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Land Use Amendment in Rosscarrock (Ward 8) at 4 Rossburn Crescent SW, LOC2024-0058

RECOMMENDATION:

That Calgary Planning Commission recommend that Council:

Give three readings to the proposed bylaw for the redesignation of 0.06 hectares ± (0.14 acres ±) located at 4 Rossburn Crescent SW (Plan 7856HD, Block 1, Lot 12) from Residential – Contextual One / Two Dwelling (R-C2) District to Residential – Grade-Oriented Infill (R-CG) District.

HIGHLIGHTS

- This application seeks to redesignate the subject site to allow for rowhouses and townhouses, in addition to the building types already listed in the existing district (e.g. single detached, semi-detached, duplex dwellings and secondary suites).
- The proposal represents an appropriate density increase of a residential site, allows for development that may be compatible with the character of the existing neighbourhood and is in keeping with the applicable policies of the *Municipal Development Plan* (MDP) and the *Westbrook Communities Local Area Plan* (LAP).
- What does this mean to Calgarians? The proposed Residential Grade-Oriented Infill (R-CG) District would allow for greater housing choice within the community and more efficient use of existing infrastructure and nearby amenities.
- Why does this matter? The proposed R-CG District would allow for more housing options that may better accommodate the evolving needs of different age groups, lifestyles and demographics.
- No development permit application has been submitted at this time.
- There is no previous Council direction regarding this proposal.

DISCUSSION

This application, in the southwest community of Rosscarrock, was submitted by Horizon Land Surveys on behalf of the landowner, Arockiasamy Holdings Inc., on 2024 February 26. No development permit application has been submitted at this time. The Applicant Submission can be found in Attachment 2.

The approximately 0.06 hectare (0.14 acre) site is located at the northeast corner of Rossmere Road SW and Rossburn Crescent SW. It is currently developed with a single detached dwelling and detached garage with access available from the lane. A community greenspace is approximately 50 metres (a one-minute walk) west of the subject site.

A detailed planning evaluation of the application, including location maps and site context, is provided in the Background and Planning Evaluation (Attachment 1).

ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

- ☐ Outreach was undertaken by the Applicant
- □ Public/interested parties were informed by Administration

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Applicant-Led Outreach

As part of the review of the proposed land use amendment application, the applicant was encouraged to use the <u>Applicant Outreach Toolkit</u> to assess which level of outreach with the public/interested parties and the respective community association was appropriate. The applicant delivered postcards to surrounding neighbours within a 90-metre radius and reached out to both to the Rosscarrock Community Association (CA) and the Ward Councillor's Office. The Applicant Outreach Summary can be found in Attachment 3.

City-Led Outreach

In keeping with Administration's practices, this application was circulated to the public/interested parties, notice posted on-site and published <u>online</u>. Notification letters were also sent to adjacent landowners.

Administration received one letter of opposition, indicating concerns that increasing density will create parking issues.

No comments from the CA were received. Administration contacted the CA to follow up and no response was received.

Administration considered the relevant planning issues specific to the application and has determined the proposal to be appropriate. The R-CG District is intended to be compatible with other low density residential districts and accommodates a variety of grade-oriented housing forms. The site and building design, parking, servicing and landscaping considerations will be reviewed at the development permit stage.

Following Calgary Planning Commission, notifications for a Public Hearing of Council will be posted on-site and mailed to adjacent landowners. In addition, Commission's recommendation and the date of the Public Hearing will be advertised.

IMPLICATIONS

Social

The proposed land use district allows for a wider range of housing types that may better accommodate the housing needs of different age groups, lifestyles and demographics.

Environmental

This application does not include any actions that specifically address the objectives of the *Calgary Climate Strategy – Pathways to 2050.* Further opportunities to align future development on this site with applicable climate strategies will be explored and encouraged at subsequent development approval stages.

Economic

The proposed land use amendment would allow for a more efficient use of land, existing infrastructure and local services.

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Service and Financial Implications

No anticipated financial impact.

RISK

There are no known risks associated with this proposal.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Background and Planning Evaluation
- 2. Applicant Submission
- 3. Applicant Outreach Summary

Department Circulation

General Manager (Name)	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform