

**LAND USE AMENDMENT  
 MARLBOROUGH (WARD 10)  
 MARWOOD WAY NE WEST OF MARWOOD CIRCLE NE  
 BYLAW 343D2017**

**MAP 22E**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This land use amendment application seeks to redesignate a single residential parcel from a Residential – Contextual One Dwelling (R-C1) District to a Residential – Contextual One Dwelling (R-C1s) District to allow for either a Secondary Suite or a Backyard Suite as an additional use. The site contains an existing single detached dwelling. To Administration’s knowledge there is not an existing suite located on the parcel and the application was not submitted as a result of a complaint.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION**

On 2013 September 16, Council directed Administration to remove fees associated with land use amendment and development permit applications for secondary suites to encourage the development of legal and safe secondary suites throughout the city.

**ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2017 September 21

That Calgary Planning Commission recommends **APPROVAL** of the proposed Land Use Amendment.

**RECOMMENDATION(S) OF THE CALGARY PLANNING COMMISSION**

That Council hold a Public Hearing on Bylaw 343D2017; and

1. **ADOPT** the proposed redesignation of 0.05 hectares ± (0.11 acres ±) located at 4611 Marwood Way NE (Plan 6689JK, Block 5, Lot 45) from Residential – Contextual One Dwelling (R-C1) **to** Residential – Contextual One Dwelling (R-C1s) District, in accordance with Administration’s recommendation; and
2. Give three readings to the proposed Bylaw 343D2017.

**REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The proposed R-C1s district, which allows for one of two forms of secondary suite uses (Secondary Suite or Backyard Suite), is compatible with and complementary to the established character of the community. The proposal conforms to relevant policies of the Municipal Development Plan and will allow for development that has the ability to meet the intent of Land Use Bylaw 1P2007.

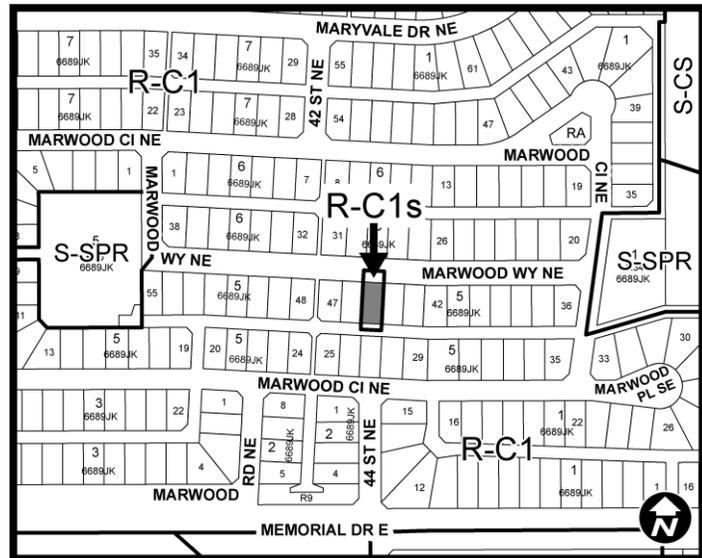
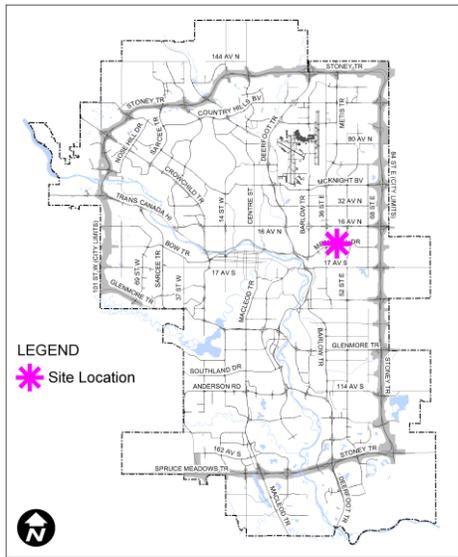
**ATTACHMENT**

1. Proposed Bylaw 343D2017

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LOCATION MAPS



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**ADMINISTRATIONS RECOMMENDATION TO CALGARY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Recommend that Council **ADOPT**, by bylaw, the proposed redesignation of 0.05 hectares ± (0.11 acres ±) located at 4611 Marwood Way NE (Plan 6689JK, Block 5, Lot 45) from Residential – Contextual One Dwelling (R-C1) to Residential – Contextual One Dwelling (R-C1s) District.

