

# Background and Planning Evaluation

## Background and Site Context

The subject site is located in the northeast community of Renfrew and is a mid-block lot fronting onto Renfrew Drive NE. The approximately 0.07 hectares (0.17 acres) parcel is approximately 15 metres wide by 37 metres deep and is a pie shape with a wider rear property line (approximately 21 metres). The parcel is currently developed with a single detached dwelling and a detached garage which is accessed from the rear lane.

Surrounding development consists primarily of a mix of single and semi-detached residential developments designated as the Residential – Contextual One / Two Dwelling (R-C2) District, and multi-residential developments designated as Multi-Residential – Contextual Low Profile (M-C1) District. Several corner parcels within 500 metres of the subject parcel are also designated as Residential – Grade-Oriented Infill (R-CG) District.

The site is located in close proximity to schools, community amenities and green space. The 16 Avenue N Urban Main Street, which includes many commercial sites, is located approximately 800 metres (ten-minute walk) to the north. There are multiple schools located within walking distance of the site.

## Community Peak Population Table

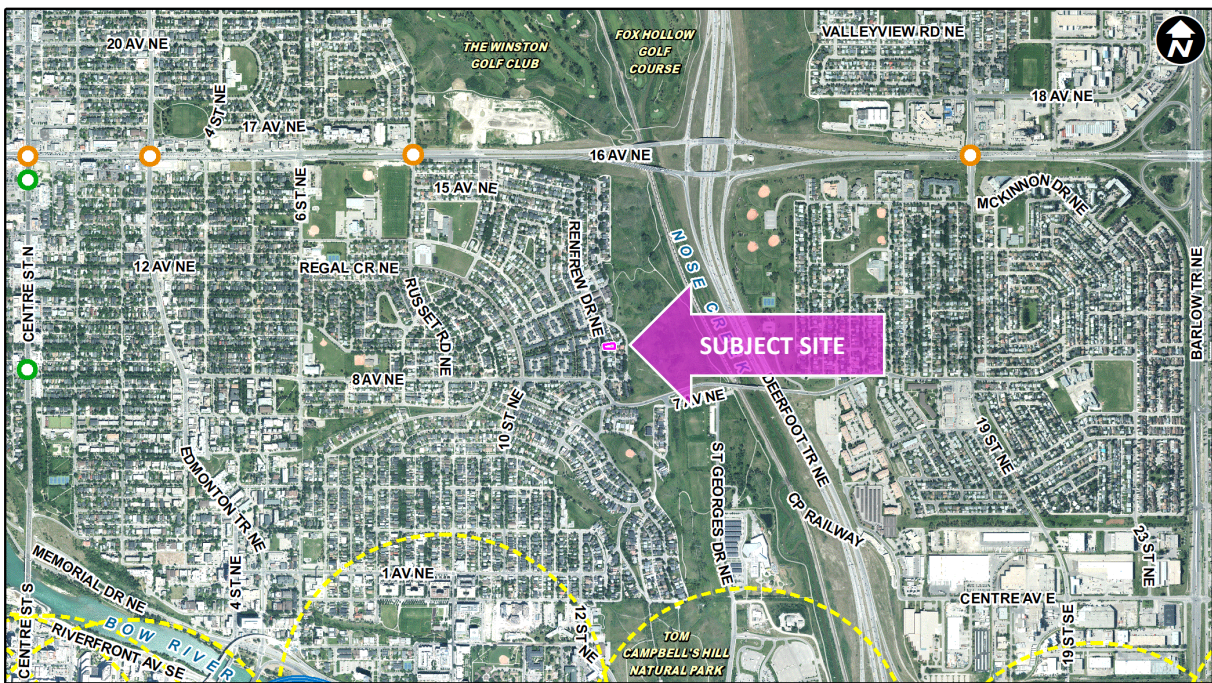
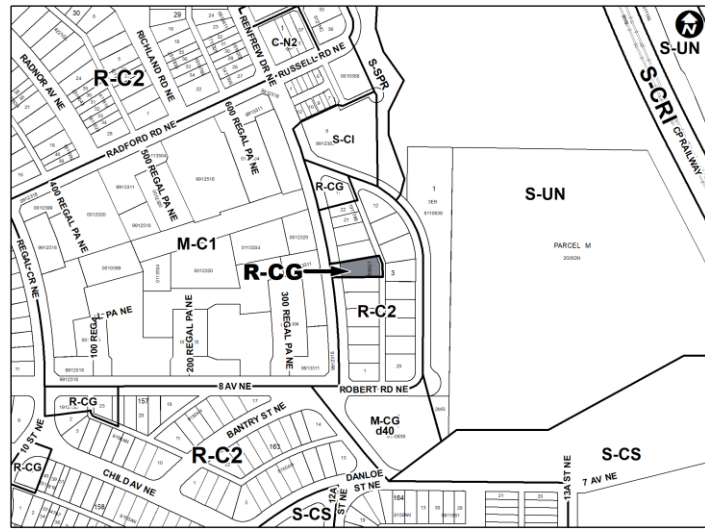
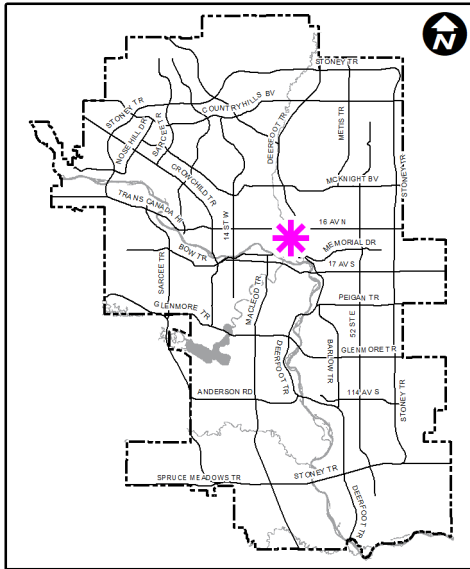
As identified below, the community of Renfrew reached its peak population in 1968.

