ASPEN WOODS

File LOC2023–0003 Bylaw 120D2023 & Bylaw 42P2023

at 7111 – 14th Avenue SW

Nearby Neighbour's feedback

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on behalf of

THE RESIDENTS IN ASPEN WOODS,
as represented by
Condominium + 8 HOA Boards of Directors
covering 295 Homes

Recap – last proposal: defeated Sept 2022

- Very frustrated nearby neighbours
- Lack of proposal clarity / Not "sensitive intensification"
- 5 Key Concerns from the Community
- Revised proposal is <u>still not acceptable</u>
 - only one issue has been addressed

KEY CONCERNS - Sept 2022

- Lack of meaningful engagement
- Out of Context' development proposal
- 3. Commercial viability questions
- 4. Traffic, pedestrian and parking safety
- 5. No 'Comprehensive Plan' submitted

Key Concerns

- 1. Reduced Community engagement
- 2. 'Out of Context' development proposal
- 3. Unacceptable level of Density on a small lot
- 4. Lack of appropriate Interface to surroundings
- 5. Traffic, pedestrian and parking safety issues

1. Reduced Community engagement

- Well below standards set by other Consultants
- Only 1 Open House held no follow up sessions
- Details shown "Subject to change" and "Illustration purposes only"
- Feedback collected via 'yellow Post-It' notes
- Generated more frustration amongst attendees and nearby neighbours, not less

2. 'Out of Context' development

- 4 storey (14m) building size is still too large
- Will not interface with existing Aspen character
- Excessive site coverage on 0.5 hectare
- Building size limits tree retention, landscape & Municipal Reserve pathways

3. Unacceptable level of Density

Inconsistent with other nearby developments

√ Valmont at Aspen Stone is 72 uph [238 apts]

✓ Aspen Hills Green is 48 uph [50 townhouse]

✓ West 17 Lofts is 29 uph [44 townhouse]

This proposal is 148 units per hectare [73 apts]

4. Lack of interface to surroundings

- 33 single family homes on south property line
- Final built—form will impact the area greatly
- "Piecemeal development is not wanted"
- ASP is foundation for residential development
- Ensures continued greenspace, pathway and walkable neighbourhood development

5. Traffic, pedestrian & parking safety

- Traffic study not updated
- 14th Ave at 69th St uncontrolled intersection at capacity during peak times
- Pedestrian traffic concerns with a Montessori preschool directly across the street
- Additional traffic / safety / parking concerns

We are not against reasonable intensification in Aspen Woods

Last September, you asked us

- "What higher density is acceptable?"
- "What kind of development would you like?"

NOTE: The Applicant never asked us this

HERE IS THE COMMUNITY'S ANSWER

Neighbour's Alternate Proposal – site plan





14 Avenue SW

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<u>Recommendation</u>

- Decline this Proposed Land Use Change
- Request Applicant to properly engage their nearby neighbours
- Develop a reasonable increase in density that interfaces well with nearby housing
- Gain Community agreement

THANK YOU

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