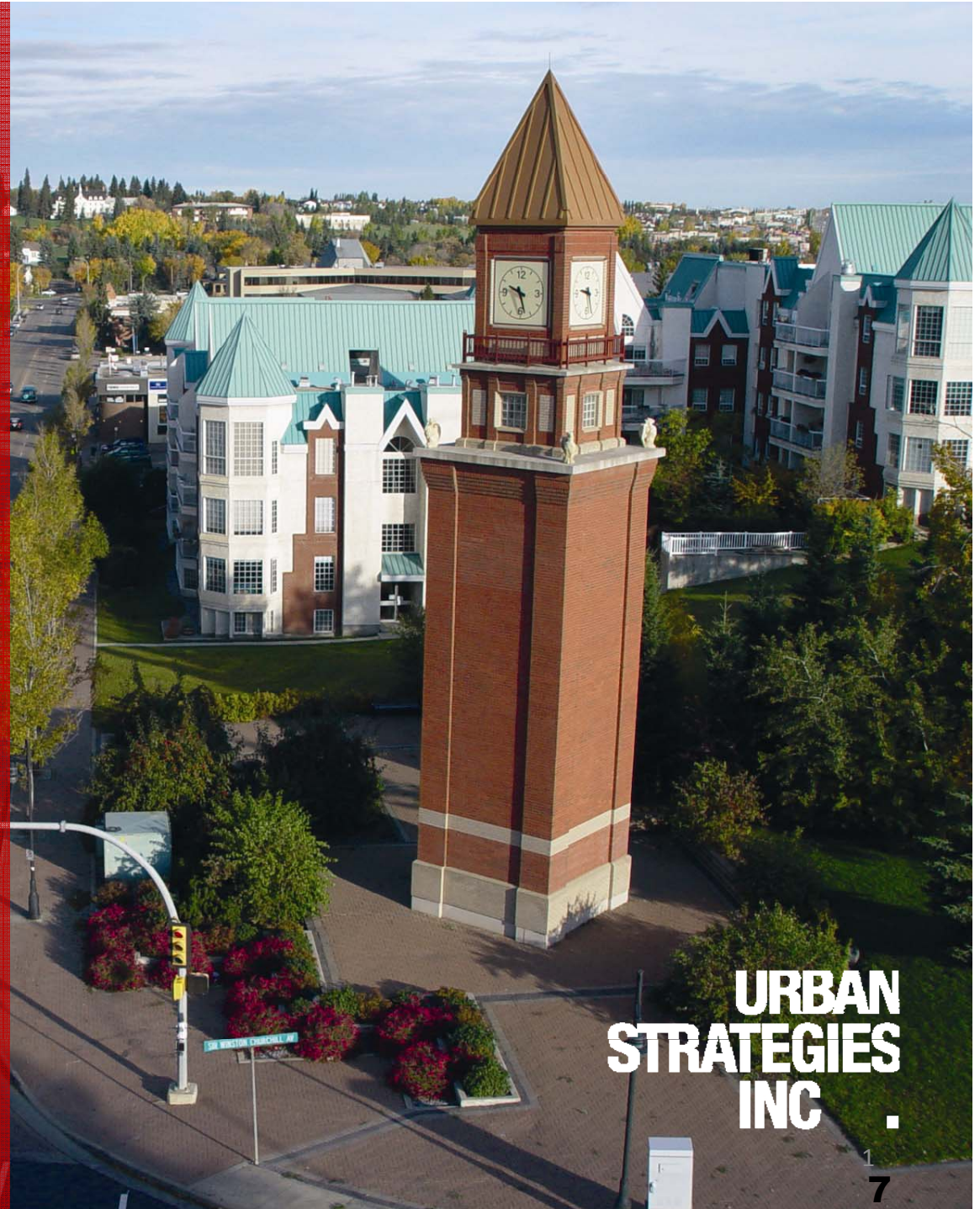
3 priority projects

- Signage and wayfinding
- Amacon as a catalyst
- Commit to a plan (particularly with regard to street alignment)

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What do you like?

- Bringing people into the downtown
- Redesigning streets and more circulation options
- Narrowing of streets
- River as a priority
- Plaza concepts in all options
- Parking that doesn't look like parking
- Linear landscaping in Concept C between buildings
- Iconic recreational facilities
- Expanded sidewalks for life to spill on the street
- Gateway towers
- Defining downtown through public realm and built form

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What do you like?

- Focusing on an activity centre/hub – social interaction
- Relationship of retail /restaurants to the river
- Retail and restaurants to activate the squares – away from traffic
- Skate park downtown
- Aging in place – housing options

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What needs further consideration?

- The massing of the buildings may be too large
- Perhaps a happy medium/more of a mix
- The scope of the study area
- Consideration for other side of the river
- Taming of Sir Winston Churchill as well
- Transit – interconnectivity to a future LRT line
- Capacity of downtown streets with new development
- Connection to the heritage sites
- Cost of another pedestrian bridge
- Consideration for an arts focused precinct
- Civic and taxpayer driven non essential infrastructure
- Vistas and other policies from the existing plan

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What needs further consideration?

- Opportunities to engage the water through landscaping
- The level and condition of the river in summer
- Traffic congestion
- Staging of development over time

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What should be the top priorities?

- Know that you're in downtown
- Highlight river as a focus
- Redevelopment of square opposite St Albert Place
- Gateway
- Changing of by-laws to allow this to happen