**Moved by: A. Palmiere**

**Carried: 6 – 0**

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**Applicant:**

Christine Rast

**Landowner:**

Christine Rast

**PLANNING EVALUATION**

**SITE CONTEXT**

Located in a low density residential R-C1 setting in the community of Marlborough, the site is approximately 15 metres by 30 metres in size and is developed with a one-storey single detached dwelling with a detached double garage that is accessed from the rear lane. Surrounding development consists of low-density residential to the north, east, south, and west of the site.

According to data from The City of Calgary 2017 Census, the following table identifies Marlborough's peak population and year, current population and the population amount and percentage difference between the peak and current populations if any.

<b>Marlborough</b>	
Peak Population Year	1982
Peak Population	10,025
2017 Current Population	9,226
Difference in Population (Number)	-799
Difference in Population (Percent)	-11%

**LAND USE DISTRICTS**

The proposed R-C1s district allows for an additional dwelling unit (either a permitted use Secondary Suite or a discretionary use Backyard Suite) on parcels that contain a single detached dwelling.

Approval of this land use application allows for an additional dwelling unit (either a Secondary Suite or Backyard Suite) to be considered via the development permit process. A development permit is not required if a Secondary Suite conforms to all Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 rules – only a building permit would be required.

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## **LEGISLATION & POLICY**

### South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (2014)

The site is located within the “City, Town” area as identified on Schedule C: South Saskatchewan Regional Plan Map in the *South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (SSRP)*. The SSRP makes no specific reference to this site. The land use proposal is consistent with the SSRP policies including the Land Use Patterns policies (subsection 8.14).

### Municipal Development Plan (2009)

The site is located within a “Residential Developed – Established Area” on the Urban Structure Map (Map 1) in the *Municipal Development Plan (MDP)*. While the MDP makes no specific reference to this site. This land use proposal is consistent with MDP policies including the Developed Residential Areas policies (subsection 3.5.1), the Neighbourhood Infill and Redevelopment policies (subsection 2.2.5) and the Housing Diversity and Choice policies (subsection 2.3.1).

There is no local area plan.

## **TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS**

Pedestrian and vehicular access to the site is available from Marwood Way NE and the rear lane. The area is served by Calgary Transit bus service with a bus stop location within approximately 300 metre walking distance of the site on Memorial Drive NE. On-street parking adjacent to the site is unregulated through the Calgary Parking Authority’s residential parking permit system.

## **UTILITIES & SERVICING**

Water, sanitary, and sewer services are available and can accommodate the potential addition of a Secondary Suite without the need for off-site improvements at this time. Adjustments to on-site servicing may be required if a Backyard Suite is proposed at the development permit stage.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

An Environmental Site Assessment was not required.

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**GROWTH MANAGEMENT**

This land use amendment proposal does not require additional capital infrastructure investment, and therefore no growth management concerns have been identified at this time. The proposal is in alignment with MDP references associated with growth management matters.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

**Community Association Comments**

Administration received a letter in opposition to to the application from the Calgary Marlborough Community Association (APPENDIX II).

Reasons stated for opposition are summarized as follows:

- Insufficient parking within community to support densification
- Community amenities and services are designed to service existing population

**Citizen Comments**

Administration did not receive any responses from citizens.

**Public Meetings**

No public meetings were held by the Applicant or Administration.

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**APPENDIX I**

**APPLICANT'S SUBMISSION**

I am applying for Land Use Redesignation (Secondary Suites). I am divorced, living alone in the upstairs of my home. My two adult children moved out four and six years ago. I have a man that has been living in my basement for the past three and a half years. We have separate living quarters. My tenant does not own a vehicle or a driver's licence. My neighbours are aware of him and don't have a problem with him living in my house. My income is quite low, and having a second person living in my house helps me to pay my mortgage. I would like to have a legal suite in my basement. I have space in my house, and it would help me financially to keep my home.

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**APPENDIX II**

**LETTERS SUBMITTED**

**Calgary Marlborough Community Association Response**

We recognize Christine Rast's request and appreciate her going through the proper channels, however the Calgary Marlborough Community Association supports the R-C1 single family zoning for this community. We do not encourage secondary suites as parking, services and community structures are designed around single family dwellings.

**APPENDIX III**

**IMPORTANT TERMS**

While there are specific Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 definitions and development rules for Secondary Suite and Backyard Suite uses, the following information is provided to simply and enhance general understanding of these two different uses (Secondary Suite or Backyard Suite).

**Important terms**

**Secondary suite:** A self-contained dwelling unit within the main residence that has separate living, cooking, sleeping and bathroom facilities. These are commonly referred to as basement suites or in-law suites.



**Backyard suite:** A self-contained dwelling unit in a detached building that has separate living, cooking, sleeping and bathroom facilities. These are commonly referred to as garage suites, garden suites, or laneway homes.

