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CC 968 (R2024-05)

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First name [required] Erin
Last name [required] Henriksen-Ireland

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In favour

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I am a resident of Bowness and also work in the community. In my personal life several of my 15 year old daughters families have been impacted by the cost of living. Many resorting to couch surfing while they wait to find something that they can afford for their families. In my work life a total of 27 families out of th 132 I have worked with in the past year are at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness. I drive past this park several times a day and never see children playing there. The only people I see are the folks who are pushing their petition on community members. There have been numerous posts on Bowness Social Media pages spreading false information about who this build is for and I believe this false information is also being presented to residents in Bowness to instill fear that addicts and abusers will be living in these homes. The truth is, it's my neighbors, my kids friends and my preschool kids families that will be living in them. This project is needed more than anyone will admit or ever speak about. I think in order to gauge if this playground folks are so concerned about is actually utilized well by the community they should monitor it for a period of time (without letting the community know) so that we can see how many people actually use it.



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I work in the housing sector and have personally seen the struggles of good families just looking for stable housing. Affordable housing projects like this one are an necessity to reduce Homelessness and the hardships that this brings to families.



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Last name [required] Raymond

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I am in support of this development proposal which will provide much needed affordable housing for all of Calgary



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Last name [required] Rouleau

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Everyone deserves a home. Young children and struggling parents have an opportunity to have a place to call home with the development of an affordable housing unit through Trellis Society. A dream maybe they thought would never come true. Being surrounded by the wonderful community of Bowness would be the perfect place to build new connections to a healthy community and have the chance to experience the same. As a community we need to embrace others and welcome healing and love. As caregivers we always tell kids to share; as adults, we should be able to do the same.



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First name [required] Jessica

Last name [required] Pearson

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My comments is Housing is continuing to grow into a state of emergency. Hundreds of families are facing homelessness due to rising cost of living. Trellis and many other agencies are here to support to reduce the number of families and individuals that rely on shelters.
There are so many parks in the city that are still active. I know residents in bowness are worried about the kind of activity it would bring to their neighbourhood. However they need to think about housing as a basic human need, If the housing building isn't in that spot it's not going to stop homeless individuals from setting up camp in the neighbourhood.
Please do not shut down this housing project. It is very much needed, and many more is needed.



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Last name [required] Cain

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Housing is in desperate need. I would rather have housing for struggling families than an old park. People in the community need to come together and see that this is something very much needed.
Please let the housing be built



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My grandkids live in this area. Housing is much more needed then a park. Plus the park is old. I would rather see families in need have a place to call home then see the park stay.
everyone deserves a chance at housing.



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Housing is a fundamental Human Right issue. Calgary presently is facing an endemic homeless problem fast approaching that of the Third World. Obviously, the government can no longer be burdened with the sole responsibility of providing housing for all, especially the most vulnerable (ie Indigenous individuals, minorities and, persons suffering from mental illness). Therefore the efforts of organizations like Trellis Society in providing housing and other support for these groups of individuals should be commended and encouraged. I therefore support the society's project at Bowness that aims to provide housing to dozens of families in present danger of homelessness. NIMBY bothering of neo-apatheid should not have a place in a modern and liberal city like Calgary. Let the poor breathe !!!!!!!



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It's heartening to see the commitment to supporting families in Bowness, especially when so many are at risk of homelessness. In Calgary, the situation is increasingly urgent: as of 2023, over 3,000 individuals experience homelessness on any given night, and nearly 12,000 are considered at risk of becoming homeless. With rising living costs and economic instability, the need for affordable housing has never been more critical.

The proposed 50-unit family housing complex is a vital step towards alleviating this crisis. While some may favor a playground, we must remember that safe, stable housing provides a foundation for families to thrive and dream again. It's essential to keep the focus on the people behind the statistics—families striving for stability and a better future. Engaging with community members and decision-makers is key to shifting the narrative from NIMBYism to empathy. Let's advocate for solutions that truly support our neighbors in need.



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First name [required] Kadie

Last name [required] Hughes

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Hello! I am writing in support of the affordable housing build in Bowness. As a concerned community member, I am asking the city to go forward with this project. There are many families in our city that deserve a safe and affordable place to call home. This is a beautiful opportunity for folks to find belonging and connection. I am in full support of the Trellis Society Bowness build. Thank you for your time!



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In favour

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Please build this! I am very very highly in favour of this proposal. Every day it seems we hear about the increasing struggles of Calgarians to put a roof over there heads. During the rezoning for housing meeting we heard people who were against it tell the city to build more affordable housing. Here is a concrete proposal to do just that and help many struggling families. Housing was formally recognized as a human right in Canada's domestic law through the National Housing Strategy Act in 2019. Voting against this project would be counter to that legislation, and therefore qualify as a human rights violation.



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I am a social worker who has lived in the beautiful community of Bowness for two years now. While I love our community, I see a serious need for housing and more supports for individuals in our community, particularly families. The creator and supporters of the petition to keep the park do not seem to understand that the park will be replaced with a housing facility for FAMILIES with CHILDREN. Children who deserve a home. Children who deserve a place to grow. The argument of keeping the park for the children of Bowness makes no sense when there are unhoused children who do not even have a safe place to call home. Children cannot live in a playground. If the community members are so concerned about children, why are they opposing a housing complex that will house families? It is backwards thinking like this that perpetuates the "Not in My Backyard" ideal. If people do not have a place to grow, learn, and live stable, safe lives, the cycle of homelessness, untreated mental illness, and addictions will continue. I urge the members of Bowness to think about this before opposing this housing facility, and to think of how it will positively impact the lives of Bownesians who deserve a place to call home. Do better, Bowness.



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I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed 50-unit affordable family housing complex in Bowness. As an Indigenous Youth Diversion from homelessness worker, I see firsthand the dire situations that families in our city face daily. This project represents a critical opportunity for families to not only secure safe, stable housing but also to find a space to heal, hope, and dream of a brighter future.

Our family shelters and women's shelters are overwhelmed, often forced to turn people away due to lack of capacity, leaving too many families with no place to go. Meanwhile, the rising costs in our rental market are pushing many out of their homes. A housing development like this one would provide families with the stability they need and deserve.

Every person, every family, deserves a home. Thank you for considering this essential project that will make a tangible difference in our community.



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There are countless single adults and low income families struggling to meet cost of living expenses due to the volatile rental market here in AB. Let me share my story in the hope that it will inspire compassion & provide perspective. I moved to Calgary in late 2017 from a small town in BC. I didn't know anyone & had no idea how vulnerable I was as a single woman seeking safe and affordable housing here. I was used to small town values: honesty, kindness, and service. Approximately 1 year after I moved to Calgary I fell down a flight of hardwood stairs & almost broke my back. I had limited mobility, was unable to work, and had to apply for social assistance. There were no family members or friends to support me. I was on my own because I was fleeing domestic violence from my biological family. Calgary was supposed to be a fresh start for me and it quickly became a nightmare. I struggled to find safe and affordable housing. I was investing in my health which was very expensive and mostly out of pocket. I chose holistic practices (herbal medicine, massage, physio, etc) to heal instead of relying on a prescription for pain from my family doctor. Unfortunately because my income was limited so were my options for safe and affordable housing. I experienced a lot of trauma in shared living situations as I fought to stabilize my health and financial situation. In one place I lived the environment became so abusive I had to flee, involve police, and seek support from the YWCA where I lived for a few weeks. Living at the YWCA was scary. I was living alongside addicts & other members of the homeless population. I had a twin sized bed, mini bar fridge, a night stand, and a lock on my door. The communal washrooms were dirty & I felt uncomfortable using them. Although I was still healing from my fall and it was painful to walk I chose to return to work anyways. I invested in natural supplements I knew would be helpful & kept pushing forward. Shortly afterwards I was able to afford rent for a 1 bedroom private suite. Fast forward to 2024 and I'm living in shared accommodation again because rent for a single person is outrageously expensive. Currently I work full time & study part time. I am still rebuilding. I am still healing physically, mentally, and emotionally. I live with chronic pain. Safe & affordable housing is a human right that not everyone has the opportunity to experience. That needs to change. Every human being deserves to feel supported and protected.



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As a frontline social services worker and a renter, I heavily support this project looking to provide affordable housing in this city. As a renter, for the first time in my adult life, I worry about finding a safe and reliable home for my family. With children and pets and the current housing climate, this has been extremely stressful and we've settled for a home that I feel has concerns with being a legal suite and even meeting health codes for windows and heating and yet we stay put for whatever security we can find amidst a lack of affordable housing combined with an ever increasing cost of living. I worry that my 18 year old son won't be able to become independent and find his own home and security for many years yet. I stress about ensuring our rent gets paid while also paying increasing costs for food, utilities, child care and my partner's schooling. But even more troublesome are the amount of work-related calls I take from community members that are double-income households and are severely struggling to find housing or financial supports. The calls I take from folks who are already underprivileged and facing adversity in their lives and need community and a safe home to plant roots and grow. I want to see this city offer more affordable housing options to those folks who need it most. The ones struggling to make ends meet and provide for their families. Those who need extra understanding and accessible resources as they navigate finding a healthy foundation to build from - a community to claim and thrive in. Affordable housing should be a priority to everyone and should be a welcome feature in every neighbourhood to foster inclusion, promote growth, and possibly intergenerational change for those continually impacted by poverty and trauma. Housing is a human right - period.



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In favour

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I am a social worker, a resident of Calgary Ward 11, and a parent of a young toddler writing to show my support for the Bowness family housing project proposal at this address.



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As an organization committed to addressing the systemic roots of poverty, the Canadian Poverty Institute expresses its strong support for the proposed development by Trellis of an affordable housing complex at 6623 Bowness Road NW. The lack of affordable housing in Calgary and across Canada poses an imminent threat to many families that are struggling to make ends meet. According to the most recent Census, in addition to the 115,000 Calgarians already living in poverty, a further 100,000 are at-risk of poverty with incomes just above the poverty line. This growing level of vulnerability is reflected in the drastic increase in demand for emergency food assistance from the Calgary Food Bank as people must increasingly choose between food and rent.

The City of Calgary has an obligation to provide housing which the Government of Canada and the United Nations have affirmed as a fundamental human right. The failure to realize this right further jeopardizes other rights, such as the right to food. Further, the failure to realize these rights increases the cost to society as the impacts of poverty and homelessness add to the strain on the services provided by our public and charitable institutions, while also compromising the long-term health and development of people, particularly children.

In 2023, The City of Calgary unanimously supported the Enough for All poverty reduction strategy, committing to cutting Calgary's poverty rate in half by 2023. A similar commitment to reducing homelessness was made in 2008 in Calgary's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. While progress on these strategies has been made, the targets established for both have been far from achieved.

In order for these commitments to be meaningful, it is imperative that The City of Calgary seize the opportunities presented to it to provide the supports necessary for people to stay out of poverty and homelessness in the first place. The proposed development at 6623 Bowness Road NW presents such an opportunity. We urge The City of Calgary to seize it.



