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I have read and understand the above statement.

First name (required)	Jane
Last name (required)	Wachowich
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'Public Hearing December 5th, Planning Matters CPC2023-1095'

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In favour

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

We will also have Doug Schroeder, Leslie Irwin, Catherine Simmons and Debbie Proud attend this meeting.
We are attaching the following four (4) documents; YCC History and Success, YCC Letters of Support, YCC Communications to Community, YCC Kids in Action



November 27, 2023

Dear Members of Calgary City Council and Her Worship Mayor Gondek,

My name is Jane Wachowich. I am the Executive Director of YCC – Youth Centres of Calgary and I work with a group of caring citizens to run a successful youth centre in Ogden, my second such centre. Although my background is in corporate law and business, I have been working in this area for 12 years. Five years ago, I appeared before council for the same land use amendment application (Youth Centres of Calgary – Ogden) and I would like to thank City Council for the granting of the land use amendment in respect of the Ogden youth centre on January 13, 2020. We promised then that we would honour your unanimous decision by offering the kids and families of Ogden a special after school opportunity. We are continually fulfilling that promise.

The idea for a youth centre for kids in high-risk communities came from my experience working as a volunteer 30 years ago in Chicago's inner city housing projects, with kids very much like the kids we see every day in Ogden. Many kids with similar needs live in Forest Lawn and Dover as well. I returned from Chicago with the idea that kids who are statistically likely not to thrive in school and life need three things:

1. Consistent access to a safe place to “be a kid”,
2. To feel a sense of community in healthy relationships with people who care deeply about them,
3. Consistent access to a supply of food every day after school.

If these things are given to kids at an early age, every day, we expect the following outcomes:

1. Lower youth crime rates.
2. Higher school attendance.
3. Better performance at school.
4. Development of behaviours that reflect respect, kindness, and a sense of responsibility.
5. Capacity to form and nurture healthy relationships.
6. Access to opportunities to identify and pursue their goals in life.
7. Appreciation for the responsibility of being good community members.

The success of this model is verified by the multitude of community members in Ogden, including the community association, and neighbours, and a strong and supportive Board of Directors who have seen the impact YCC has had in Ogden.

In selecting Ogden and now Forest Lawn, we relied on the city's demographic data, and identified the most underserved communities. we looked at crime, HS graduation rates, gang

membership, income, and low access to healthy activity for youth. We opened first in Ogden in 2019. At that same time, I was asked by the principal of Ian Bazalgette Junior High School in Forest Lawn to open a youth centre across the street from the school (coincidentally in the location that is the subject of this application). She observed a pressing need for a youth centre in Forest Lawn, like the Ogden centre and reported that there was a lack of after school programs between 3 and 6pm for youth. This window of time is proven to be the best time of day for healthy engagement and crime prevention. Additionally, during the pandemic, we distributed healthy bag lunches, sports equipment, groceries and books in front of the community association, ultimately giving out over 150,000 lunch bags to the city's kids and an average of 120, 7 days a week in Forest Lawn. We got to know the community during that challenging time. Forest Lawn became the natural choice for our next centre. More generally, the desire to establish additional youth centres are also part of the city's 2020 *Community-Based Public Safety Task Force*.

Forest Lawn Centre would operate as does the Ogden house:

1. Located walking distance from school to home. Kids will come after school only. There is very little pick-up or drop-off traffic, so little need for parking.
2. An average of 25-30 kids attend daily. They are in grades 3-9 at the schools, across the way from the centre.
3. They register once and can attend anytime for free.
4. Staff and volunteers (usually 6 at a time) will take the bus, park behind the house, on a parking pad that can accommodate 3 cars. The front of the house can accommodate 2 vehicles. The Forest Lawn house faces a park that is in the process of being revitalized. The space in front of the park is also available for short term parking.
5. Registration would be open to all kids in the community, from ages 9 to 15. Most of our Ogden kids are in the lower range, of 9 to 11. Kids will register once and can drop in anytime during opening hours of 3-6pm mid-week and on no-school days.
6. The centre will also open from 11 to 3pm during the summer breaks for a free organized day camp.
7. We would enhance the property with appropriate fencing to minimize disruption of neighboring homes.
8. Kids who mistreat the centre's property or the property of others are required to follow a process of making amends if they wish to continue attending the centre.
9. Strict rules require respectful and kind behaviour towards neighbours, volunteers, and each other. Kids who break these rules are sent home.
10. There are cameras in all rooms, so we can monitor for incidents. Security cameras will also have a view of the front and back of the house, alley, and sidewalks. Security monitoring will continue when the centre is closed after 6pm weekdays and will monitor 24 hours 7 days a week.
11. All applicable insurance is in place.
12. Kids come after school, sign in, sign up for a chore that they must complete at the end of the day. They are then offered an abundance of healthy snacks. They have the opportunity to do homework at tables or on YCC computers, read books in a cozy reading and technology room, take a music lesson from a Royal Conservatory trained

teacher, borrow a keyboard to practice, do art, play games, learn to garden and cook, eat healthy food, play organized sports in the park and in the yard, play foosball, air hockey, ping pong, make new friends and learn from our high achieving leadership.

