

Community Association Letter

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Please find feedback from the community association planning committee for LOC2019-0152, below.

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What are the strengths and challenges of the proposed development?

This land use amendment appears to be a largely clerical item, which could have been put in place Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 was implemented a dozen years ago. It allows small-scale uses in a small-scale building, like the building has been for over a century. We support reinvesting in heritage buildings and want to encourage more adaptive reuse, which is one of the best ways to ensure that these community resources remain standing. We trust that if there will be exterior changes, there will be a future development permit.

It is unclear whether any parking relaxations are required; in this case, we would much rather support parking relaxations than replace the existing landscaping in the backyard.

In addition to this application, we would encourage the applicant to consider historic designation and reach out to the Calgary Heritage Authority and Calgary Heritage Initiative about designation and grants that would help to maintain this historic building. We also invite the applicant to attend a workshop that the Renfrew Community Association is hosting with the Calgary Heritage Initiative about heritage designation on Thursday, February 6th at 6:30pm at the Renfrew Community Association.

Cheers,

David Barrett (on behalf of the Renfrew Community Association Planning Committee)