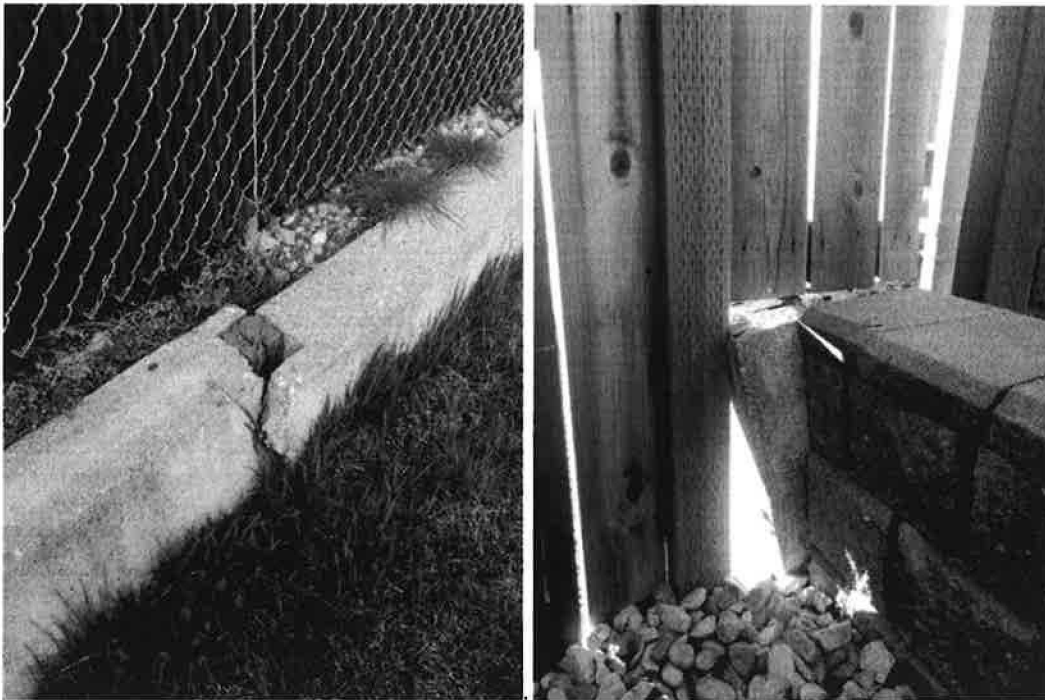


To Calgary City Counsel,

I am writing to you with regards to my neighbour's application for land use amendment: LOC2014-0187. I am unable to attend the hearing on May 11, so I am submitting this letter in opposition to this motion for three main reasons.

First off, there is a retaining wall between my property and 316 silver brook way. The wall is directly adjacent to the garage my neighbour is proposing to build the two story secondary suit off of. This wall is not in good condition, as it is cracked and leaning. I have enclosed some pictures to demonstrate the condition of the wall. The first picture shows a junction at which the wall is totally cracked, while the second picture demonstrates the extent to which the wall is leaning on my front fence, as a result of the crack.



Currently, the wall is not being maintained and there is a dispute as to whom is responsible for repairing it. To my knowledge the wall is not a part of my property. The previous owners of my neighbour's property took down the old fence that was built upon the wall, and built a new chain link fence next to the wall. Upon installation of this fence, the inclination of the retaining wall increased dramatically. As a result, I am fairly certain that the wall will not withstand any sort of construction that may occur near it. Furthermore, as my neighbour's property is higher than my own, this wall is the only thing that is preventing my neighbour's yard from collapsing into my own.

Secondly, I am concerned about the potential for my property value to decrease, due to safety and privacy concerns. Given that the suit is detached from the main house, there is a large chance that the owners may be unaware of the activities of their tenants. My neighbours are snowbirds and are

regularly out of town. This would leave the secondary suit consistently unsupervised, facilitating the potential for questionable activities to be conducted on the premises. As the suit is proposed to be two stories, I am also concerned that the tenants will easily be able to see into my house. Given that the suit would be offset from my house, it would be very difficult to position its windows such that it wouldn't give a clear line of site into my bedrooms and/or bathroom.

Lastly, parking on my street is already fairly limited as my house is situated on a bend, and I don't have a garage. If my neighbour replaces his garage with a detached suit, this will only serve to worsen the problem.

Recently, I discussed my concerns with my neighbour, and it was made clear to me that my neighbour has no intention of addressing the issue surrounding the retaining wall. My other concerns were also dismissed making me even more anxious about the possibility of granting this proposed land use amendment.

Thank for providing me with this opportunity to voice my concerns. Your time and attention are greatly appreciated. If possible, I would like to hear the outcome of the public hearing.

Kind Regards,

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