13. The model on which the centre is based necessitates operating out of a home rather than an institutional space because a home-like environment is important to the after-school experience and programs that we offer. Activities in a space that looks and feels like a cozy home. Owning the home-like space allows flexibility in our operations and permits donors to contribute to the space in a meaningful and permanent way, all designed for the needs and interests of the kids.
14. We operate in accordance with the approved objects of our Society, and the Canada Revenue Agency, which oversees registered charities such as ours.
15. At the end of the day, they eat a hot and healthy meal, do chores, and leave to go straight home. We ensure that there is no disruption of the neighbours.
16. Volunteers and staff are trained from a manual that includes policy, rules and regulations that govern the way we provide a safe and welcoming centre. Our practicum students come from various universities and colleges, including MRU and U of C. Everyone has a police check and a vulnerable sector check.
17. We will work with schools and Calgary Housing social workers to provide a wraparound of each child, based on their needs and capacities. We will seek to collaborate with the parents, local community associations and others in the sector who help families and kids. Working together is best for our city's youth.
18. YCC partners with the Rotary Club of Downtown Calgary, Calgary Reads, and the U of C to deliver a "Stay in School" mentorship and tutoring program to all kids. Many of the youth that we see daily in Ogden are below grade level achievement and do not have access to technology and a quiet space/oversight to do homework. We strive to keep kids in school and doing well.
19. We work with the Calgary Flames, the Flames Foundation, and the Flames Sports Bank to offer programs and equipment, otherwise out of reach of many of our community's kids. YCC sponsors kids in club basketball programs which otherwise would be financially out of reach of the families we serve.
20. We have sought input from both the Dover and Forest Lawn Community Associations, held an open house, distributed flyers to neighbours twice, and door knocked.
21. We host Holiday Meal Box, gift cards and school backpack/supply, garden, and community clean-up programs for families.
22. The back yard will include a play space, but will not have basketball hoops. Kids will enjoy supervised basketball at the park under construction across the street. We are sensitive to the need for neighbour's quiet enjoyment of their homes. These homes are, however, across from a park, the community association and 3 schools, and as such the streets are already very lively.
23. Our presence in Ogden has not negatively affected property values and we do not expect any negative impact in Forest Lawn. In fact, our presence in Ogden has been an enhancement to the community, making it a more attractive location for families with kids.

24. A right of first refusal might be granted to a neighbour who would like an assurance that if the land were to be sold, they would maintain control of its use. We are open to this discussion.
25. We enjoy a cooperative and friendly working relationship with members of the Calgary Police Service in Ogden, who enjoy hanging out with the kids.

There are thousands of kids in Calgary who need access to after school and summer activity and a strong sense of community. We believe that the kids of Forest Lawn do not have ready access to these amenities and encourage all Calgary citizens to lean in to support our city's kids. We would love to work with you in Forest Lawn in the same way you have made possible our good work in Ogden!

With Gratitude,

Jane Wachowich

Executive Director, YCC – Youth Centres of Calgary

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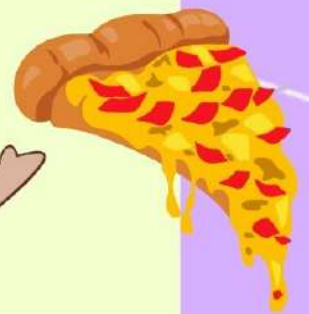
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**YCC – Youth Centres of Calgary
Letters of Support for Forest Lawn Land Use Redesignation**

TO: The City of Calgary Councillors and Her Worship Mayor Gondek

RE: LOC2023-0148 – 2620 40th Street SE Calgary

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Legislative Assembly
Alberta

October 11, 2023

Debra Hamilton
Acting General Manager
Planning and Development Services
City of Calgary

Re: Application for a land use amendment at 2620-40 St. SE, Calgary

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

Please accept this letter as an expression of my formal support to the application of Youth Centre of Calgary (YCC) for a land use amendment at 2620 40 St. SE, Calgary, Alberta.

YCC intends to use the residential home in the foregoing address as an after-school centre between the hours of 3 pm and 6 pm on weekdays. The families and kids of the surrounding communities including Forest Lawn and Dover would greatly benefit on this after school centre which will serve as a safe place for kids, while mentored by qualified personnel, to play games, sports, take music lessons, create art, do homework on laptops and eat healthy food every day.

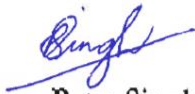
This will also bring a huge impact on reducing and eliminating challenges many families and young people face including poverty, mental health problems, addiction, violence, crime and neglect.

