

# Calgary Planning Commission Member Comments



For CPC2022-0022 / LOC2021-0133  
heard at Calgary Planning Commission  
Meeting 2022 January 27



Member	Reasons for Decision or Comments
<p><b>Commissioner Tiedemann</b></p>	<p>Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This application is very interesting and proposes a non-standard use within a vacant office building downtown. While I agree with some comments made on commission regarding setting a precedent and not wanting to flood the downtown with self-storage, I do believe that this site presents a unique opportunity. As we continue to push for the revitalization of our downtown, one of the key opportunities is providing more dwelling units in the core (through new builds and office conversions). A higher population density living in the downtown means demand for storage will increase and this cannot always be provided within residential buildings. Given the relatively small scale of the building (5 storeys), this application aims to reinvigorate a currently vacant building while providing minimal downside risk. I agree that we do not want to see the proliferation of self storage in our downtown core, but this can be mitigated by both CPC and council in the future. Given the one off nature of the application, relatively low risk given the small building size, and a case for demand based on an increased downtown residential populations, I would urge council to support this application.</li> </ul>