

**Attention City of Calgary Council:**

FW CITY WIDE UPZONING APRIL 22, 2024, PUBLIC HEARING

We the owners' the of 320 46 Avenue SW, Rose and Enrico Festa, are not all in favour of Up-zoning in our community. We enjoy a unique block of neighbours who know and get along extremely well. Our kids and now our grandchildren can now play safely! We look after each other.

Our older neighbourhood had our streets, roads and sidewalks repaired after 36 years (cold tar). Our services were installed in 1952 or so.

The City wanted to do the road first and then come back to do the sidewalks. We had to organize to correct the order since it was backwards which would have caused damage and more money.

As a result of homes being remodelled the services had to be reconnected cutting into the main lines. The water service is a ½ inch and our sewer system is a six-inch cast iron installed in 1952 or so. Although we were told that this would be upgraded it was never done. The system cannot properly handle existing demand on the services. Further density would put tremendous strain on our quality of life. We have paid extensively more taxes than other areas and have received no extra services.

We paid not to live in high-density areas or an area with townhouses and are still paying for that benefit.

When 4637 Stanley Park Place was built on MacLeod Trail was built, an additional eight stories were added. So if MacLeod Trail is expanded Stanley Park Place would have to relinquished frontage. The parking stalls there are \$300 per month. So we inherit their vehicles on our streets because of density. We already have a problem (when the street cleaning comes many cars are not removed and we then need to clean the streets ourselves).

The common-sense answers are:

1. To build where lots are the cheapest and most affordable to keep costs down.
2. Upgrading the building codes so that strong structures can be built.
3. Address the lack of sufficient labour force qualified to erect said homes.

Lastly, the method taken to make this decision was not democratic. Jeramy Farkas had constant townhouse meetings that were packed that didn't require \$950,000 to be spent before input from homeowners could be given. He constantly surveyed their opinions and go it in writing and brought it back to council. He did represent a real democratic process.

The order from Justin Trudeau to get funding for these new homes in Canada was conditional to his demands. The plan lacked honesty! Calgary and Southern Alberta sends \$22 Billion Dollars more to Ottawa than we get back. Just give us our money back. We can solve our own problems.

If we look to the states and see Trump dictating to the citizens are we not headed in the same direction here?

We elect officials to serve our needs and wishes and get our permission on matters that affect our way of living and our major investment, our homes.

Thank you

Pamphlets received in the mail of late were not what we, The City of Calgary proposed. This is what you've got, like it or not. In other words the City considers our property their property and they can do whatever they want. We paid the taxes and the mortgage – not the City.