I anticipate that the centre will serve to nurture our young people into a healthy, stable and contributing adults.

YCC currently operates a successful centre in the community of Ogden. Approximately 30-40 kids attend daily from a registration list of over 250 youth. A comfortable home where kids ages 9 to 15 can drop in for free every day after school for sports coaching, art, music lessons, mentoring, homework help, friendship and healthy snacks, every day after school from 3-6pm, including PD school days, early dismissal days and school holidays. Kids are served a hot and healthy meal every day. They leave after doing a chore, to learn responsibility and ownership and take a cookie for the walk home. The centre teaches them to be good neighbors and create opportunities and experiences that kids need to build the necessary resilience to thrive while having a wonderful after school experience.

Given the significant role of YCC and the benefits that the centre brings to the community, families and our young people, I humbly express my support to the application for land use amendment.

Sincerely,



Peter Singh

MLA for Calgary-East



MILlicAN-OGDEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

October 31, 2023

The City of Calgary
Office of the Councillors
PO Box 2100, Station M
Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

Attention: Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra

RE: IMPACT OF PRESENCE OF YOUTH CENTRES OF CALGARY OGDEN LOCATION

The purpose of this letter is to highlight the positive impact on the community because of the Youth Centres of Calgary choosing Ogden as their inaugural location.

GENERAL:

As is well known, I have been a strong advocate for development being conducted for development reasons and not social reasons. That remains my perspective today. I am aware of opposition of the expansion of YCC operations into other areas of Calgary for what amount to social reasons.

DEVELOPMENT MATTERS:

YCC has advised that they have obtained property and wish to expand into the Dover, Forest Lawn, South view area and have met some resistance. Our purpose here is not to advocate one way or another for a development outside our boundaries, but to provide some context within which Millican-Ogden's experience could be helpful to your colleagues on Council.

The Land Use Redesignation and Temporary DP (which has been issued subject to an appeal) at 2640 – 40 Street SE, call for the creation of a direct control district on the parcel based on the RC-1 District with an additional discretionary use of Community Recreation. This is nearly identical to Bylaw 13D2020, the only difference being that 13D2020 is based on an RC-2 district. The parcel that applies to 13D2020, is a corner lot directly adjacent to George Moss Park and the Former Ogden United Church. The Forest Lawn parcel itself is directly adjacent to property owned by the City of Calgary, and leased or partially leased by the Forest Lawn Community Association, in other words, public land with a significant amount of park (and as a result parking) space. Otherwise put, there are no development reasons not to allow this type of development in frankly every community in Calgary.

SOCIAL MATTERS:

Perception of crime or crime reduction:

As a result of the Ogden YCC Location the residents of Millican-Ogden have not seen an increase in criminal activity. There have been some safety issues raised regarding the playing of basketball on the garage pad that faces 74 Ave SE. This is a result of the significant success of YCC and has resulted in some very positive public realm improvement which I will discuss later on.

The benefit of an after school, homework support, place to go shoot some hoops or learn music or paint or any other supervised, organized activity has a collateral effect of early intervention, which tends to divert at risk youth away from organized, and unorganized crime and gang activity.¹ 2pm – 6pm is generally recognised as the “Prime Time for Juvenile Crime.” Any program that occupies youth during the criminal hours is a valuable program.

Public Realm Development:

As a result of the success of the program of the Youth Centres of Calgary, the program in Ogden, specifically in relation to the playing of basketball exceeded the Centre’s existing capacity, in short it outgrew shooting hoops on the driveway creating a safety issue, both for the kids playing ball, and for the drivers traversing 74 Ave SE.

Millican-Ogden does have a number of half, and quarter basketball courts spread across the community, and one full outdoor court at the old Ogden School. These are simply not enough to meet the desired need. Jane Wachowich, of Youth Centres of Calgary, engaged planning for what was originally envisioned as another basketball court at George Moss Park, with a fence to keep the balls off the road. That very quickly, with the Calgary Parks Foundation, and a number of donors including the Calgary Flames Foundation, Greenline, and others became a facelift, activating an underused portion of the park and includes 2 half courts, one full court, and upgrade to the existing adopt-a-rink, increased seating and picnicking areas, an upgrade to the existing play structures and some landscaping including rolling “hills” and trees.²

SUMMARY:

In sum, The Residents of Millican-Ogden continue to see the Youth Centres of Calgary being a positive, and contributing non-profit citizen to our little community and strongly encourage any expansion the Youth Centres of Calgary undertakes to continue to bring stability, and safety to those youth who need it the most.