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While in the midst of a housing crisis, I don't understand how council could consider declining an opportunity to increase affordable housing stock for families being built outside of taxpayers dollars. This is the chance to have a high impact for many families for generations to come.



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I'm writing to show my support for the affordable housing project in Bowness (LOC2024-0196 at 6623 Bowness Road NW).

This project could be a lifeline for families in our community who are working hard to find stability. Affordable housing offers them a real chance to create a safe, welcoming home. I understand there are different views, and I know a playground has been suggested, but the need for housing feels more urgent. It's about giving people the chance to build a future with security and hope.

I hope you'll consider supporting this project so that more families in our city can find a place to truly call home. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.



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First name [required] Katherine

Last name [required] Main

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LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW)

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

ATTACHMENT_01_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT_02_FILENAME

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I strongly support the land use amendment that will allow Trellis Society to build residential housing for vulnerable families in the Bowness community. As a citizen of Calgary for 35 years, I believe in our city to be place that is inclusive, safe, and provides opportunity for everyone, particularly those economically or socially marginalized. Everyone deserves an opportunity to live in their community of choice and have affordable housing options available to them. It has been widely published that the number of families on the brink of homelessness in Calgary continues to grow in the number of tens of thousands. Allow Trellis Society to build affordable housing for these families will contribute to solving this problem and provide families with much needed stability so they can grow and flourish.

Children who grow up in families experiencing homelessness often face increased risks of experiencing homelessness themselves as adults, as well as other significant challenges.

- Higher Risk of Homelessness: Studies show that children from homeless families are at a higher risk of experiencing homelessness as adults. This cycle is partly due to the instability, trauma, and economic disadvantages experienced in childhood
 - Mental Health Issues: Growing up homeless is strongly associated with higher rates of mental health challenges in adulthood. Childhood homelessness can lead to anxiety, depression, PTSD, and other mental health conditions, increasing the likelihood of lifelong struggles.
 - Educational Challenges: Homelessness often disrupts education. Children in homeless families have higher dropout rates and tend to score lower in literacy and math, which impacts future job opportunities and economic stability.
 - Economic and Employment Challenges: Adults who experienced homelessness as children are statistically more likely to face unemployment or low-income jobs. This results from both disrupted education and early exposure to poverty, which can limit job opportunities and earnings potential later in life.
 - Physical Health Impacts: Chronic health issues, including asthma, malnutrition, and developmental delays, are more prevalent among children who have experienced homelessness. These health issues often persist into adulthood, further complicating their ability to maintain stable employment and housing.
- I hope our city moves forward with this land amendment which can change lives for generations to come.



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First name [required] Noah

Last name [required] Davis

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6623 BOWNESS RD NW Land Use Redesignation

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

ATTACHMENT_01_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT_02_FILENAME

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This is an excellent project actively contributing to affordable house in Calgary. Even better, the design is actually good! Please, please build it and more like it!



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First name [required] Amelia

Last name [required] Larson

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LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW)

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

ATTACHMENT_01_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT_02_FILENAME

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As a resident of Ward 1 I am in support of the proposed affordable housing build in Bowness spearheaded by Trellis. It is clear that there are a number of families in Bowness that are struggling to maintain housing, as well as other basic needs, and have the opportunity to raise their children in secure and safe environments. This is an abomination in a vibrant city like Calgary. This project proposes generational change for 40 years and has longstanding impact to raise children in safe and secure environments. As a social worker and mental health therapist, I directly see the impacts of insecure housing manifest in anti-social and maladjustments which puts strain on systems and services. Affordable housing is low hanging fruit to prevent societal and individual issues in the future and create opportunities for children and families to thrive. Please consider this project.



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First name [required] **Nicholas**

Last name [required] **Belle**

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Land Use Amendment 6623 Bowness Road NW, LOC2024- 0196

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

ATTACHMENT_01_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT_02_FILENAME

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I am writing in support of this land-use amendment. The city has set a goal of 2000-2500 new units of affordable housing to be built every year and they are currently massively behind that goal. We cannot afford to be denying these units be built. Trellis Society is a great organization that has done a lot of good in Calgary. It's great to see them step up and try to bridge the gap in affordable housing as well. The building would also be great a great addition to the community and introduce new residents that would be very appreciative of being supported in this way. This building will help the most vulnerable Calgarians.



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First name [required] Marie

Last name [required] Bryce

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LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW)

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT_01_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT_02_FILENAME

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

As a resident of Ward 1 I am in support of the proposed affordable housing build in Bowness spearheaded by Trellis. It is clear that there are a number of families in Bowness that are struggling to maintain housing, as well as other basic needs, and the opportunity to raise their children in secure and safe environments. I feel disheartened that the City of Calgary would not move forward with this as the impact for families is significant. This project proposes generational change for 40 years and has longstanding impact to raise children in safe and secure environments. We preach that we are all about community in Calgary but when it comes to actually following through - our ideals of community fall short. Affordable housing is low hanging fruit to prevent societal and individual issues in the future and create opportunities for children and families to thrive. Please consider this project.



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First name [required] Heather

Last name [required] Shaw

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Date of meeting [required] (if you are providing input on service plans and budget mid-cycle adjustments, please select "November 18") Nov 30, 2024



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LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW).

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

ATTACHMENT_01_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT_02_FILENAME

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Trellis has the opportunity to create 50 homes for families in need at 6623 Bowness Road. There are folks in the neighborhood who have posted signs and are positioning the build as the loss of a park to build an addictions center. This is not the case. We need more affordable housing and Bowness is the perfect community to make that happen for folks in need. Yes In My Back Yard.



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First name [required] Lance

Last name [required] Bartel

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LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW)

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

ATTACHMENT_01_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT_02_FILENAME

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This would be excellent to have some increased affordable and low barrier housing. We are in a critical state of lack of this type of housing and many of my patients on disability/AISH can no longer afford all of the rent increased and are becoming homeless and subsequently decompensate medically and end up costing the system far more through acute care healthcare spending when they end up more frequently in hospital. Please approve this housing and please create more!



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First name [required] Debbie

Last name [required] Willis

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

ATTACHMENT_01_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT_02_FILENAME

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I am in favour of building secure and affordable housing for families in Calgary. I have a strong connection to Bowness: I have worked there and as I take my daughter there every week, and I feel it is a beautiful place for children to grow up. Affordable and secure housing changes lives so I hope families will be provided with this opportunity.



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First name [required] Christie

Last name [required] Schulze

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In favour

ATTACHMENT_01_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT_02_FILENAME

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I just wanted to express my support for this project. We desperately need more affordable housing and there is a huge need for housing for families. This project fits that need perfectly. I would really like to see it go ahead.



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First name [required] Courtney

Last name [required] Gardiner

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Land use redesignation

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

ATTACHMENT_01_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT_02_FILENAME

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I am writing to express my strong support for land use changes aimed at facilitating the development of affordable housing in Bowness. As our province and city faces an escalating housing crisis, it is imperative that we support steps to address the urgent need for affordable living options for all Calgarians.

The current housing landscape in Calgary is deeply concerning. Reports indicate that a significant portion of our population is facing housing insecurity, with many families and individuals struggling to find suitable and affordable accommodations. 2023 estimations from the University Of Calgary School Of Public Policy suggest approximately 124,374 additional Calgarians are at imminent risk of becoming unhoused in the near future, based on their income and the current cost of living. The rapid rise in housing prices has outpaced wage growth, leaving a large segment of our community unable to secure stable housing. This crisis disproportionately affects low- and middle-income earners, seniors on fixed incomes, and vulnerable populations.

As you're aware, land use changes can play a pivotal role in mitigating this crisis by allowing for increased density and diverse housing options. This is especially true in this case, as Trellis has bought the land with the express purpose of building affordable housing. Trellis' project will not only provide immediate relief for many deserving Calgary families, but will also contribute to the long-term resilience of our community by fostering inclusive neighborhoods.

I urge you to prioritize discussions around land use changes that facilitate the creation of affordable housing. By taking decisive action now, we can ensure that Calgary remains a welcoming and inclusive city for all its residents.



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First name [required] shuweb

Last name [required] Abdulmejide

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LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW)

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to support affordable housing development in Bowness. With rising housing costs, many long-time residents, including families and seniors, are at risk of being displaced, which would erode the diversity and community spirit that makes Bowness unique. Affordable housing would allow people from various backgrounds to remain in this community and contribute to the local economy and culture.

I urge the council to prioritize policies that increase affordable housing options in Bowness to maintain its accessibility and vibrancy.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely

Shuweb



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First name [required] Michele

Last name [required] Chiasson-Suart

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As I was thinking how to write my comment, I read the parameters for submitting a statement. The framework to my response is right here.

"The purpose of The City of Calgary is to make life better every day."

Life must be made better in Calgary by creating more affordable housing which will become the homes from which people can thrive and live safely in community.

"To fully realize our purpose, we are committed to addressing racism and other forms of discrimination within our programs, policies, and services and eliminating barriers that impact the lives of Indigenous, Racialized, and other marginalized people."

There are massive barriers to finding affordable, reliable housing for those experiencing poverty in our city. Many of the people most affected are those described in the statement; "...Indigenous, racialized, and other marginalized people."

Your decision must start here. The track record of Trellis Society, an ever-improving agency, is one of success with clients as their trained and educated professionals use studied approaches throughout their services.

The Council for the City of Calgary has invested much time towards the question of affordable housing. The answer, uncovered by the Council, is that more affordable housing is needed. Across North America, it is understood through experience and research, that affordable, supportive housing is the answer to a healthier community, and to people being able to fully participate as contributing citizens.

By saying yes to LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW), Councillors will remove barriers for folks struggling with poverty, giving them opportunities to grow to their full potential.

I strongly support the LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW) build, and do hope that you do too.

"We all do better when we all do better." Paul Wellstone



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First name [required] Anna

Last name [required] Calderon

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LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Rd NW)

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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First name [required] **Camille**

Last name [required] **Schulz**

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LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW)

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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As a resident of Ward 1 I am in support of the proposed affordable housing build in Bowness spearheaded by Trellis. It is clear that there are a number of families in Bowness that are struggling to maintain housing, as well as other basic needs, and the opportunity to raise their children in secure and safe environments. This is an abomination in a vibrant city like Calgary. This project proposes generational change for 40 years and has longstanding impact to raise children in safe and secure environments. As a social worker and mental health therapist, I directly see the impacts of insecure housing manifest in anti-social and maladjustments which puts strain on systems and services. Affordable housing is low hanging fruit to prevent societal and individual issues in the future and create opportunities for children and families to thrive. Please consider this project.



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First name [required] Stacey

Last name [required] Barge

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Loc2024-0196

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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I think this lot should be changed to affordable housing, I've never seen anyone utilizing this space as a park.



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Last name [required] Leviton

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LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW)

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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Hello! I am a resident of Bowness and I'm in favour of this development by Trellis. I strongly support building non-market affordable housing for lower income families. I have young children so I do understand the need for playgrounds and green spaces, but I do not feel this particular space is well utilized. There is another green space nearby (on Bowness road bordering the railroad) that could have playground infrastructure installed.



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First name [required]	Sol
Last name [required]	Castro
How do you wish to attend?	In-person

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In opposition

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I'm in strong opposition to this development
Homes on four sides of this playground park are bungallows with one new development on the east side of the playground park which is not higher than 3 stories, probably because it has to fit in with the historic villages' character which is one story high. The proposed building is 5 stories tall which does not fit in with the continuum. Building on playground park area disadvantages the neighbouring homes whose residents depend on this walkable, safe playground park for their children to play. If this playground park is built over, these children whose parents work more than one job to feed their families, will not have the time to drive their children (if they even have a car), to other playgrounds. These children will end up indoors on their electronic devices with all the risks that are associated to this type of entertainment. The impact of this 50 unit building will have a negative impact on traffic and parking for neighbouring residents and businesses. This land use change proposal will allow density that will overburden for surround infrastructure, as the main water break indicated this summer. Moreover, there is only one storm drain for the entire block, located on the street east of the playground park. Building over this natural area will overburden the storm drains, since the soil will no longer be able to absorb excess water.



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First name [required] Nicole

Last name [required] Jackson

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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I am writing in support of the proposed development of affordable housing at 6623 Bowness Rd by Trellis Society for Community Impact. I am a long-time resident of Bowness, and believe this development is an important investment. As Bowness densifies, integrating affordable housing and a range of types of housing is critical to continue the community's unique balance of residents. I know there are many families in need in Bowness and beyond, and the City has significant catching up to do in terms of affordable housing units - this development is the right timing, right location, right target population and right partnership. I feel confident that any community concerns about parking, playground space etc. will be managed as the project continues, and the net benefit to Bowness and Calgarians will be substantial. Thank you.



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First name [required] Heather

Last name [required] Morley

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LOC 2024-0196 6623 Bowness Road

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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Please see the attached letter in support of LOC2024-0196 Trellis' application for Family Housing.



November 5, 2024

The City of Calgary
PO Box 2100, Station M
Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

Re: Support for Land Use Application (LOC2024-0196)| Public Hearing December 3, 2024.

Dear Mayor Gondek & Members of Council,

On behalf of Inn from the Cold, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed Land Use Change application in Bowness, supported by Trellis. This application aims to develop essential affordable housing for families in need. As an organization dedicated to supporting families experiencing homelessness, we see this development as urgently needed amid Calgary's housing crisis, where more families are struggling due to rising rents and a lack of affordable options.

Bowness is a well-established, vibrant community with accessibility, connectivity, and amenities that make it ideal for families seeking stability. Its proximity to schools, parks, transit, healthcare, and community resources offers an environment where families can thrive. These critical services are often out of reach for low-income families, and this development will help bridge that gap.

The housing crisis in Calgary has reached unprecedented levels, with many families facing instability due to high rental costs and limited affordable options. As a result, more families are turning to Inn from the Cold, unable to find stable housing despite their best efforts.

This proposed development will directly benefit at-risk families, including single parents, families fleeing domestic violence, newcomers, and Indigenous families facing additional barriers. Access to stable, affordable homes means parents can provide a secure environment for their children, focus on employment, and engage with supportive community connections.

Trellis, a trusted community leader, has a strong track record of creating inclusive and supportive housing. Their proposed development aligns with the City's Affordable Housing Strategy and will alleviate pressure on Calgary's housing system.

We urge you to approve this Land Use Change application. This project will have a meaningful impact on families in need and strengthen the Bowness community by providing housing that supports diversity, inclusion, and stability.

Thank you for your consideration. We believe this development will play a crucial role in addressing Calgary's housing crisis and creating a brighter future for families in our city.

Sincerely,

Heather Morley
Chief Executive Officer

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First name [required]	Amy
Last name [required]	Hainsworth

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LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW)

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing in support of the proposed affordable housing development at 6623 Bowness Rd, spearheaded by the Trellis Society for Community Impact. I am no longer a resident of Bowness but spent my childhood there and I see this project as a crucial investment in our community. As Calgary continues to grow, adding affordable and diverse housing options will help preserve the neighbourhood's unique and inclusive character.

Many families in Bowness and surrounding areas are in need of affordable housing, and this development represents an ideal opportunity. It aligns with the right timing, location, and community focus, as well as a strong partnership that will benefit all Calgarians. I'm confident that any potential concerns about parking, playground space, or similar issues will be thoughtfully addressed as the project progresses. This development promises substantial benefits for both Bowness and our city.

Thank you for considering this project.

Let's do our best for our fellow Calgarians!
Amy Hainsworth



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First name [required] **Barbara**

Last name [required] **Jessiman**

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In opposition

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This land use amendment proposes to destroy a long-standing community park - in order to construct a 5-story, 50-unit complex. The development is much too large for the parcel. It would add to, and exacerbate the collective densification of several other large developments in the immediate vicinity. Parking would, of course, be an issue, as well as increased traffic in the area. The green space the park provides, along with its recreational aspects, would be a huge loss to greater numbers of people living in 'green-less' complexes.

The carefully tended trees in the park would be destroyed. This flies in the face, ironically, of the latest 'agreement' the City of Calgary has entered into with the Government of Canada...this time to bolster the city's anemic tree canopy. \$61 million dollars to plant trees across Calgary...offset, of course, by the trees being systematically taken out by the extreme level of densification. Contradictions abound.



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In opposition

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Hello I am against the Playground petition, as I am in favour of the proposed housing project. I am a long-time Calgarian, and among other things served on the Board of the Trinity Place Foundation, which operates hundreds of Affordable and below market value suites for seniors. In my time on the board I saw how badly needed affordable housing is in Calgary, and I would support any initiative that attempts to address this need. Although I am not resident in Bowness, I am still advocating for this project, and would be supportive of projects in my neighborhood of Royal Oak.



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Affordable housing is not just a necessity; it is an investment in the long-term health and prosperity of our community. By providing families with stable housing, we are also giving them the opportunity to flourish - whether it's by improving educational outcomes for youth, fostering stronger community and natural support ties, or helping parents to better support their families. These supports are the backbone to creating generational change, supports that Trellis Society does across Calgary and has done for nearly 50 years in the community of Bowness.

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

Neither

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Thank you,

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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Dear City Council Members,

Though I live in Walden SE, I'm writing to express my strong support for the affordable housing project in Bowness, Agenda item: LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW). Housing affordability is something I've seen friends and neighbors struggle with first-hand. It's heartbreaking to watch people face the uncertainty of housing insecurity, and this project has the potential to change that in a meaningful way.

This project isn't just about constructing buildings; it's about creating stability, opportunity, and a sense of belonging for every Calgarian. Families should have the chance to stay close to jobs, schools, and supportive communities where they can raise their children in a safe, stable environment. Too often, it feels as though families are set up to fail by the lack of affordable options. Don't we all want to live in a city where families can thrive together and where everyone has the chance to build a life they're proud of?

I firmly believe that when we lift each other up, we build a stronger Calgary. Supporting this project is a step toward a city that values inclusion, compassion, and sustainability for all its residents.

Thank you for considering this essential investment in Calgary's future.

Warm regards



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First name [required] Esther

Last name [required] Elder

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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Subject: Support for Affordable Housing Development – LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW)

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of Calgary Meals on Wheels in strong support of Trellis's affordable housing project in Bowness (LOC2024-0196). As an organization dedicated to addressing food insecurity in Calgary, we recognize the crucial link between housing stability and the ability to meet other essential needs. This project is not just a building – it represents hope and security for families currently facing imminent homelessness in our community.

Through our work, we see firsthand how stable housing can create a foundation for individuals and families to thrive, making this project both timely and transformative. In a city as vibrant and caring as Calgary, providing safe, affordable housing should be seen as a shared commitment. The 50 units proposed for Bowness will be a lifeline, offering stability and a brighter future to families who otherwise face the traumatic effects of housing insecurity.

While we understand that any development may stir differing perspectives, we urge City Council to view this initiative through the lens of compassion and necessity. The community opposition reflects understandable concerns, but it's important that we prioritize the wellbeing of vulnerable families in Calgary. Every family deserves a safe place to call home, and we have an opportunity here to address an urgent need.

We are proud to join with Trellis and other community partners to advocate for this project, and we encourage City Council to approve it, setting a positive precedent for Calgary's commitment to its residents in need. This is a step toward a stronger, more inclusive city.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for considering the lasting positive impact this project will bring to our community.

Sincerely,
Esther Elder
CEO, Calgary Meals on Wheels

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First name [required] Anita

Last name [required] Rossall

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This submission supports the affordable housing project proposed by Trellis at 6623 Bowness Road NW. Trellis is a not for profit trying to build functional and affordable housing for Calgarians.

As a director on the Trellis Foundation, I attended an open house at the Bowness Community Centre on Sep. 16, 2024 where I spoke with a young man who worked in the community and longingly looked at the plans for the building and hoped that he might be eligible. He flat out told me, he couldn't find affordable accommodation in Bowness, where he was working in a semi-professional job. Two older women told me stories of just how "on the edge" members of their family who were close to losing their home. Me, with a nice, paid for home to go back to, couldn't fathom the stress about how to have & keep a secure roof over one's head in Calgary, when you were that close to losing it.

Almost daily, we hear stories of Calgarians struggling under the burden of increased costs in all areas of their lives, without offsetting income streams. Sadly we are becoming accustomed to homelessness stretching beyond the inner core, along the river banks in communities which, until recently, were not experiencing this. My own community included.

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One new multiunit structure will not solve this problem, but it will positively impact 50 families looking to keep themselves and their families under one roof, together, safe and secure. Maslow's Hierarchy speaks to that.

The math is very simple...50 additional units equates to 50 fewer families at risk of being or almost being on the street, now requiring access to other strained social services. 50 additional units equates to 0.46% increase in the number of private households within the community (Using 2021 Census data of 10,770 private households in Bowness). This same census data, points out that 28% of the Bowness private households (=3,015 households) pay more than 30% of total income for housing. This number has probably only gotten worse with the rise in interest rates since 2021. Pause and think about that. This is not sustainable and we need to chip away at the solutions for our city.

In conclusion,

1. Less than a half percent incremental burden on infrastructure is barely worth noting as it relates to this project. There are far greater variables at play that impact local infrastructure. 2. This is a compelling affordable housing project for 50 families within the community of Bowness.



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Please approve.



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Last name [required] Chan

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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It is imperative that the city council approves this project. I have interacted with many who have felt the effects of rising housing costs. This project gives the opportunity for many families facing homelessness to be housed in a safe and affordable environment. Those who fall into homelessness often never make it out of homelessness, this building gives people a chance to break the cycle of homelessness or even avoid entering the cycle of homelessness. I urge you to please consider the many lives that will be changed for the better with the approval of this building. Thank you.



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First name [required] Daniel

Last name [required] Lee

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I am writing to express my support for the proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW and to urge the city council to move forward in favor of preserving the well being of the families in our city by creating more opportunities for affordable housing. It is my firm belief that part of our commitment to truth and reconciliation and part of our commitment to serving the members of our city needs to be creating affordable places for people to live. Existing in Calgary should not be gate kept to the wealthy, and by doing so we solidify the prejudicial boundaries that divide, marginalize, and disenfranchise families living bellow the poverty line, which already disproportionately consists of minority groups in Canada. Growth in our city requires action, and action requires direction. It is my whole hearted belief that choosing to invest and commit to affordable housing in our city is a direction that promotes the wholistic well-being of all Calgarians, and therefore is the only logical and loving choice in this matter. Access to housing promotes better mental health, more stable family settings, and countless other benefits that only contribute to our city and our economy. I urge you to look towards equity and equality and move forward with the affordable housing project proposed for 6623 Bowness Road NorthWest.



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First name [required] Candace

Last name [required] Jackson

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In favour

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I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW. I strongly encourage city council to approve the proposed affordable housing development, as it is a vital step toward addressing Calgary's housing needs. It has become well known that rising costs of living and housing instability is affecting more and more people and Calgary has not been immune. This situation has uniquely impacted families and their ability to thrive. Stable housing improves education, mental health, and economic security while also positively impacting the community as a whole. Projects like this keep families in Calgary and mixed-use housing like the one proposed fosters diversity, belonging, and connection which we need more than ever.

Citizens and their representatives need to start looking at problems that exist and ask themselves how can we solve this as a community. How can we see those in need as our neighbours and not someone else's problem. We need to shift from the mindset of "not in my backyard" to "in my backyard" with pride.

Thank you



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First name [required] Adam

Last name [required] Corkett

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As a concerned citizen of Calgary, I wholeheartedly support the development of affordable housing at 6623 Bowness Road NW. This project is a vital step towards addressing the growing housing affordability crisis in our city.

By approving this project, City Council will be taking a significant step towards ensuring that all Calgarians, regardless of their income level, have access to safe, stable, and affordable housing. This development will not only provide much-needed housing for individuals and families in need but will also contribute to the overall health and well-being of our community.

Affordable housing is essential for a thriving city. It attracts and retains talent, boosts local economies, and reduces poverty and homelessness. By investing in affordable housing, we are investing in the future of our city.

I urge City Council to prioritize the needs of our most vulnerable citizens and approve this important project.



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I strongly encourage city council to approve the proposed affordable housing development, as it is a vital step toward addressing Calgary's housing needs. Affordable, stable housing is a basic human right, and is preventative care. Preventive care reduces financial burdens on supports within the city. However, it is also basic human decency. Families should be housed, and this should be prioritized higher than inconvenience or elitism within communities. In fact, stable housing, such as this project, does nothing but strengthen the community and adds more community members to contribute to the well-being of the neighborhood, as well as provides more ability for family members to secure stable employment, and contribute to the city as a whole. Beyond their financial potential, future residents should be looked upon as fellow humans deserving safety, shelter, dignity, and care.



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Last name [required] Beech

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As a resident of Calgary, I wholeheartedly support the development of more affordable housing in our community. The past four years have seen an incredible rise in the cost of living, particularly housing, which results in suffering, worry, and insecurity for those most vulnerable. I work with people who are experiencing mental health challenges and I observe firsthand how housing insecurity negatively impacts people's mental health. Affordable housing reduces stress, improves mental health, and builds resilience, allowing people to focus on things like their education, contributing to the economy through job stability, and giving back to their community. When housing is unstable, this impacts families' ability to thrive. Housing is a fundamental human right and basic need. This project will work towards creating these opportunities for families and provide safety for children. I strongly encourage city council to approve the proposed affordable housing development, as it is a vital step toward addressing Calgary's housing needs.



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One of the responsibilities of a compassionate society is to care for its most vulnerable. This is a measure of how we create support, a sense of belonging, and cohesion in our communities and in our Calgary. Every person, every neighbourhood, every City representative, has a role to play to ensure that every Calgarian is cared for, safe and living a life of dignity. This is why I support the land amendment in Bowness to create an affordable housing unit for 27 Calgary families. Trellis has shown itself to be highly effective at creating, and supporting, housing for Calgarians, having supported 493 families out of homelessness this past year. The research is clear, when we invest in providing dignity and safety through affordable housing solutions, there is a positive and correlating impact on reducing homelessness, improving physical and mental health, and increasing educational and employment opportunities. As an educator myself, I have firsthand experience of how creating stability positively impacts student learning, wellbeing and the future of our children. We must care for these, our most vulnerable Calgarians. Being safely housed is not an option, it is a human need and a human right. Each neighbourhood must play a role, there is no place for NIMBYism in Calgary. I urge each of our City Council to support the creation of this land amendment to provide affordable housing for 27 Calgary families. Thank you.



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First name [required] Sarah

Last name [required] Wood

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I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW. As a mental health therapist who works all around the city, I have had clients who experience significant housing insecurity who live in the community of Bowness, who I believe would be strongly benefited by this project going forward. One of my clients in this neighborhood lived in transitional housing in Bowness until the summer of 2024, when she lost her life to intimate partner violence in her home. Although her life was tragically cut short, I believe clients just like her could experience much more security, safety, and better outcomes if this project goes forward. Please approve the continuation of this project!



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First name [required] Jo-Anna

Last name [required] Ehgoetz

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"As a resident of Ward 1 I am in support of the proposed affordable housing build in Bowness spearheaded by Trellis. It is clear that there are a number of families in Bowness that are struggling to maintain housing, as well as other basic needs, and the opportunity to raise their children in secure and safe environments. This is an abomination in a vibrant city like Calgary. This project proposes generational change for 40 years and has longstanding impact to raise children in safe and secure environments. As a mental health therapist, I directly see the impacts of insecure housing manifest in anti-social and maladjustments which puts strain on systems and services. Affordable housing is low hanging fruit to prevent societal and individual issues in the future and create opportunities for children and families to thrive. Please consider this project."



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First name [required] Kristin

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In favour

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To Whom it May Concern: I am writing today to strongly encourage City Council to approve the proposed affordable housing development in Bowness. Affordable housing is crucial for our city's growth and health. Calgary's current housing situation/economy has plunged numerous families into instability and despair, and this new development in Bowness is something that can positively change a number of peoples' lives, saving them from homelessness and working against all the physical, social, and emotional threats that come with being unable to afford housing.

Please do what is right for your fellow human beings and their children.

Sincerely,

Kristin Duval



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As a resident of Calgary, I wholeheartedly support the development of more affordable housing in our community, including this important project. The number of people in Calgary who cannot afford to meet their basic needs, including meeting the foundational need for affordable housing continues to climb each day. Housing is a cornerstone for individuals and families to maintain a basic level of well-being, in addition to being a preventative support to decrease the load on the overall system, including shelters, health care, and other provincially funded services. It is the responsibility of the City of Calgary and the Province of Alberta to continue working to provide affordable housing options throughout the community. Individuals and families who become unhoused are at an increased risk for health challenges, mental health needs, addictions and the revolving cycle of generational trauma that will continue to impact and tax the services within the city. The proposed project aims to address and provide supports in a community that really needs it.



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I am the owner of 6615 Bowness Road NW and I am directly impacted by the proposed land use redesignation of 6623 Bowness Road as this property is directly adjacent to my own. I am firmly against the redesignation as it stands. The redesignation will reduce available playground and green space in the community, decrease property values of adjacent parcels and cause shadowing and parking issues.

If this proposed redesignation is to go ahead, mitigation measures need to be taken to address these concerns. These could include redesignation of additional parcels within the block to create parity for redevelopment, redrawing outdated legacy property lines, providing alternate park and children's play space.

This area should also be redesignated as MU-1 to be consistent with redevelopment goals along this stretch of Bowness Rd.

Not doing so is prejudicial to the property values of the parcel in relation to other parcels in the block





The odd shape of the rear property lines and utilities lines should be re-addressed

If larger developments are considered for redevelopment along this stretch this awkward T-shaped property line at the end of the alley is irrelevant as it would be developed over.

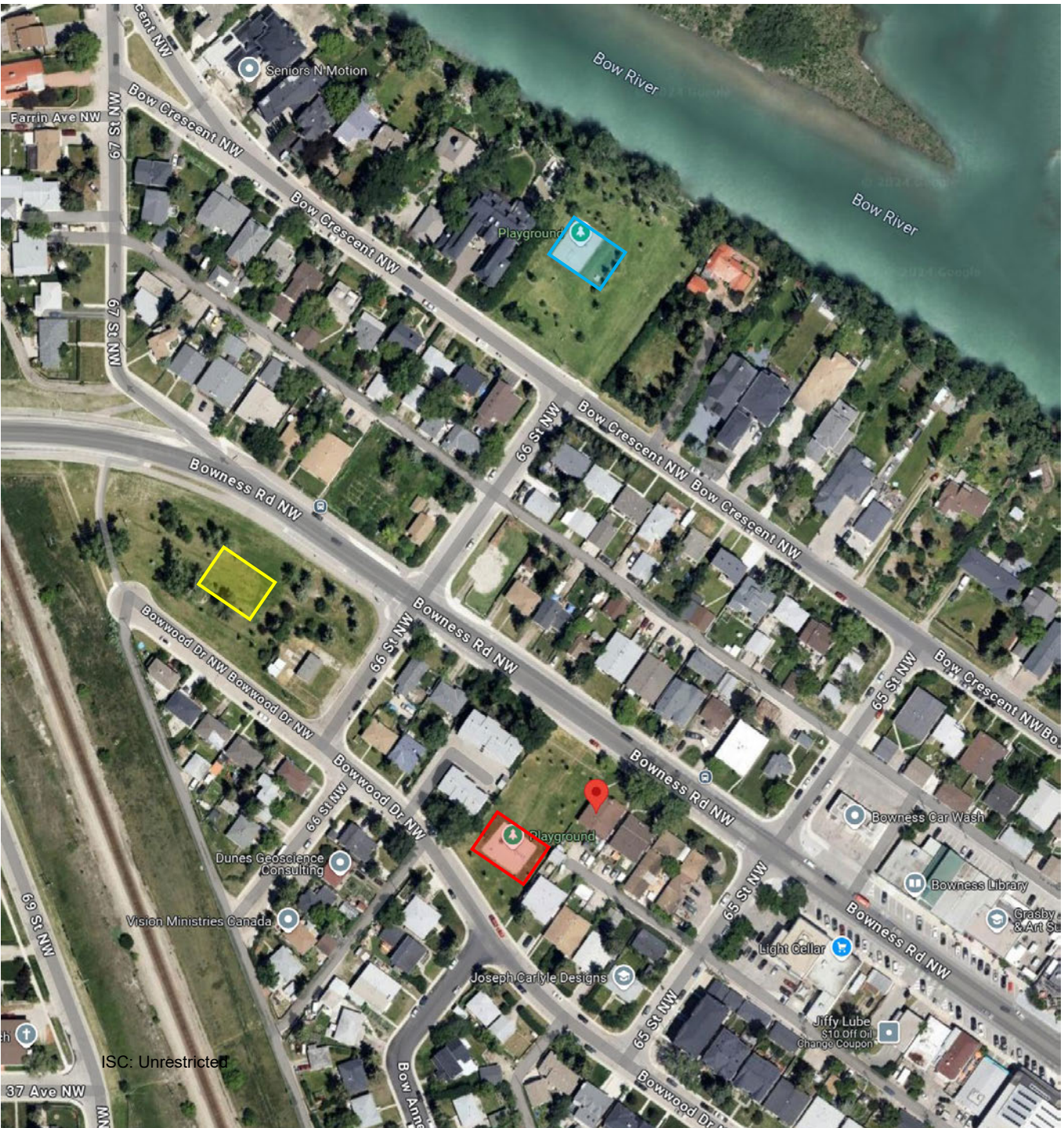
I believe these are legacy issues that were put in for utility issues that are no longer required. The property lines should be redrawn and squared off.

This will make redevelopment easier in the future

Not doing so is prejudicial in relation to other parcels in the block

The loss of the playground (red shaded) will be detrimental to the green space in the neighborhood and opportunities for children's play space. This is a major draw back of redevelopment.

To balance this loss a new park should be constructed in the yellow shaded region or the existing playground (blue shaded) should be expanded and upgraded along with river access





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First name [required] **Bianca**

Last name [required] **Salamanca**

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Bianca Salamanca
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Calgary, Alberta, [REDACTED]
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November 07, 2024

Councillor Dan McLean
Ward 13 councillor
Calgary Alberta

Dear Councillor McLean

Trellis affordable housing project in Bowness LOC2024-0196 6623 Bowness Road.

I hope that this letter finds you well. My name is Bianca Salamanca, and I am a resident of Calgary Alberta. I am writing you today to express my strong support for the proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW.

I have had the pleasure of being a social worker for almost 18 years, working with children, youth and families has been my passion. I have never seen the housing crisis to this extent and the high number of individuals and families needing affordable housing. Witnessing families living in tents, vehicles and trailers because the cost of housing is unreachable for many folks. I am seeing families falling through the cracks because their rent is unaffordable and have no where to go but shelters.

As your constituent I urge you to support Trellis with continuing their affordable housing project in Bowness, this would be a 50 unit building which could support many individuals and children. Trellis would be helping with increasing the availability of affordable housing for families, I believe we can make a difference if we all work together.

I appreciate your time and attention to this important crisis. Thank you for your service and dedication to our community. Please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED] if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Bianca Salamanca
RSW, BSW



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First name [required] Ken
Last name [required] Anderson

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park / Greenspace @ 6623 Bowness Road N.W.

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Current developments already started with in 4 blocks will have over 80 units where there used to be 8 homes. The last 3 years Bowness has already been overwhelmed with new multi family dwellings

On the East side of the railroad tracks there is already a lacking of green space / parks to start. with R.B. Bennet already slated for development there is a total of six greenspaces / Parks on the east side of the tracks. I personally witness numerous people using this park every day. Studies have shown over development and reduction of green space has a negative impact on society as a whole. (See attached)
Relocating the equipment wouldn't create new green space. They don't make dirt anymore. Where are the children and family's already being added to the neighborhood going to go to play?

This space is far too small for such a large development. The impact on the already densified area would be largely negative.

Traffic volumes in the area would increase. Getting in and out of the building would create its own chaos. The neighbourhood already has a shortage of parking and it is heavily strained by the businesses on Bowness road using the side streets for employee parking. The proposed plans have only 20 stalls for 50 apartments not acceptable at all.

The waste disposal is a concern due to the sheer amount that would be created. The odours and unsightliness it would create would be unacceptable. How and where would it be stored and get picked up?

Plans show commercial studios on ground floor with no clarity as to what types of business would be allowed to occupy these areas.

Added noise due to air handling units and other mechanical machinery as well as the added traffic and new residents to the Neighbourhood would largely be unwelcome.

My home is directly across Bowwood drive from this proposed site. My privacy would be gone. The windows and balconies would allow a line of site right into my windows and yard. The road outside my house will be filled with vehicles, It would completely destroy my view of the park and the river valley hill across the way.

The current water main problems in the Bow/Mont area have demonstrated how fragile our infrastructure is, adding all these extra homes will only strain it more. surely our waste water infrastructure is as old and under as much strain as well. How long until it fails?



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Bowness/Montgomery have taken a beating with densification redevelopment the last few years. We have done our part to help with the housing

Commentary

Climate change, health and green space co-benefits

Marianne Kingsley, MSc (1); EcoHealth Ontario (2)

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Abstract

We examined two of humanity's present-day challenges, climate change and chronic diseases, in relation to the co-benefits that green spaces provide to human health and the environment. The reduction of several chronic diseases and associated symptoms, including anxiety, obesity and cardiovascular disease, has been associated with the presence of and access to green space. Green spaces also contribute to a number of environmental health benefits and have been shown to reduce the likelihood of flooding, improve air quality and provide cooling and shade. These co-benefits address both the symptoms of several chronic diseases and associated risk factors along with the environmental and health impacts of climate change. This article explores how to maximize the co-benefits of green spaces through two examples of multi-sectoral collaborations. With these two examples, we have provided a model of collective collaboration that aims to address complex issues, such as climate change and chronic diseases, through the common intervention of green spaces.

Keywords: *chronic disease, green space, climate change, ecohealth, public health, co-benefits*

Introduction

Globally and locally, humanity is facing two very serious issues that are impacting human health: chronic diseases¹ and climate change.² Major chronic diseases, such as cancer, heart disease, and diabetes, cause 65% of all deaths in Canada each year.¹ The impacts of climate change are being felt throughout Canada, including an increased occurrence of extreme weather events, such as extreme heat, droughts, wildfires and floods.² The indirect impacts of climate change are also becoming evident by compounding public health issues and threatening gains in population health.^{3,4} While these impacts affect everyone, vulnerable populations are disproportionately burdened.⁵

Green spaces (Box 1) present a unique intervention that offers co-benefits to climate change mitigation, adaptation, and human health. The presence of and access to urban green spaces has been shown to

reduce the rate and impact of chronic diseases.^{6,7} At the same time, green spaces can also help mitigate and improve resilience to climate change and its impacts.⁸

As Box 2 shows, green spaces can promote physical activity, contribute to social interaction and cohesion, increase access to healthy food, and contribute to stress reduction and cognitive restoration.⁶⁻⁸ Green spaces also improve air quality, create shade, reduce outdoor air temperatures, and decrease the likelihood of flooding.⁹⁻¹¹

This article outlines current health challenges and climate change threats facing Canadians and how the co-benefits of green space provide a unique opportunity to help mitigate them. It also presents two collaborations, EcoHealth Ontario in Canada and Climate Change Parks in Scotland (United Kingdom), for tackling cross-cutting issues such as climate change, public health, and the environment

Highlights

- Major chronic diseases, such as cancer, heart disease and diabetes, cause 65% of all deaths in Canada each year.
- The impacts of climate change are being felt throughout the country, including increased occurrence of extreme heat, droughts and floods.
- Protecting, improving and increasing green spaces can help address both of these major issues.
- EcoHealth Ontario is an example of a multi-sectoral partnership that works together to achieve multiple public health, planning and conservation objectives.

by promoting green space as an effective and efficient climate change intervention.

Chronic disease and green space

There are four major chronic diseases and about twenty percent of Canadians live with at least one of them.¹ Cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and respiratory disease cause approximately 65% of all deaths in Canada.¹ Additionally, mental health disorders, including depression and anxiety, are the primary cause for workplace disability in Canada.¹ Moreover, 33% of direct health-care expenditures in Canada can be attributed to disorders of the circulatory and respiratory systems, musculoskeletal disorders and mental disorders alone.¹⁹ There are several risk factors associated with a person's risk of having a chronic disease, including level of physical activity, exposure to tobacco smoke and eating habits.¹ For example, 9 out of 10 Canadian children do not meet

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BOX 1**The term green space refers to a diverse range of spaces****What is green space?**

There are many types of green spaces, all of which can provide health and climate change mitigation and adaptation benefits. Green space describes what may be referred to as green infrastructure, natural spaces, open space, or engineered green spaces. There are diverse sizes, types and functions of green spaces, including:

- Public spaces such as parks, conservation areas, greenways, trails, urban and rural forests, street trees, community gardens, school grounds, shorelines and ravines; and
- Private and institutional spaces and infrastructure such as gardens, green roofs, green walls, cemeteries, golf courses, and other outdoor spaces.

the recommended level of physical activity.¹ However, these risk factors are modifiable and the presence of, and access to, greenspace can potentially reduce some risk factors leading to chronic diseases.⁷

There is a large body of evidence demonstrating the positive impacts of the presence of, and access to, green spaces on health.⁷ Studies suggest that the health benefits of green spaces are realized through various pathways (Box 2). Green spaces have a number of positive impacts on the urban environment which helps human health, including reducing noise, providing shade and cooling and reducing both the likelihood of flooding and air pollution.⁹⁻¹¹ In addition, green spaces can support and facilitate health and wellbeing by enabling stress alleviation and relaxation, physical activity, improved social interaction, and community cohesiveness.⁶⁻⁸ Health benefits associated with the presence of, and access to, greenspace include improved levels of mental health, physical fitness, cognitive and immune function, as well as lower mortality rates.^{12,13}

The health benefits of green space are particularly substantial in populations that experience health inequities.¹⁶ For example,

a study conducted in England found that for all-cause and circulatory disease mortality, income-related inequalities between the lowest and highest income deprivation groups were lower among those living in the most green areas compared to the least green areas.¹⁶

A similar finding was described in a Toronto study, which looked at tree density and self-reported health and cardio-metabolic conditions. It was found that the presence of trees could significantly improve health perception, comparable to living in a neighborhood with \$10 000 higher median income or being 7 years younger.²⁰

Green space can increase resilience to climate change

As Boxes 2 and 3 show, the presence of green spaces helps mitigate climate change and improve human health by reducing chronic disease risk factors. But green space also provides the co-benefits of improving resiliency and recovery from the impacts of climate change (Box 3).^{21,22}

An example of how the presence of, and access to, green space provides co-benefits is flooding. Flooding related to climate change is increasing and the presence of green spaces can reduce the likelihood of damage due to and extent of flooding. Green spaces such as parks, bio swales, rain gardens, engineered wetlands, and fields within the flood plain have the potential to temporarily store storm water and reduce run-off.² At the same time the presence of, and access to, green spaces has the potential to help reduce mental health symptoms, such as stress and anxiety,⁶ which can be exacerbated by experiencing a flood.²³ The Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation estimated that “three years after their home was flooded 48 per cent of respondents from flooded households were worried when it rained, compared to three percent of respondents from non-flooded households.”²³

Putting green space evidence into practice through multi-sectoral collaborations

Protecting, promoting and increasing green spaces can be beneficial to human health through: 1) reducing certain chronic diseases and associated risk factors; 2) helping to mitigate climate change impacts; and 3) contributing to increased resiliency

for recovering from climate change impacts.⁹⁻¹¹ These issues are being addressed by many different sectors, from public health officials, to urban planners, to conservationists. Protecting, promoting, and increasing green spaces then provides an intersection for a variety of sectors to come together, collaborate, and achieve greater action as a group. The umbrella of green spaces allows very different sectors to come together under one intervention and to maximize the co-benefits provided by green spaces. Two examples of these types of successful collaborations that promote green space are EcoHealth Ontario in Canada and Climate Change Parks in Scotland.

EcoHealth Ontario is a multi-sectoral, collaborative group that leverages mutually reinforcing activities under the vision that protecting, promoting, and increasing green spaces can be beneficial to human health. The collaboration has hosted several multi-sectoral workshops that allow planners, public health officials, conservationists, among others, to discuss methods, tools, and strategies that can help professionals put green space interventions into action. The collaboration also produces reports, toolkits, and education materials that focuses on promoting the ecological, health, and wellbeing benefits of greenspace, including climate change mitigation and adaptation and chronic disease reduction.

Another example of a multi-sectoral collaboration focusing on the co-benefits of green space is the pioneering ‘climate change parks’ being developed in Scotland. This initiative works by retrofitting existing urban green spaces to deliver climate change solutions.²⁴ It identifies how the various elements of a park can be modified to have a low carbon footprint and adapt to the weather impacts of climate change, such as providing flood management and shade, and to make the green spaces enjoyable in a variety of conditions.²⁴

Conclusion

Protecting, promoting, increasing, and improving green spaces is one intervention that provides several co-benefits to some of the major issues facing communities today. Focusing on green space provides a unique opportunity for groups to apply a single intervention with multiple benefits for multiple stakeholders. The

BOX 2
Co-benefits and modifiers of green space impacts on climate change and human health

Green space impact on health and environment

The presence of and access to green spaces have positive associations with factors related to the environment and human health⁶.

Green space associations with the environment ⁹⁻¹¹	Green space associations with human health and wellbeing ⁶⁻⁸
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality improvements • Reduction in urban heat island, shade provision • Flooding mitigation through storm water storage • Noise reduction • Provision of food 	<p>When people have access to local, neighbourhood green spaces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth outcomes are improved • Mortality from all causes is reduced • Level of obesity is reduced • Number of people with cardiovascular diseases is reduced • Symptoms of mental illness, including depression and anxiety are improved • Self-reported feelings of stress are reduced • Social cohesion is improved

Factors that impact the benefits that green spaces provide

Green space characteristics

- Availability and accessibility, e.g. location, distance from residence, quantity, size^{12,13}
- Aesthetic, e.g. landscaping, quality perception¹³
- Amenities/equipment, e.g. infrastructure, services¹⁴
- Maintenance, e.g. regularity of maintenance, garbage removal¹⁵

Green spaces that are near residences, accessible, and useable for a diversity of groups, and perceived as well maintained have been found to provide the greatest health impacts.⁷

Populations⁷

Vulnerable groups, including people living on low income, racialized groups, older adults, and children have been found to experience the most benefits from green space.¹⁶ In particular, the health of children has been shown to be positively impacted when well-maintained parks with playgrounds are in close proximity to their residence.¹⁷ The health of vulnerable groups has been shown to experience the benefits of green space even with fairly small increases in nearby green space density.¹⁸

BOX 3
Climate change impacts on human health and the accompanying green space co-benefit

Health impacts from climate change	Green space co-benefit/mitigation
Illness and premature death from exposure to extreme heat ^{2,5}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides shade¹¹ • Reduces heat island effect¹¹
Illness, stress and premature death from exposure to flooding ^{2,10}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces likelihood of flooding through decreased run-off²¹
Mental stress from the impacts of extreme weather ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces stress, anxiety and depression, common symptoms experienced after a flood²³
Food insecurity ⁵	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community gardens provide local food source⁷
Cardiovascular and respiratory illness due to degraded air quality ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve air quality⁹ • Lowers rate of cardiovascular disease⁸

benefits of green space provide an opportunity to both protect and promote these spaces, especially in urban centres.

It is imperative that governments, groups, organizations, and businesses work together towards a common goal, especially when addressing complex issues. Multi-sectoral collaboration is a valuable way to maximize the co-benefits provided by green space.

Working together to make green spaces a priority in communities and surrounding areas will help towards addressing the issues of chronic disease and climate change.

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Last name [required] Betzner

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LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW)

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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I am in support of the Trellis Development LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW) as an affordable housing option in the community of Bowness. I have a few concerns regarding parking for that many units and hope that appropriate studies will be conducted and not be too impactful on the neighbours. It would be appropriate for the park that will be lost on this site to be relocated within this area, such as the open land to west of the proposed site. It is understandable within the community of Bowness for neighbours to not want such a development as the history of large developments within and adjacent to Bowness have not had the community's best interest in their developments. There has been a history (particularly with previous City Councillors for this area) that we Bowness residents should just be quiet and allow whatever development to occur. It is refreshing that there is opposition and they are being given their chance to voice their concerns and hopefully they will be taken into consideration with whatever the outcome is.



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First name [required] Sandra

Last name [required] Clarkson

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The need for affordable housing in our city has never been greater and this project is critical in helping address the need, especially for families. Affordable housing projects should not be looked upon as a detriment to a community, but rather an asset that helps to bring diversity and support to communities. By saying no to affordable housing and supporting the NIMBY message, one is essentially saying YES, in my front yard for encampments and other signs of increasing homelessness in communities. Housing is the answer to issues of homelessness and by denying access to housing, communities are saying yes to an increase in visible homelessness and social disorder. I cannot think of a better use for an underutilized piece of land than to build affordable housing for families in desperate need for a new start, with the support of Trellis to ensure they are successful. Please vote in favour of this development as it will contribute to a vibrant community and play a part in addressing the affordable housing crisis we are experiencing in our city.



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I support Council's decision to have sold this parcel of land in Bowness to a non-market housing provider as part of the City's affordable housing strategy. I support Trellis in developing 50 units of affordable housing on this property to help with the shortage of affordable housing currently available.



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First name [required] Jon

Last name [required] Reeves

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Affordable housing is essential for creating vibrant, diverse, and inclusive communities. Trellis has a long track record of providing families and individuals with safe and stable housing, allowing them to contribute meaningfully to the local economy and community life. I support this initiative to invest in a stronger, more equitable future for our neighborhood!
Jon Reeves
Executive Director
Hull Services



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First name [required] karen

Last name [required] meades

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Housing is a basic human right and, as a member of this amazing city, I feel obligated to support this initiative.



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First name [required] Gary

Last name [required] Peddle

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Re: LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW)

Trellis has had a long history of assisting Calgary's most vulnerable citizens. Calgaryans face so many challenges in our communities, and we are grateful to journey with some whose barriers are the greatest so that they can flourish as individuals and as families. One of the primary issues we have set to address is the need for deeply affordable housing for families, endeavouring to create 250 permanent housing units by 2030. The Bowness project is the first of what we hope to be many opportunities to help with this much talked about challenge.

Trellis has been involved in the Bowness community for over fifty years and we feel our involvement has had positive impacts for all of the community members who have utilized those services. The Bowness project is just another way that we feel we can have an even more significant generational impact on the community and the citizens that we serve.

We would like to thank the City for all of their assistance and support as we have moved this project through the system. The importance of this initiative has also been amplified with \$7.0M in support from the Province of Alberta.

We feel that this project will help to ease the burden on many of our most vulnerable families, helping to create better community members with a better sense of belonging, a more engaged community and a more vibrant Calgary. This project can create generational change and we look forward to your support on December 3rd.

Respectfully submitted by,
Gary Peddle
Trellis Foundation Board Chairman



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First name [required] Gabriel

Last name [required] Chen

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In favour

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I support the proposed affordable housing project by Trellis in Bowness. I have lived in Calgary since 2005, 5 years in Connaught, 10 years in Victoria Park, and 5 years in East Village, always near buildings that included affordable or social housing. I have always felt safe, and in my professional & volunteer work, I see every day how people spiral if their housing is insecure, and conversely how they can stabilize and flourish when they have affordable, appropriate housing. I volunteer with Trellis Society, which has been a community resource in Bowness for many years. Trellis embarked on this project to ensure families already living in Bowness but struggling, as many are in this economy, could have safe homes within their budget. They deserve to stay in the neighbourhood where they have relationships & roots. The City can assess infrastructure for Bowness & Montgomery while giving these Bownesians a way to keep calling this place their home.



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Last name [required] Sorochan

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In favour

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Dear Members of the City Council,

We are writing on behalf of the Trellis Society Board of Directors to express our strong support for the proposed project to build affordable family housing at LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW). This initiative is not just aligned with Trellis' vision of a community where everyone flourishes, it is essential to addressing Calgary's urgent and growing need for affordable housing, particularly for families. Our goal is to create 250 units of affordable housing, with the first phase of 50 units planned for the Bowness site. Bowness is a community we have served for years, and this site provides an ideal place for families to gain housing stability and grow long-term resilience.

In recognition of the critical importance of this project, we have been fortunate to secure \$7 million from the Province of Alberta through the Ministry of Seniors, Community and Social Services. We are also deeply grateful for the support provided by the City of Calgary throughout this process, from facilitating the land sale in alignment with the Home is Here Strategy, to collaborating on community engagement and planning. At every stage, we have worked in good faith to meet the City's requests, including robust community engagement, thoughtful design adjustments, and a commitment to delivering a project that serves the needs of Calgary families. The December 3rd vote is a defining moment: approving our application for this project will reaffirm the City's dedication to solving Calgary's housing crisis with practical, community-focused solutions.

Your decision will play a pivotal role in families having access to stable housing and, in turn, building stronger, healthier futures. Please vote in favour of this project and help us take the next critical step toward creating a city where everyone has a place to call home.

Thank you for your leadership and support in making Calgary a community where families can flourish.

Sincerely,
Alisa Sorochan, on behalf of the Trellis Society Board of Directors
Chair of the Board



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First name [required] Ken
Last name [required] Lima-Coelho

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Nov 19, 2024

Calgary City Council
Calgary, AB

Regarding: LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW).

Dear Mayor Gondek and Calgary Councillors,

On behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Calgary and Area (BBBS), it is my honour to express our strong support for the Trellis Bowness Family Housing Project. As an organization committed to fostering positive mentoring relationships and empowering children and youth to reach their full potential, we are inspired by Trellis' vision to provide affordable, supportive housing for families in need.

The families this project will ultimately serve look a lot like the families we serve currently through our agency. Our data tells us 66% of the families we serve have a household income of \$50K or less. Our front-line staff often hear about the increasing pressures these families are facing on obtaining or keeping stable housing. The need is urgent and the time is now to approve well-considered projects, including what Trellis is proposing.

Our BBBS Calgary 10-Year Strategic Direction, Boost, prioritizes creating environments where children and families can thrive. Central to this is addressing the root causes of adversity, including housing insecurity, which can disrupt education, strain relationships, and hinder personal development. By offering 50 new affordable housing units alongside vital wrap-around services, the Trellis project aligns closely with our mission of building a resilient, equitable community.

