

# Background and Planning Evaluation

## Background and Site Context

The subject site is located in the southwest community of North Glenmore Park, at the southeast corner of 55 Avenue SW and 20 Street SW. The site is approximately 0.06 hectares (0.14 acres) in size and is approximately 17 metres wide by 36 metres deep. The site is currently developed with a single detached dwelling. Vehicular access is available from the rear lane.

Surrounding development is primarily characterized by low density residential development in the form of single detached homes designated as Residential – Contextual One Dwelling (R-C1) District. To the north, the low-rise apartments are designated as Multi-Residential – Contextual Medium Profile (M-C2) District. Across 55 Avenue SW to the north is St. James Catholic Church which is designated Special Purpose – Community Institution (S-CI) District and Glenmore Athletic Park to the east which is designated Special Purpose – Recreation (S-R) District.

## Community Peak Population Table

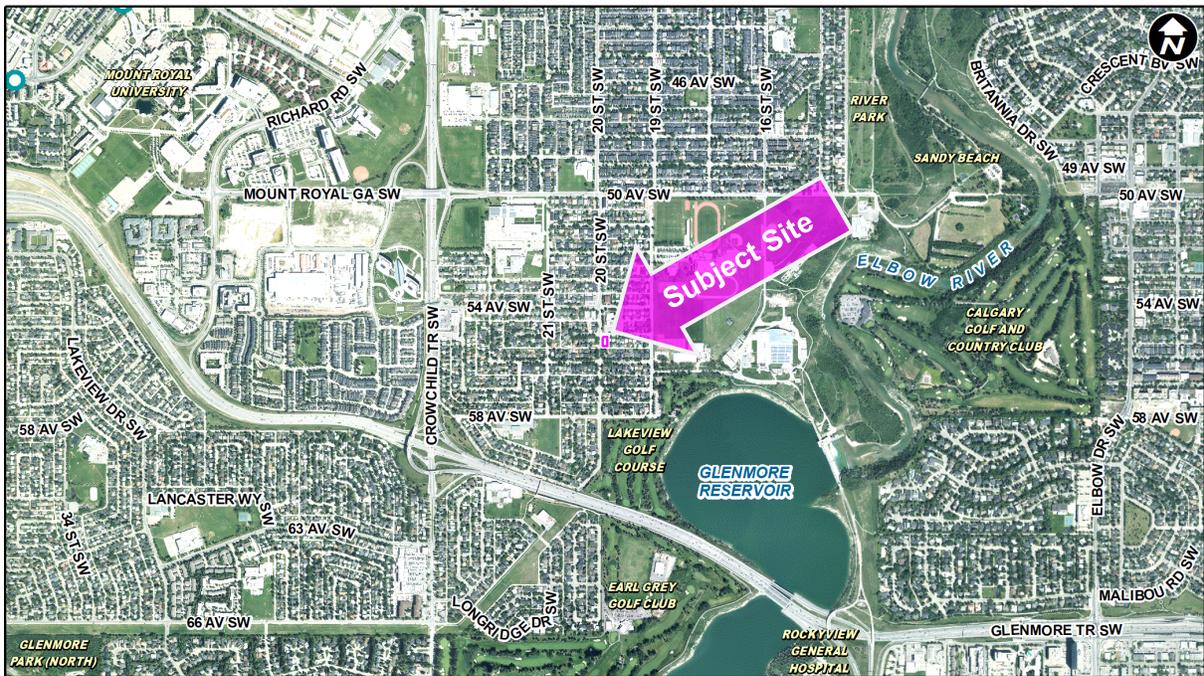
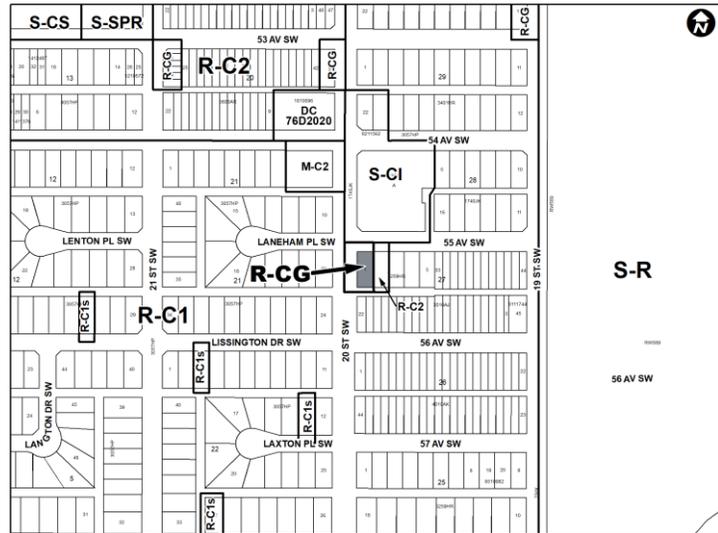
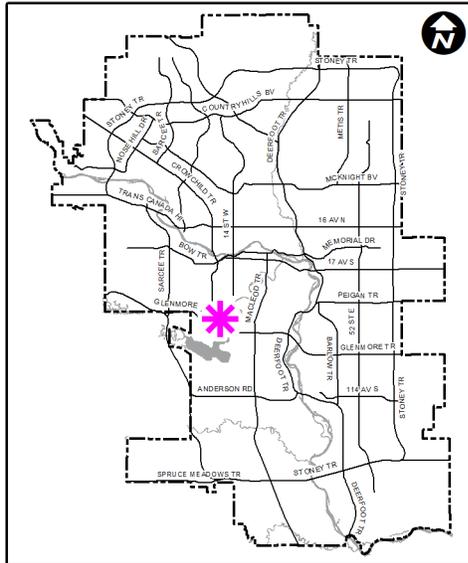
As identified below, the community of North Glenmore Park reached its peak population in 1970.