Should you require more information please do not hesitate to contact the MOCA President, John McDonald at president@millicanogdencommunity.com

Best Regards,

MILLICAN OGDEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



John C.W. McDonald, CD, ARP
President

Cc: MOCA Executive Committee
MOCA Board of Directors
Jane Wachowich, YYC Executive Director

¹ Susan Manheimer, “After School: The Prime Time for Juvenile Crime” *Police Chief Magazine*, <https://www.policechiefmagazine.org/after-school-the-prime-time-for-juvenile-crime/#~:text=Why%20do%20after%20school%20programs,led%20by%20caring%2C%20trusted%20adults.>
² George Moss Park redevelopment website, <https://www.parksfdn.com/georgemoss>

From: EAWARD9 - Devon LeClair <EAWARD9@calgary.ca>
Subject: RE: Letter of support for the YCC FOREST LAWN CENTRE
Date: November 7, 2023 at 10:27:54 AM MST
To: "Smith2, Rick" <president@millicanogdencommunity.com>, "Carra, Gian-Carlo S." <Gian-Carlo.Carra@calgary.ca>, CAWARD9 - Jessica Thorburn <CAWard9@calgary.ca>
Cc: MOCA Secretary <secretary@millicanogdencommunity.com>, HR Policy Procedure <hrpolicyprocedure@millicanogdencommunity.com>, Jane Wachowich <jane@youthcentresofcalgary.com>

Hi John,

Thank you for the letter of support. Our office continues to be a supporter of Jane and the Youth Centres of Calgary and we agree that opening another centre in Forest Lawn would be a huge benefit to the community.

Thanks again,



Devon LeClair (she/her)

Chief of Staff

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November 10, 2023

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On behalf of the Southeast Calgary Community Resource Centre ("SECCRC"), we are delighted to offer this Letter of Support for Youth Centres of Calgary (YYC) application for their new centre in Dover. The SECCRC and YYC are sister organizations within the community of Ogden, working together to help stabilize families and individuals.

We have seen a positive impact on the community and the surrounding communities since the Youth Centre has located one of their programs in this neighborhood. Vandalism and street disorders have decreased dramatically. The youth are happily engaged at the YYC, 'hanging out', learning new skills, having access to academic tutors, music, and sports.

Having the YYC in our neighborhood will ensure positive outcomes for the marginalized youth. It is delightful to encounter the youth and see their happy faces as they return home from activities at the Youth Centre.

Thank you for taking time to read this and if there are any questions or further information required, please contact me at 403 608 5193.

Regards,
Lynn Mutch





LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
ALBERTA

Tanya Fir, MLA
Calgary-Peigan

November 5, 2023

To Whom it may concern:

Please accept this letter expressing my support for Ms. Jane Wachowich and the YCC - Youth Centres of Calgary.

As MLA for the Calgary-Peigan constituency, I am writing this letter in support of the YCC - Youth Centres of Calgary's initiative to expand its free programming, thereby sharing the same opportunities for growth and success to the children of Forest Lawn and Dover. YCC - Youth Centres of Calgary has been running its free after school sports, music, mentorship, homework, literacy, art, games and food programs from a welcoming repurposed home in Ogden since 2018, with the support of its neighbours and community association. This "home away from home" offers a safe place for kids to "be kids" in the underserved community of Ogden, to an average of 30 kids a day, Monday to Friday, from 3-6pm. The kids who attend daily are well-monitored, and encouraged to be respectful and kind towards all members of the community. They are ushered out at the end of the day, only to return the next day for another wonderful after school experience.

I have witnessed the daily work within the walls of this small, grass-roots centre, supported by qualified and caring staff, volunteers and practicum students from U of C and MRU. They provide valuable role models in good citizenship every day to the kids in my riding. The 250 registered youth would otherwise have nowhere to go to experience a safe and happy environment after school. I believe that YCC provides a valuable and much needed service to our city's disadvantaged, I am an avid supporter of YCC and would love to see every community have a home just like ours in Ogden. Please accept this letter in enthusiastic support of YCC's expansion to MLA Singh's community of Forest Lawn. I look forward to watching many more youth of Calgary have access to a great daily after school experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tanya Fir".

Tanya Fir
MLA, Calgary-Peigan

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September 28, 2023

Dear Jane,

The last 2 years have been overwhelming for me due to the pressure of life. Nevertheless, having YCC in our area helped me to ease my stress by having my 2 sons attend programs and do activities there for free. I want to thank you for giving us this opportunity where my sons could now read and play keyboard/piano and any other instrument through free music lessons. Your staff members have been wonderful helpers, from preparing activities, meals, give away gifts, to connecting us with sport sponsorships for our kids. No wonders your capacity to understand family's needs is no short of remarkable. How many times when we talked and without me asking, you would offer a gift card for groceries as if you knew I was in need. I won't ask for a better place for my sons to enjoy playing and have healthy activities with other kids in the neighborhood. My oldest, who is now 10 years old, would be one of the first comers to YCC in the morning to help staff members preparing the house for the day. This habit helped him to do the same at home where he takes charge of helping his brothers even with us, his parents, are home. He would independently do what is needed to be done without needing to ask him to do it. Therefore, from the bottom of my heart I say thank you and I forever wish you all the best and may riches and blessings be your portion everywhere you go by God's grace.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