The location and services planned for this initiative will provide families with stability and access to critical resources. Being situated near schools, public transportation, and the Trellis Bowness hub ensures that residents can benefit from childcare, parenting support, and cultural enrichment programs. These measures align with our belief that stable, secure housing is foundational to nurturing strong, supportive mentoring relationships also.

In Calgary, where affordable housing is a pressing need, this project exemplifies the collaborative spirit essential to overcoming systemic barriers. Just as BBBS invests in the potential of youth, Trellis' housing project invests in the broader community, fostering a cycle of growth and opportunity for generations to come.

We commend Trellis Society for its leadership in addressing Calgary's housing crisis and for its commitment to enhancing the well-being of families. BBBS is proud to stand alongside Trellis in



this vital effort, and we enthusiastically endorse this initiative as a significant step toward a brighter future for our city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Lima-Coelho". The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract.

Ken Lima-Coelho
President and CEO
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Calgary and Area

CC: Kourtney Penner, Councillor, Ward 11

CC: familyhome@growwithtrellis.ca



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Last name [required] Cox

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Since 1910, YW Calgary has been helping women and their families find safe, appropriate and affordable housing. Today, finding truly affordable housing continues to be one of the most challenging issues our clients identify. YW Calgary continues to support growing affordable housing options to make sure all Calgarians have opportunities to live dignified and autonomous lives.



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I have lived in Bowness for many years and have always felt that it is a place that supports people of all walks of life. Bowness is developing quickly and is at risk of gentrification. I support the Trellis building as part of the City's plan to provide more affordable housing, and also as a Bownesian. I think that Trellis affordable housing will help mitigate gentrification in the neighbourhood and is in fact in line with Bowness's neighbourhood vibe of community members helping one another. I love my neighbourhood and I look forward to welcoming more community members. The current playground is easy to move and that's not a big deal. I did meet some people who were strongly in opposition to the building and they were going door-to-door asking people for signatures. I did not sign and neither did most of my neighbours, because it feels like an agenda being pushed by a few angry people. In my impression, most Bownesians do not use the play structure in question and are fine with the building. I am not affiliated with Trellis, and I am writing this as a local Bownesian who supports having the building in my neighbourhood.



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I am incredibly supportive of the work that Trellis is doing in the community not only in Bowness but throughout the city. Affordable housing is a crisis in our city and Trellis has the proven track record to take on a project of this size and importance. The community of Bowness provides many amenities appropriate for families seeking a place to transition into self sufficiency. The schools have capacity, there is local infrastructure to accomodate new residents and proximity to services is ample. I am in complete support.



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Trellis has a long history of supporting Calgary's most vulnerable residents, especially those in Bowness. One of the key issues Trellis is tackling is the urgent need for deeply affordable housing for families. The goal is to establish 250 permanent housing units by 2030, with the Bowness project serving as the first of what we hope will be many meaningful steps toward addressing this critical need.

For over 50 years, Trellis has been part of the Bowness community, and has had a positive impact on its residents. The Bowness project represents an opportunity to create a deeper, lasting impact for generations to come, further strengthening the community and the lives of those we serve.

We want to express our gratitude to the City for their invaluable support in moving this project forward, as well as to the Province of Alberta for their generous \$7.0M contribution to this initiative.

This project has the potential to reduce the burden on many vulnerable families, fostering a stronger sense of belonging, a more engaged community, and a more vibrant Calgary. We believe it can create transformative, generational change, and we look forward to your support on December 3rd.



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I want this affordable housing program to succeed and reach fruition because so many people experince homelessness, everyone should have some place they can call home.



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First name [required] Nolan

Last name [required] Susan

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Trellis is an important part of our community, they support people who are in need of housing. Homelessness is a big problem, a problem that Trellis and its partner agencies commit themselves to. Without the city's help, Trellis and its partner agencies cannot support the people in need. The homeless population are people too, they need all the support they can get. Trellis lets all these people grow, and it gives them a chance to become something great! We all deserve a chance of opportunity, and a roof over our heads! Please fund Trellis and its partner agencies, we can make a difference! "Be the change you want to see in the World"



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I am writing today to express my opposition and concern as it relates to the notice of motion put forward on November 4 that would put a moratorium on all development in Bowness and Montgomery until at least June 2025. My opposition can be summarized as follows:

1) Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, & Belonging - As I fill out the required forms to submit this comment, it is not lost on me that one of the first items I am asked to consent to is a statement regarding the City of Calgary's commitment to "address racism and other forms of discrimination...eliminating barriers that impact the lives of Indigenous, Racialized, and other marginalized people." In the current housing climate in Calgary, I cannot think of a barrier more significant than having a safe place to raise your family in allowing marginalized people in our communities to thrive. My view is that this motion is in itself a barrier and a form of discrimination targeted directly at those in our city that need our support most at this time.

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2) Location - While I understand that this motion is currently targeted specifically at Bowness and Montgomery, I want to highlight the importance of the Bowness location specifically as it relates to Trellis' proposed development at 6623 Bowness Road NW. Trellis has been a cornerstone in the Bowness community for over half a decade through participation in various community initiatives and the Bowness Club located ~1km from this proposed location. A significant factor in Trellis' "secret sauce" to creating impactful and generational change is its approach in providing holistic wrap around services that support both the individual and their support network. The opportunity to build the proposed 50-unit building for parents and their children, with a multitude of services within walking distance to support the entire family creates an amplification effect for families and generations to come, which goes far beyond just a roof over their head.

3) Time - As Calgarians, we are all deeply aware of the housing crisis and there is nothing quite like the first snowfall of the year to humble me in the challenges many unhoused young people and families are currently facing. Simply put, delaying any further development until June 2025 at the earliest will cost lives and is not a luxury that we currently have in today's housing climate.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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As an organization that seeks to realize the power of human connection, Kindred fully supports the development of affordable housing in Calgary. Kindred provides services to vulnerable pregnant and parenting people, as well as counselling resources across our wonderful city. Housing, and the lack of affordable housing, is more and more becoming a barrier to the well-being of the people we serve. As Trellis states, "A home is the foundation that every family needs to succeed as it provides the foundation to grow from and achieve your dreams". We hope this project goes forward and provides additional affordable housing in our community. Thank you.



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I support Trellis and their development of this project.



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On behalf of McMan Calgary & Area, we wholeheartedly support Trellis's proposed affordable housing project in Bowness. At McMan, we witness firsthand the devastating impact of Calgary's housing crisis on families and individuals. The need for affordable, safe, and supportive housing has never been more critical. With over 27 families already seeking urgent housing assistance through the Bowness Hub, the addition of 50 affordable housing units will be a transformative step in addressing this growing need and ensuring that families in our community have a stable foundation from which to thrive.

Affordable housing is more than a roof over one's head—it is a cornerstone of health, safety, and opportunity. Projects like this one do not just provide shelter; they create pathways to stability, foster community connections, and help break the cycle of poverty.

We commend Trellis for their commitment to this vision and encourage City Council to recognize the essential role this building will play in addressing Calgary's housing challenges. Housing is a human right, and projects like this move us closer to a city where all individuals and families have the opportunity to succeed.



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I'm in favor of Trellis being provided the opportunity to create affordable housing opportunities to Calgarians. Specifically, to the 6623 Bowness Road application, I'm in favor of the concept. The only challenge I have is to the size/scale of the project. It would create a significantly larger building than anything else on main street Bowness. I'm wondering if there would an opportunity to find multiple smaller development opportunities versus the one large opportunity in Bowness. I think it is important to align any/all development within Bowness to the standards that allow Bowness to maintain its sense of community. In that respect, I would hope that both the The Planning and Development Committee (P&DC) of the Bowness Community Association and The Mainstreet Bowness Business Improvement Area (BIA) have both provided their approvals. If they have approved, then I approve.



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First name [required]	Jackie
Last name [required]	Stebanuk
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What meeting do you wish to comment on? [required]	Standing Policy Committee on Community Development
Date of meeting [required]	Dec 3, 2024
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[required] - max 75 characters	Development on 6623Bowness NW
Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In opposition



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I will be speaking on the behalf of the playground and green space.



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Last name [required] Shaw

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Date of meeting [required] Nov 26, 2024

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The proposed development of 50 housing units by Trellis should be allowed to proceed. There are many who are painting this as a mental health and addictions center, which it is not. Their signs, messages and arguments are not rooted in a fact based understanding of the roots of homelessness. This project is designed to offer affordable housing to folks who access services through Trellis. Some of the intended tenants may have these issues but mental health and addiction challenges are not isolated to unhoused or underhoused individuals. They happen everywhere and to assume that this development and its intended tenants will make the area unsafe by "bringing their baggage" to the area is inaccurate, misleading and frankly, offensive. As a Bowness resident, most days we see the impacts of poverty and homelessness. I have witnessed families walking down the street with suitcases looking for a place to settle for the night. The summer finds Bowmont park filling up with tents. Some of these encampments have children.

This building will give families, often single parent families a place to find comfort, stability and safety for their child. I would suggest that these things are more vital for children than having a playground outside their door.

Bowness is also a community rich with greenspace. There is no shortage of places for children to play and it is my understanding that a greenspace approx. a block away will have a playground added.

This is also a very diverse community which is one of its core strengths. If there was ever a place in this city where we could and should be welcoming families of all kinds it should be Bowness.

Bowness is full of small homes coming out and \$900K semi attached infills going in. These developments can have a marginal trickle effect on affordable housing as people move, vacate cheaper rentals and buy property. But these units are unaffordable for so many Calgarians. The Trellis development will have a direct and lasting impact on the lives of many families and it won't be a trickle effect or take a long time. We need to stop the NIMBY attitude of a few from poisoning the true spirit of Bowness. Let's get the Trellis development built and give much needed hope and a home to people who really need support; especially children.



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Last name [required] Telfer

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At Carya, we believe that safe and stable housing is a fundamental right and a vital foundation for building strong families and resilient communities. We are proud to write in support of Trellis' Bowness Housing Project, an initiative that will provide affordable housing to families in need in the Bowness area.

Housing is a critical determinant of physical and mental health across the lifespan. Through our own work, we see how unstable living conditions impact mental health, family dynamics, and community well-being. Affordable housing is a key solution to these challenges, reducing the stress and instability associated with poverty and enabling families to thrive.

Initiatives like the Bowness Housing Project are essential in addressing these systemic issues, offering practical solutions to improve living conditions while empowering families with the support they need to succeed.

We are confident that this project will have a lasting, positive impact on the community, and we encourage others to join us in supporting this important initiative.

*Paula Telfer,
Chief Executive Officer, Carya*



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First name [required] Anita

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As a person who has lived in Calgary for over 40 years, who has worked at numerous charities over the past decade, I urge you to vote in favour of the Trellis Bowness project.

Families, especially those that are larger and multi-generational, are in dire need of housing that is appropriate, dignified, and affordable. The Bowness community is well resourced to work with these families, and Trellis is well-positioned as they have already been a trusted partner in the community for decades. Calgary's housing crisis continues to put families at risk, resulting in more and more children experiencing the trauma of homelessness and there is no time to waste.