<b>Renfrew</b>	
Peak Population Year	1968
Peak Population	8,019
2019 Current Population	6,582
Difference in Population (Number)	- 1,437
Difference in Population (Percent)	- 17.9%

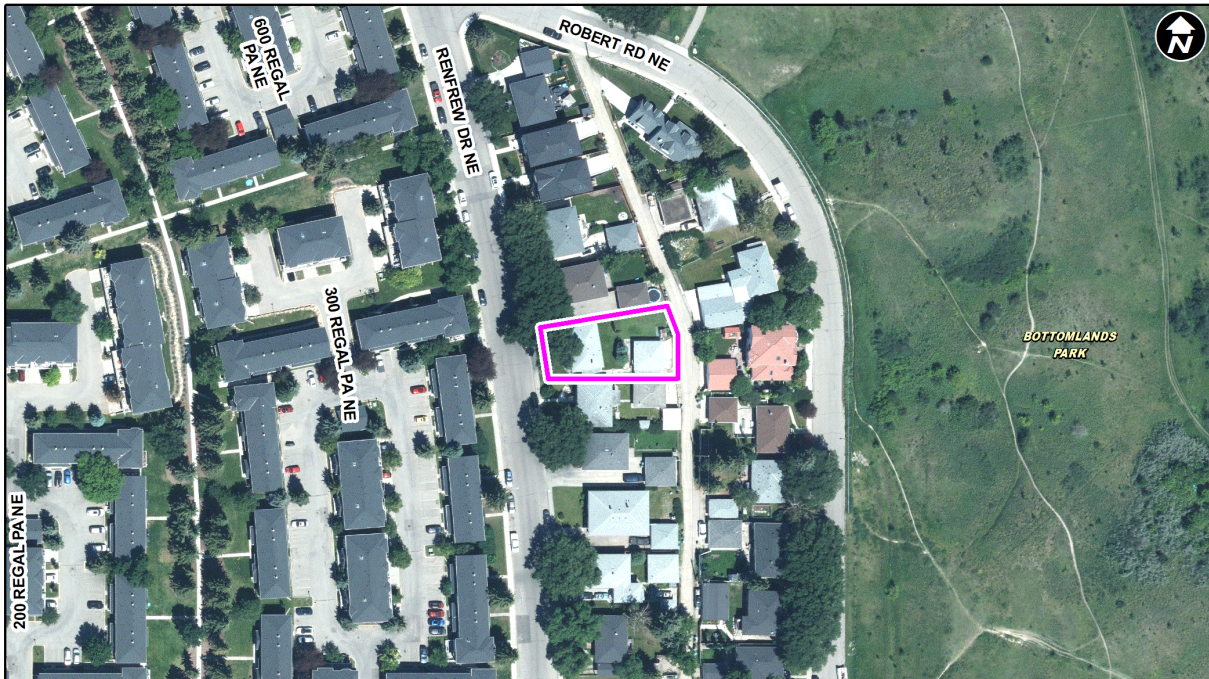
Source: *The City of Calgary 2019 Civic Census*

Additional demographic and socio-economic information may be obtained online through the [Renfrew Community Profile](#).