Much love,

Beatrice

October 29, 2023

My name is Liz Bean, and it has been my honour to be a volunteer at The Youth Centres of Calgary (YCC) since it first opened in the summer of 2019. YCC was created in the community of Ogden after extensive research discovered that this community offered limited activities, an abundance of youth and many families facing economic and social challenges. Our kids are largely from low income and at-risk families who struggle economically and may have mental health and other issues that prevent them from giving their kids what they need to thrive. We locate in these communities and intend to continue to grow into other identified high needs areas.

The priorities of YCC are to meet the most basic human needs, including food security, to help youth break the cycle of poverty, and become healthy, contributing citizens, and to build a supportive, inclusive community where no child feels alone. YCC helps its youth to meet their full potential by providing a safe and inclusive space, building life and practical skills, and helping to develop strong self-esteem and positive attitudes. YCC gives youth whose lives are subject to chaos and uncertainty a welcoming, safe, and stable place to come every day after school.

YCC does this in a variety of ways. It is accessible, located walking distance from local schools, close to where families live and across from a large green space that includes a playground, basketball courts (in process) and ice rink. At the Centre, is a happy and energetic group of youth, practicum students, and volunteers, in a warm and lively atmosphere. We have worked to create a welcoming family vibe in the house, and it is a place where youth feel they have a home away from home. The after-school program at YCC offers a multitude of activities... there's something for everyone. From the moment the children walk through the door after school, they are greeted by a welcoming volunteer, provided healthy snacks and numerous fun things to do. Sports, technology, music lessons, arts and crafts, games, homework help, a quiet reading room, and mentorship to name a few. But most importantly they are greeted by people who care about them and want to make a difference in their lives. If our youth have people that believe in them, it can be life-altering.

YCC identified a real need in Ogden and created a program to address it. After witnessing this program firsthand, I know that the Youth Centre has enriched the lives of so many in the community and is making an incredibly positive difference every day to youth and their families. YCC has a proven model that works. Police and studies show that with safe spaces like YCC, crime goes down, high school graduation goes up, kids do not get into as much trouble, gang membership goes down and families are supported. There are so many vulnerable communities in Calgary that need a place like YCC and Forest Lawn is one of them. The community of Forest Lawn is being offered a program that will benefit its youth, families, and community, just as it has in Ogden. I hope that you will support such a youth centre and the positive difference it will make in the community.

Kind Regards,
Liz Bean

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October 31, 2023

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To Whom it May Concern,

It is our understanding that Youth Centres of Calgary has purchased a home in Forest Lawn, for the purpose of establishing an afterschool and summer hub for the youth living and attending schools in the surrounding area.

Having witnessed firsthand the value provided to the young people served by the facility in Ogden, we fully endorse and support the land use amendment that will be required to make the facility a reality.

Our organization provides an afterschool racquetball program which runs once a week throughout the school year as well as during the summer months, and we've recognized the positive impact of having local programming in place to support these underserved children. Skills have grown, coordination improved, and a love of sport blossomed.

Without hesitation we would recommend and support the development of another YCC sponsored hub home in Forest Lawn.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barb Stein", is written over a horizontal line.

Barb Stein
Executive Director

Zev Klymochko



Dear City Council,

I'm writing to express my support for LOC2023-0148. The land use change to accommodate a Community Recreation Facility should not simply be allowed, it should be welcomed and encouraged.

As a resident of Ogden and property owner on 23 St SE, just a few metres from the Youth Centres of Calgary Ogden location, I have seen the positive impact that a similar land use change has had on my community since the Centre opened several years ago.

The Ogden Youth Centre on 23 St SE is located in a detached home. I supported their 2019 land use redesignation to DC to accommodate the Centre, which is very similar to the application for 2620 40 St SE in Forest Lawn. The similarities between the two applications are numerous: both are located across from parks, in below average income neighbourhoods, and in detached homes.

Since the Centre opened in Ogden, I have noticed only positive impacts. Youth are cared for and engaged in sports and other recreational activities after school. They are fed nutritious meals. Supervision is consistent, provided by strong role models which are important to young people.

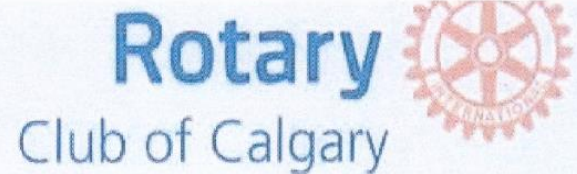
Through Ms Wachowich's efforts on behalf of the Centre, a portion of George Moss Park is being redeveloped with modern recreational amenities to better suit the needs of the community. This would not have happened without the Centre being located adjacent to the park. I understand that a similar redevelopment of the park across from 2620 40 St SE is nearly complete. From a parks planning lens, it must be ideal to have a group of supervised children with a "home base" across the street, providing food, shelter, and washrooms.

