

Community Association Response

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Application: LOC2023-0386

Submitted by: WHCA Planning Committee

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Overall, I am/we are:

In opposition of this application

Areas of interest/concern:

Land Uses, Height, Density, Amount of Parking, Lot coverage, Privacy considerations, Included amenities, Other

What are the strengths and challenges of the proposed:

Will the proposed change affect the use and enjoyment of your property? If so, how?

The City views applications in the context of how well it fits within the broader community and alignment to Calgary's Municipal Development Plan (MDP). Do you see the proposed changes as compatible to the community and MDP? If not, what changes would make this application align with The City's goals?

How will the proposed impact the immediate surroundings?

General comments or concerns:

The proposed M-CG zoning is not contextual with adjacent properties. We encourage the developer to consider alternative zonings that better integrate with the community

We request a concurrent LOC and DP for this development.

Parkdale Blvd and Crowchild Trail do not have primary transit routes.

New developments are required to plant trees to enhance our neighbourhood's urban canopy. We expect the tree schedule to be followed and monitored as per the City's tree requirements for new homes bylaw: <https://www.calgary.ca/development/home-building/new-home-trees.html>

Please see the attached letter regarding treeless homes in West Hillhurst.



West Hillhurst Community Association

June 19, 2023

Re: Treeless Homes in Hillhurst and West Hillhurst

Dear Councillor Wong,

The West Hillhurst Board of Directors is concerned with the number of new developments that have not adhered to the City's tree requirements for new homes bylaw. Roughly forty recent developments have not complied with the tree requirements for new homes.

<https://www.calgary.ca/development/home-building/new-home-trees.html>

Under Land Use Bylaw 5 section 346.1, trees are to be planted within one year of home completion and maintained for a minimum of two years. This is a complaint driven system with no follow up to enforce the bylaw. A development inspector has explained that complaints filed more than 24 months after completion are dismissed.

The City's website does not mention a time limit on complaints or how and where to file them. Neglecting to enforce the City's tree planting bylaw directly undermines the objectives of the City's climate emergency declaration.

Given how widespread the violations have been, we request that the bylaw be amended in such a way as to ensure that compliance is specifically shown to be the responsibility of City staff, perhaps through a developer bond or scheduled inspection, rather than limited to citizen complaints.

Thank you for your assistance,

WHCA Board of Directors