

Applicant Submission

October 14, 2021

On behalf of the landowner, please accept this application to redesignate a +/-0.057 hectare site from R-C2 to R-CG to allow for:

- rowhouses in addition to the uses already allowed (e.g. single-detached, semi-detached, and duplex homes and suites)
- a maximum building height of 11 metres (an increase from the current maximum of 10 metres)
- a maximum of 4 dwelling units (an increase from the current maximum of 2 dwelling units)
- the uses listed in the proposed R-CG designation.

The subject site, 2050 45 Ave SW, is a corner lot located in the community of Altadore along 45th Ave and 20th Street—a collector road as identified in the Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP). The lot itself is surrounded by R-C2 lots in all directions in the form of singles or duplex. The site is approximately 0.057 hectares in size with approximately dimensions of 15.24 by 37.32 meters. A rear lane exists to the north of the site. The property is currently developed with one-storey single detached dwelling.

Vehicle access to the parcel is available and will be via the rear lane. The area is well served by Calgary Transit bus service with the closest bus stop along 20th Street serving route 7, less than 50 meters away.

Public Engagement

Before undertaking the project, our office completed the “Community Outreach Assessment”. The project’s impact score is “1A”. So we took a direct approach to reach to community association, local residents within a 90 meters radius and initialized the pre-application with city planner.

On Sep. 27th, 2021, our staff did post card deliver to residents within a 90 meters radius. During the process, our staff did door knocking and spoke with residents at home. The main concerns our office got are with regards to increased traffic, increased density, height, shadow effects, and safety. We believe those can be properly dealt with at the development permit stage.

We have also contacted community association for comments.

Policy Alignment

The subject parcel is located within the Residential-Developed-Inner City area of the Municipal Development Plan. The applicable policies encourage redevelopment of inner-city communities that is similar in scale and built form to existing development, including a mix of housing such as townhouses and row housing. The Municipal Development Plan also calls for a modest intensification of the inner city, an area serviced by existing infrastructure, public amenities and transit. The proposal is in keeping with the relevant policies of the MDP as the rules of the R-CG provide for the development forms that may be sensitive to existing residential development in terms of height, built form and density.

The proposed R-CG is a Low Density Residential District. With the lot being a corner lot, the impacts of higher density use on neighbouring lower density properties can be reduced. Housing that faces both streets adds to the residential appearance of the side streets and tends to slow traffic and enhance pedestrian safety and experience on adjacent sidewalks.