# Location Maps







## Previous Council Direction

None.

## Planning Evaluation

### Land Use

The existing R-C2 District is primarily for single detached, semi-detached, duplex dwellings and secondary suites. The R-C2 district allows for a maximum building height of 10 metres and a maximum of two dwelling units. Secondary suites are permitted uses within the R-C2 District.

The proposed R-CG District allows for a range of low-density housing forms such as single detached, semi-detached, duplex dwellings, townhouses and rowhouses. The R-CG District allows for a maximum building height of 11 metres and a maximum density of 75 dwelling units per hectare. Based on the subject site parcel area, this would allow for up to five dwelling units. Secondary suites (one backyard suite or secondary suite per dwelling unit) are also allowed in the R-CG District and do not count towards allowable density. The parcel would require 0.5 parking stalls per dwelling unit and per secondary suite.

### Development and Site Design

The rules of the proposed R-CG District would provide guidance for the future redevelopment of the site including appropriate uses, building height and massing, landscaping and parking. Given the specific context of this site, additional items that will be considered through the development permit process include, but are not limited to:

- the layout and configuration of dwelling units and secondary suites; and
- mitigation of shadowing and privacy impacts.

## **Transportation**

Pedestrian and vehicle access to the site is currently available via Renfrew Road NE. Renfrew Road NE is classified as a Residential Road as per the Calgary Transportation Plan. Future vehicle access to the site is available from the rear lane. On-street parking is available along Renfrew Road NE.

This area is serviced by Calgary Transit. The site is approximately 450 metres north (seven-minute walk) of 8 avenue NE, which is serviced by frequent transit such as Calgary Transit Routes 17 (Renfrew/Ramsay) and 19 (Dalhousie Station).

A Transportation Impact Analysis was not required in support of the land use redesignation application.

## **Environmental Site Considerations**

No environmental concerns were identified.

## **Utilities and Servicing**

Water, sanitary and storm services are available to service the subject site. Details of site servicing, as well as appropriate stormwater management will be considered and reviewed as part of the development permit application.

## **Legislation and Policy**

### **South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (2014)**

Administration's recommendation aligns with the policy direction of the [South Saskatchewan Regional Plan](#), which directs population growth in the region to cities and towns, and promotes the efficient use of land.

### **Growth Plan (2022)**

Administration's recommendation aligns with the policy direction of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board's [Growth Plan](#) (GP). The proposed land use amendment builds on the principles of the GP by promoting efficient use of land and regional infrastructure and establishing strong, sustainable communities.

### **Municipal Development Plan (Statutory – 2009)**

The subject parcel is located within the Developed Residential – Inner City Area as identified on Map 1: Urban Structure in the [Municipal Development Plan](#) (MDP). The applicable MDP policies encourage redevelopment and modest intensification of established communities to make more efficient use of existing infrastructure, public amenities and transit and delivers small and incremental benefits to climate resilience.

The proposal is in keeping with relevant MDP policies as the application complies with policies that recognize the predominantly low-density residential nature within these communities and supports retention of housing stock or moderate intensification in a form that respects the scale and character of the neighbourhood.

### **Calgary Climate Strategy (2022)**

This application does not include any specific actions that address the objectives of the [Calgary Strategy - Pathways to 2050](#). Further opportunities to align the development of this site with

applicable climate strategies will be explored and encouraged through the development permit review.

**North Hill Communities Local Area Plan (Statutory – 2021)**

The [North Hill Communities Local Area Plan](#) (LAP) identifies the subject site as being part of the Neighbourhood Local urban form category (Map 3: Urban Form) with a Limited building scale modifier (Map 4: Building Scale), allowing up to three storeys. The LAP primarily identifies residential uses as suitable for the area and encourages a range of housing types.

The Limited building scale policies within the Neighbourhood Local category note that building forms containing three or more units are supported where the parcel has a lane and parking can be accommodated on-site. The proposed land use amendment is in alignment with applicable policies of the LAP.