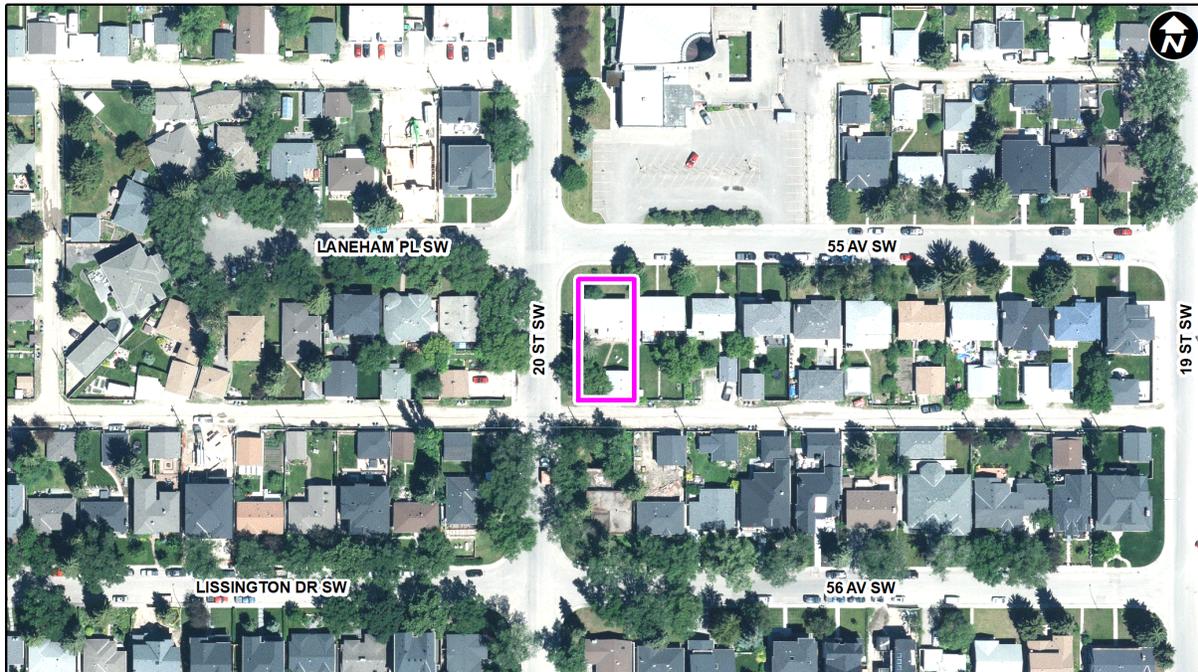
| <b>North Glenmore Park</b>         |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Peak Population Year               | 1970    |
| Peak Population                    | 3,776   |
| 2019 Current Population            | 2,391   |
| Difference in Population (Number)  | -1,385  |
| Difference in Population (Percent) | -36.68% |

Source: *The City of Calgary 2019 Civic Census*

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

# Location Maps





## Previous Council Direction

None.

## Planning Evaluation

### Land Use

The existing Residential – Contextual One / Two Dwelling (R-C2) District is primarily for single detached, semi-detached and duplex dwellings. 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 dwelling, 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 four dwelling units.

Secondary Suites (one backyard suite or one 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 corner site, additional items that will be considered through the development permit process include, but are not limited to:

- ensuring an engaging built interface along both 55 Avenue SW and 20 Street SW; and
- mitigating shadowing, overlooking and privacy concerns.

### **Transportation**

Pedestrian access to the site is available from the existing sidewalks on 55 Avenue SW and 20 Street SW. The site is located adjacent to an existing dedicated on-street bikeway on 20 Street SW. Additionally, the parcel is located 300 metres (a five-minute walk) from a Regional Pathway connecting to the greater Elbow River Pathway System. Both routes form part of the greater Always Available for All Ages and Abilities (5A) Network.

The subject site is well served by Calgary Transit. Transit stops for Route 7 (Marda Loop) on 54 Avenue SW and 20 Street SW are located 180 metres (a three-minute walk) from the site and transit stops for Route 13 (Westhills) on 50 Avenue SW are located 600 metres (a ten-minute walk) from the site. Additionally, the parcel is located within 750 metres (a 13-minute walk) from Route 304 (MAX Yellow) bus stops.

Direct vehicular access to the proposed development is anticipated from the lane. While there is unrestricted on-street parking within the immediate area, 55 Avenue SW is restricted under the Residential Parking Permit (RPP) Zone II. 55 Avenue SW and 20 Street SW are residential streets.

### **Environmental Site Considerations**

At this time, there are no known outstanding environmental concerns associated with the site and/or proposal.

### **Utilities and Servicing**

Water, sanitary and storm (deep) utilities exist adjacent to the site within public road rights-of-way. Servicing requirements will be determined at the time of development.

## **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 – Established area as identified on Map 1: Urban Structure of the [Municipal Development Plan](#) (MDP). The applicable MDP policies encourage redevelopment and modest intensification of established areas to make more efficient use of existing infrastructure, public amenities and transit and delivers small and incremental benefits to climate resilience.

**Calgary Climate Strategy (2022)**

This application does not include any specific actions that address the objectives of the [Calgary Climate Strategy – Pathways to 2050](#). Further opportunities to align development of this site with applicable climate strategies will be explored and encouraged at subsequent development approval stages.

**West Elbow Communities Local Area Planning Project**

There is no existing local area policy for this site. Administration is currently working on the [West Elbow Communities local area planning project](#) which includes North Glenmore Park and surrounding communities. Planning applications are being accepted for processing during the local area planning process and are reviewed using existing legislation and Council approved policy.