

Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Catholic School District Comments

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Below are the combined comments from the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) and the Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD):

Comments:

- Both school boards previously reduced the number of school sites and the number of schools in the currently approved Keystone Hills ASP, based on the land use for this proposed circulation not being residential. Consequently, the school boards are already currently underserved in this ASP.
 - Based on the most up-to-date modeling, both CBE and CCSD are short, at minimum, two full school sites each
 - CBE further relinquished a site after original ASP discussions and calculations
 - CCSD further reduced overall sites by accepting a J-JUS with two building envelopes on a single site
 - Overall, the Keystone Hills ASP (as currently approved) is already “short” 6 school sites to properly accommodate expected stable student populations for this ASP area.
- The locations of the schools were also determined based on the current approved land uses in an attempt to distribute the sites equitably across the ASP based on ownership and each school board’s requirements.
- This proposed residential area would be isolated, surrounded by industrial and commercial uses to the north and the west, requiring students in this area to be bussed on a permanent basis to other schools.
 - As both CCSD and CBE are short school sites within the Keystone Hills ASP, it is highly improbable that students from this area would be accommodated at any future schools already planned for the Keystone Hills ASP area.
- Reopening the Keystone Hills ASP may introduce the necessity for a reanalysis of school site accommodation throughout the entire ASP area.

Questions:

- If this amendment were to be approved, would the area west of 15 Street NE (within Community D of Keystone Hills ASP) remain industrial/ commercial or is it anticipated that the landowners would also be requesting a redesignation to residential uses?
 - A holistic approach to all of Community D should be undertaken to get a more accurate picture of its future use.
- What commentary has the City provided in regards to the resulting change in its tax assessment as a result of this proposed redesignation?

Outcomes:

- Based on the current school calculation formula, using the number of units provided, 1 school site would be required for this area of Community D alone.
 - Therefore CCSD & CBE request one 12-acre swing site be included in this area.
- Both CBE & CCSD oppose this proposed redesignation given the above.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Melissa and myself.

Thanks.

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