From a land use and development perspective, LOC2023-0148 proposes no changes to the building that could impact neighbouring properties. Neither the building height, nor its envelope will change. Density will remain consistent with the R-C1 district.

The proposed change will not impact parking or traffic. As with the Ogden Centre location, the children attending the program live within walking distance. Even if there were concerns about parking, it must be recognized that, with a park located directly across the street, there are dozens of public parking spaces.

I encourage you to support this application. Youth living in underserved communities are in need of more free, safe spaces where they can be kids and have fun. I can't stress enough the positive impacts the Youth Centres of Calgary Ogden have had on my community and I am confident their amazing work will continue in the Forest Lawn location.

Regards,



November 3, 2023

Calgary City Council,
The Calgary Planning Commission
City Hall and Municipal Complex
800 Macleod Trail SE
Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

Dear City Council and Planning Commission Members,

We are writing to express our wholehearted support for the Land Use application for the new Youth Centres Calgary – Forest Lawn. The Rotary Club of Calgary has been a steadfast supporter of Jane Wachowich and Youth Centres Calgary, particularly at their YCC – Ogden House. The remarkable work that Jane and her team are accomplishing in Ogden, in their unwavering commitment to the youth within the community, is the driving force behind Rotary's decision to partner with the new YCC – Forest Lawn facility. The mission and programs of Youth Centres Calgary align seamlessly with Rotary's core values and our dedicated mission to support at-risk youth through the various programs we sponsor.

In July 2022, representatives from our Rotary Club had the privilege of meeting with Jane at the Ogden House. This meeting allowed us to delve into the plans for YCC and identify areas where Rotary could offer further support. When Jane shared her vision to establish a new Youth Centre in Forest Lawn, we enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to collaborate with her. Knowing that we have a trustworthy and like-minded partner in Jane, whose vision aligns perfectly with Rotary's, we made the decision to commit \$300,000 to aid Jane and YCC in launching the new Youth Centre in Forest Lawn.

The Rotary Club of Calgary has been a fervent advocate and patron of programs aimed at bolstering youth within the community. We have proudly operated our Stay-in-School (SIS) mentoring program for nearly three decades in schools within the vicinity. Notably, four out of our five partner elementary schools, from which our SIS students are selected, are located in close proximity to YCC – Forest Lawn, namely Valley View, Holy Cross Elementary, St. Damien, and West Dover. Subsequently, these students progress to Junior High, with Holy Cross and Ian Bazalgette situated directly across the street from YCC – Forest Lawn.

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Currently, 46 out of our total 64 students reside in the southeast communities surrounding YCC – Forest Lawn. Annually, we witness approximately 10 graduates from these very communities. Moreover, 14 out of the 26 students whom we are currently providing financial support for post-secondary education also hail from these communities. The placement of this youth centre in an area characterized by a high demand and limited resources is invaluable for our students.

They require a secure space to spend their after-school hours, an inviting atmosphere, robust programming, and access to a nourishing meal.

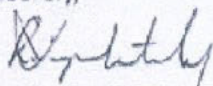
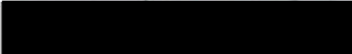
In addition to our core programs, Rotary administers a Christmas Hamper initiative that runs in conjunction with our Stay-in-School program. Under this program, each of our partner elementary schools selects 15 families to receive hampers, in addition to another 20-25 SIS families. This totals approximately 100 hampers distributed annually, all benefiting families in the Forest Lawn area.

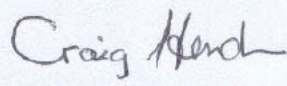
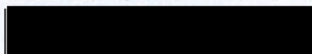
Youth Centres Calgary had a long-standing partnership with Calgary Reads and through the dissolution of Calgary Reads, Rotary has continued this on. Rotary continues to be affiliated with the University of Calgary's Owerko Centre and the Little Red Reading House as a Reading Place Affiliate. Jane and her team deeply understand the significance of literacy, actively incorporating reading activities and book gifting into every child's experience at the Centres. To further support this crucial aspect, Rotary has allocated an additional \$25,000 to enhance literacy initiatives at both the Ogden and Forest Lawn locations. We are proud to share that a dedicated reading room is currently an integral part of the Ogden Youth Centre and will similarly be incorporated into the new centre in Forest Lawn.

We humbly request that you take our unwavering support into consideration when evaluating the Land Use application for Youth Centres Calgary – Forest Lawn. Our commitment to the youth in this community is steadfast, and we believe that the establishment of this new Youth Centre will be an invaluable resource for the well-being and development of the youth we serve.

