



# NORTH GLENMORE PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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**The City of Calgary**

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Attention: CAROLINA YEPES-CASTANO

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(via City Development / Land Use portal)

Dear Ms. Yepes-Castano (Carolina),

**Re: LOC2023-0199 (5604 - 20th St SW & 2039 55 AV SW)  
Land Use Amendment to accommodate R-CG uses on two adjacent parcels**

Thankyou for the opportunity for a community association response to the above application. This letter is filed on behalf of the North Glenmore Park Community Association (NGPCA) planning and area redevelopment committee (PARC). It is in response to the above referenced land use amendment application. On July 24, 2023 we were circulated with a request to comment on the above application, and we appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments on behalf of NGPCA / PARC.

Our North Glenmore Park community has been more supportive and flexible than many communities with respect to low density / multi-dwelling (R-CG) applications, which we have been experiencing in increasing frequency in our area. The City's maximum density for the R-CG district is 75 units per hectare, but this density will functionally double where secondary suites are proposed.<sup>1</sup> A successful conversion of these two lots to an R-CG "rowhouse / townhouse" district will mean that the actual "as built" density on these parcels this year will seismically shift from two single-detached<sup>2</sup> to almost certainly not less than 16 units. This would be a very significant change, particularly given our community's own published planning guidelines that speak to community context, suitability and character:

*Apart from new single-family and semi-detached dwellings, the mindful introduction of detached infills, rowhouses and secondary suites, which have not historically been allowed in this neighborhood, may be considered to address the demands of the newer urban planning vision. The context and suitability of new housing types will be reviewed by the North Glenmore Park Community Association (NPGCA) Board and Planning & Area Redevelopment Committee (PARC) to ensure surrounding neighborhood character is upheld.*

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<sup>1</sup> The traditional definition of "dwelling unit" as still interpreted by the Courts, includes secondary dwelling units as a form of dwelling unit. 4 primary units on a conventional lot in an R-CGx district (where no secondary units are permitted) are 75 uph. Having a secondary unit in each of the primary units arguably doubles the functional density impact to 150 uph.

<sup>2</sup> Without approved secondary suites to our knowledge.

On January 17th of this year, Calgary City Council designated these same two parcels from R-C1 to R-C2. Anticipating that the current two parcels may be undergoing a two-step conversion from R-C1 to R-CG (with a brief interlude at R-C2), the NGPCA/PARC submitted response letters expressing concern for the seemingly modest R-C1 to R-C2 redesignation, given the community's traditional configuration, with our concerns largely supported by our community Planning Guide principles.

When this matter came before City Council on January 17th, Ward 11 Councillor Courtney Penner, reflected on the many community letters of concern submitted at that time (over 130 submissions were filed for Planning Commission; only a handful were resubmitted for the public hearing). Councillor Penner committed to working with our community and the public school board to address traffic issues in the neighbourhood. A myriad of concerns were contained in these letters, including but not limited to the limited points of community ingress / egress; congestion related to Central high school pedestrian and traffic issues; and historical community design and character. Although the Councillor's office has worked with our community to set a meeting date to discuss potential mitigation solutions, such a meeting has not yet occurred.

Community residents and PARC have now had to respond to three land use amendments for the same two parcels inside of a year. We understand that the current owner/applicants may not be the same parties as those who successfully made the initial applications earlier this year. Community engagement for both rounds of application has been minimal. The current application for R-CG district redesignation continues to stimulate concerns by the residents of the community affected by this application. We enclose copies of over 30 letters received by the Community Association to date (during the otherwise quiet summer months).

Given the legitimate expectation for discussions with Councillor Penner and City Hall staff about neighbourhood traffic management; and given the expected City-wide consideration of a blanket low density district early this Fall, **the NGPCA is unable to support these applications at this time.** We respectfully request that City Council defer this two parcel land use amendment application for sufficient time to allow for the above two key factors to unfold.

Sincerely,

**North Glenmore Park Community Association**

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Affected Residents filing submissions to this application (where contact information was provided)

**Included Enclosures:**

Affected Resident letters responding to the current Land Use Amendment application