Thank you for your attention and dedication to this important initiative.

Sincerely,


Randy Topolnitsky
Director Community Services
The Rotary Club of Calgary



Craig Henderson
President
The Rotary Club of Calgary




November 3, 2023

City of Calgary
3rd floor, Municipal building
800 Macleod Trail SE
Calgary, AB T2G 2M3

RE: Youth Centres of Calgary – Land Use Amendment

To Whom it May Concern;

I am writing this letter in enthusiastic support of the Youth Centres of Calgary's request for a Land Use Amendment in Forest Lawn. Having closely collaborated with the organization since its inception in Ogden, I can wholeheartedly attest to the invaluable work they have done for our community, particularly for the underserved and high-risk population of children.

The establishment of the Youth Centres of Calgary in the Ogden area was long overdue, filling a critical void in a community where many children lacked the necessary support at home. Since its opening, the Centre has been a respite and critical support system for some of the most vulnerable children in the region. It provides them with essential resources, such as homework assistance and warm meals, which are often unavailable in their households.

Beyond basic needs, the Centre offers an array of programs and activities that empower these young individuals to develop important life skills. They learn invaluable interpersonal skills, cooperation, the dynamics of healthy relationships, and even practical skills like cooking. The Youth Centres of Calgary serves as a vital hub for personal development and social growth, giving these children a brighter outlook on life.

Moreover, the Centre has become a gathering place for these children, a positive influence in their lives, and a source of trust and comfort. The atmosphere is one of inclusiveness and respect, fostering a sense of belonging and hope that extends well beyond their visits to the Centre. The Youth Centres of Calgary is more than a physical space; it's a lifeline to a better future for these children.

I wholeheartedly recommend that the City Planning Department decides in favor of granting the Land Use Amendment bylaw needed for the Youth Centres of Calgary to operate a new location in Forest Lawn. Doing so will enable them to expand their vital services to an even broader community, positively impacting the lives of countless more children in need.

The Youth Centres of Calgary have consistently demonstrated their unwavering commitment to improving the lives of our youth. Their work is a testament to the transformative power of dedicated individuals and



organizations. Granting this amendment is not just an administrative decision; it's a statement of support for our city's most vulnerable children.

Please feel free to reach out to me at bobbi@icanforkids.ca or 403-815-9604 if you have any questions or need further information about the Youth Centres of Calgary and their incredible contributions to our community.

Thank you for considering their request and for your commitment to the betterment of Calgary's kids.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bobbi Turko".

Bobbi Turko
Executive Director
I Can for Kids Foundation

September 29, 2023

BENEFITS OF YOUTH CENTER IN THE COMMUNITY OF DOVER.....

MY OPINION OF HAVING A YOUTH CENTER IN DOVER WILL BRING NUMEROUS BENEFITS TO THE YOUNG POPULATION AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

SAFE AND INCLUSIVE SPACE, THIS YOUTH CENTER WILL PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN GATHER, SOCIALIZE, AND PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES. THE CENTER WILL OFFER A SPACE FREE FROM NEGATIVE INFLUENCES, SUCH AS DRUGS, VIOLENCE, OR CRIME ENSURING THE WELL-BEING FOR OUR COMMUNITY YOUTH, FOSTERING POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT BY OFFERING STRUCTURED PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL GROWTH. THESE PROGRAMS HELP MY KIDS EARLY IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT, WHICH INCLUDES MENTORING, TUTORING, LIFE SKILLS TRAINING, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT HELP MY SONS BUILD SELF-ESTEEM, RESILIENCE AND VALUABLE LIFE SKILLS.

I BELIEVE THIS CENTER WILL HELP WITH HOMEWORK SUPPORT AS MANY PARENTS HAVE TO WORK TWO JOBS TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILY AND THE HIGH COST OF LIVING TODAY.

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OVERALL THIS YOUTH CENTER IN THE COMMUNITY OF DOVER CAN PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN NURTURING THE POTENTIAL OF YOUTH, CREATING A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THEIR LIVES AND OVERALL DEVELOPMENT AND WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY.

A letter of support from Sophia Munroe, from Calgary Housing in Penbrooke. (edited by Doug Schroeder)

The benefits of having a youth center in the community of Forest Lawn: In my opinion, having a youth center in Forest Lawn will bring numerous benefits to the young population and the community as a whole.

Safe and inclusive space: this youth center will provide a safe environment where young people can gather, socialize, and participate in various activities. The center will offer a space free from negative influences, such as drugs, violence, or crime ensuring the well-being for our community youth.

Fostering positive development: by offering structured programs and activities that promote personal, social, and educational growth. These programs will help my kids early in their development, which includes mentoring, tutoring, life skills training, leadership development, and recreational activities that will help my sons build self-esteem, resilience and valuable life skills.

Homework support: I believe this center will help with homework support as many parents have to work two jobs to support their family and the high cost of living today.

Community engagement: reducing the likelihood of risky behavior such as substance abuse juvenile delinquency or other negative behavior.

Overall this youth center in the community of Forest Lawn can play a vital role in nurturing the potential of youth, creating a positive impact in their lives and overall development and well-being of our community.

Sandy Searle



November 8, 2023

To the City of Calgary Councilors and Her Worship Mayor Gondek:

RE: Youth Centres of Calgary

I am writing this letter in support of Youth Centres of Calgary and their application to open a new centre in the Forest Lawn community. I first met Jane Wachowich seven years ago when I was the principal at Ian Bazalgette School. At the time, Jane was looking to open the first youth centre. She didn't come to the table with a flatsheet of what would be offered; she came with an open mind and a big heart. She did not presume to understand what would be best for a community she didn't yet know, but she listened and acted.

The first youth centre has been in operation in the Ogden community for four years. During this time, I have had the opportunity to witness Jane and YCC's exceptional dedication and passion for this work. Unlike many of the organizations that operate within Calgary's communities, YCC is self-contained. They do not rely on school or community spaces but create a space that is located close to schools, parks, and is easily accessible to those in the community.

I understand community members' concerns around having a "hang out" spot for adolescents. Unlike strip malls, parks, bus stops and other unsupervised popular gathering spots for youths, YCC ensures all students that are present during program hours are actively engaged and supervised by skilled adults. The centre is not open or accessible to youth outside of program hours.

Programming offered at YCC is responsive to the needs of the community. Summer camps, a wide variety of both organized and pick-up sports, hot food and snacks, music lessons, art, and homework help are all part of the programming offered at the Ogden centre as access to these activities in particular were identified as gaps.

One example of how YCC has been responsive to the needs of the community is in the area of organized sport. Many of our students LOVE LOVE LOVE basketball. We have courts available in the community and the students will play pickup ball as much as they can. In school, we provide limited intramural and competitive opportunities for students. Outside of school, formal opportunities to develop skills are limited to club sports, which

are out of reach for many of our families. YCC was able to secure funding for 15 students to play club basketball this year.

During the Covid lockdown, Jane contacted me to see how YCC could support our students. Obviously, the Ogden centre couldn't operate as designed, and community programming disappeared. Although we could not gather, need, especially for food continued. With breakfast and lunch programs offered through schools shut down, families were experiencing more food insecurity than ever before. Jane and YCC mobilized into action. Although they had no formal connection with the Dover/Forest Lawn community, they set up tables in front of both Ian Bazalgette and Forest Lawn High School and provided commercially prepared lunches for anyone that came by. In addition to providing lunches, YCC was also able to secure books and refurbished sports equipment.

Jane and YCC's commitment to serving the community in whatever way needed was made clear when a family's house burned down right before Christmas. Not having experience in supporting a family through a situation like this did not deter her. With a few phone calls and because of the strong relationships she has built with both her families and community organizations, she was able to mobilize her network of supporters and ensure the family got assistance they needed.

We are fortunate to have community leaders like Jane and the team at YCC who see the potential in our youth and support their dreams. When considering whether or not to support the opening of a new centre in the Forest Lawn community, please take the time to hear the voices of the adolescents at the Ogden centre and the difference YCC has made in their lives.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at the number or email address below.

Sincerely,



Sandy Searle





CPC2023-1095
Attachment 7



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YOUTH CENTRES OF CALGARY





PUBLIC SUBMISSION FORM

CC 968 (R2023-11)

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I have read and understand the above statement.

ENDORSEMENT STATEMENT ON TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION, ANTI-RACISM, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING

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I have read and understand the above statement.

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What meeting do you wish to comment on? (If you are providing input on service plans and budget adjustments, please select "November 20") (required)	Standing Policy Committee on Community Development
Date of meeting (If you are providing input on service plans and budget adjustments, please select "November 20") (required)	Dec 5, 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (If you are providing input on service plans and budget adjustments, please write "budget" below) (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published [here](#).)



PUBLIC SUBMISSION FORM

CC 968 (R2023-11)

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Re-zoning of 2620 - 40 ST. S.E. plan1301HK, Block T, Lot 11

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In opposition

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

3 Story's don't belong in a Bungalow Community. Re-zoning will change our skyline, the visual of the neighbourhood, surrounding homes will loose their yard and home privacy, The Forestlawn community is all bungalow family homes, not two or three story's. From 43 St. S.E. and 26 ave. to 36 St. and 26ave, straight to 17ave. S.E. there are no 3 story's. This is a Bungalow community for over 67 years. The look of a 3 story home will be an apartment, how does this make any sence?