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Last name [required] Maclsaac

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Dear Mayor Gondek and Members of City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Family Affordable Housing initiative at 6623 Bowness Road NW (LOC2024-0196). As someone deeply passionate and involved in the fight to end family homelessness, I witness every day the critical need for affordable housing in Calgary.

World-class cities take care of their people, and affordable housing is the foundation for thriving families and communities. When families have a safe, stable place to call home, they have the opportunity to build brighter futures, and our entire city benefits.

Right now, too many families are falling through the cracks. The lack of affordable housing means longer stays in emergency shelters, extended waitlists, and significant barriers to stability. This project represents hope—a lifeline to provide children and their parents with the stability, safety, and dignity they deserve.

Prioritizing the greater good means ensuring that no child in Calgary experiences homelessness. Turning our backs on vulnerable children and families is not an option. This project is an opportunity to demonstrate our collective commitment to building a compassionate, inclusive city where every family has the chance to thrive.

This project reflects thoughtful planning, meaningful community engagement, and a vision to address one of Calgary's most pressing challenges.

I urge you to vote in favour of this initiative. Supporting this project is not only a step toward solving the housing crisis but also a reflection of Calgary's commitment to building a more equitable, compassionate, and thriving city for generations to come.

Thank you for your leadership and for prioritizing the well-being of Calgary's families.

Sincerely,
Emma Maclsaac



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I have had the privilege of working as a social worker in Calgary over the last 10 years and have witnessed an increase in need for affordable housing, accessible community supports and growth in inclusivity in our communities. The increase in inflation, coupled with rising housing costs and lack of affordable basic needs has left families resorting to living in their cars, unsafe housing or on the streets. While many families have attempted to access shelter space or affordable housing programs, the need is higher than the number of spaces available and many families end up falling through the cracks.

While at its core this project will provide affordable housing for at least 50 families in Bowness, it will also create opportunities for increased diversity and social connection within the community, improved mental health and wellbeing for families and supports economic participation and growth within Bowness. I encourage you to look at the extended benefits to the community that this housing project will provide, in addition to supporting with the immediate housing crisis.

As your constituent I urge you to support Trellis with this affordable housing project as it will benefit families and the community. I appreciate your time and attention to the current housing crisis and needs of residents.



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Dear Councillors,

I have been working in the affordable housing sector for more than 25 years.

Calgary is experiencing an affordable housing crisis. We need strong local organizations developing and operating units for vulnerable households.

Trellis is an outstanding organization with a world-class reputation. As Calgarians, we are very fortunate to have them engaged on this issue.

Please approve this proposal and support Trellis in addressing our affordable housing challenges.

Regards,

Nick Falvo, PhD
Research Consultant



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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In opposition



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Dear Councillor Wong,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Teri Buckley, and I'm writing as a supporter of Trellis Society's proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW (LOC2024-0196).

This development presents an incredible opportunity to address pressing housing needs in our community. The project will provide 50 units of affordable housing, creating homes for 125 people, and is fully aligned with Calgary's affordable housing strategy to increase the availability of safe, stable housing for those who need it most. Trellis has thoughtfully designed this initiative to serve families in need while promoting sustainable and inclusive growth.

With support from the province, including \$7M in funding, this initiative is poised to bring meaningful change to Bowness by creating housing solutions that promote stability and opportunity. I'd also like to highlight that the City's initial vocal and policy support for affordable housing was instrumental in enabling a \$400,000 investment to date into this site by a charitable organization committed to supporting underserved Calgarians. If this project is not approved, that investment—and the vision for this critical initiative—could be put at risk.

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I kindly urge you to consider the significant benefits this project offers and advocate for its approval when the matter is brought before City Council on December 3rd.

Additionally, if there are opportunities for me to further contribute as a community member in advocating for this project, I would be happy to help.

Thank you for your time and for your continued commitment to our city.

Sincerely,

Teri Buckley



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Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta would like to express our support for the Trellis development at 6623 Bowness Road NW.

The City of Calgary has taken action to address the need for more housing of all types. It was bold in approving a multi year Housing Affordability Strategy and took quick action in a follow on non-market affordable housing incentive program.

Through a competitive process the City identified that the Trellis build was one of the most needed and robust development proposals.

As a community, we are fortunate that a strong organization like Trellis has stepped forward to lead a development of this kind. As we understand it, federal, provincial and municipal funding have all been promised based on the need for housing in the community and the track record Trellis has for delivering successful programs.

We hope that the City will support the land use amendment that will allow this development to proceed.

Habitat for Humanity has built a number of homes for working families in the community of Bowness. It is a wonderful community and the families we have supported there are thriving. We would like that experience for the families that Trellis is striving to serve as well.

Gerrad Oishi (He/Him)
President & CEO
Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta



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Affordable housing shouldn't even be a question.



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I am commenting to add my support to the need for affordable housing and that the afore mentioned project is a significant and critical infrastructure improvement to help families who are unable to find affordable housing. This is a stated key initiative for the City of Calgary and to reject this project would be in direct contradiction to that stated goal.



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I write in support of the Trellis affordable housing project on Bowness Road, on the site which has been temporarily used as a tot lot. This is a prime development site facing busy Bowness Road, and located between other multi-family buildings. Given the current housing affordability and availability crisis in Calgary and across Canada, a project proposing fifty housing units that are adaptable to different family sizes and styles has a high use value, and will contribute to the density and diversity of the community. I believe in the principles of the Housing First movement, which argues that getting a roof over people's heads is the most important step on their journey to self-reliance.

Meanwhile, the temporary tot lot and otherwise unused patch of grass has low use value. I have lived in Bowness for 18 years, and fairly close to the site in question for the last 8 of those years, and I have almost never seen the tot lot or larger site in use. Bowness is over-supplied with underachieving green spaces, many of which incorporate tot lots.

Moreover, there is already a nicer park space with better playground equipment 1.5 blocks to the northwest on a Bow Crescent site that slopes down to the Bow River. In addition, Trellis has offered to replace the tot lot on a different site barely one block to the west, an un-developable site which has better access for children due to the adjacent off-street bike path and flashing pedestrian crossing of Bowness Road. This seems like an excellent opportunity to get a proper, well-designed, destination playground for neighbourhood children that pays attention to contemporary concerns for accessibility, natural materials, variety of ages and activities, and so on—that is, a playground that is not just a few tot lot structures ordered from a catalogue.



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I've been a resident of Calgary for 22 years. In that time, I've seen some shifts in the city. I see more unhoused people farther from downtown, seeking donations at businesses and on the street. I've seen women and mothers standing in busy roads, trying to seek support. I work in the social service sector, so I know that there are a wealth of services available - and I've worked in family homelessness for fifteen years, so I know that housing affordability is at a critical low, and families are often hit hard, denied tenancy in single-room shared accommodations, or unable to live in a suite because their children have behavioural difficulties that mean they are noisy or inappropriate, and a neighbour's complaint can put the family back on the street. Affordable, accessible, welcoming housing should be available in every area of our city, not exclusively in any particular area of the city - but no area of the city should be afraid to have affordable housing as part of their community. For the residents of Bowness who have fears about who their new neighbours may be if this building moves forward: They are already your neighbours. They live in substandard units or predatory rooming situations, they live in overcrowded conditions with friends and neighbours, or they survive in market housing, bouncing from home to shelter to home when temporary supports can't clear their rental arrears. This building will give them the opportunity to have what housing is supposed to provide: security, stability, and a place to put down roots and grow, so that they and their children can develop and bank the resources they need - education, a sense of belonging, work experience, income, and hope for the future - to survive and thrive as economic conditions in our city ebb and flow. Housing addresses a need today, and the needs of future generations. I hope you will vote to let this development move forward.



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[required] - max 75 characters Proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW.

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Supporting Families and Community Stability

- Stable housing improves education, mental health, and economic security.
- Families with housing contribute more to businesses, schools, and safety

It is time for Calgary to create some change, and to show that they care about the families that live in this city. The proposed housing project would take place in an abandoned park, which is no longer in use. Some may argue that they use this park space, and if this is true, how would park use constitute as more important than affordable housing to families who need support?

I strongly encourage city council to approve the proposed affordable housing development, as it is a vital step toward addressing Calgary's housing needs.



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Bowness has long needed more housing developments like this! I am in total favour of it.



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We're living in a housing crisis right now and we need to provide affordable housing to those most vulnerable. Getting rid of the housing project wont get rid of the issue, we will still see it in the community and across the city. I support this project.



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I am born and raised in Calgary and support this!



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As a fire fighter and paramedic that has served the Calgary community for over a decade, I am in full support of the Bowness affordable housing project. Too often I have responded to calls that are the result of insufficient housing, houselessness and insecure homes. For a city as wealthy as Calgary, this is unacceptable. Housing is a social determinant of health, that is an easy win for Calgary to give children the opportunity to not have to access emergency services in the future.

As a resident of Ward 1, I will look forward to having a reputable option for struggling families to raise their children in safe and secure housing. I hope council will vote in favour of creating a viable affordable option in the Bowness project.



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I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW. This development is not only essential for addressing Calgary's current housing crisis but also represents a significant opportunity to improve the overall well-being of our community.

As the cost of living continues to rise, affordable housing becomes increasingly vital, especially for families with children. Housing instability places undue stress on families, making it harder for them to thrive and reach their full potential. Without access to stable, affordable homes, many families struggle with education, mental health, and economic stability—factors that are crucial for a flourishing society.

Stable housing has far-reaching benefits, particularly in terms of education and mental health. When families have secure housing, they are better able to focus on their children's education, leading to improved academic outcomes. Furthermore, stable housing has been shown to reduce stress and improve mental health, fostering stronger families and communities. Families who are securely housed are also better positioned to contribute to the local economy, supporting businesses, schools, and community safety.

The development at 6623 Bowness Road NW will play a crucial role in supporting Calgary's economic and social stability and the housing projects such as this one promote diversity and inclusion, helping to create a more connected and supportive community where everyone has a place to belong.

Affordable housing also alleviates pressure on our city's emergency services and shelters. By reducing homelessness and housing insecurity, we allow resources to be directed where they are needed most.

Finally, developments like the one proposed for 6623 Bowness Road NW can have a positive impact on community health and well-being. When people have access to affordable housing, their stress levels decrease, and their resilience increases. This, in turn, encourages community partnerships, engagement, and collective action to address other social challenges.

In conclusion, I strongly support this project as it will not only provide much-needed affordable housing for families but also strengthen the stability, health, and prosperity of our community. It will play a key role in building a more inclusive, resilient, and thriving Calgary for all.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW in Calgary. This development is a vital initiative to address our city's growing housing needs and foster a thriving, inclusive community. Rising housing costs have made affordable housing critical for families, ensuring stability that benefits education, mental health, and economic security. Projects like this not only support Calgary's families but also contribute to local businesses, schools, and community safety.

Affordable housing developments reduce pressure on emergency services, promote economic growth, and encourage diversity and belonging. They strengthen community partnerships and improve overall health and resilience. Approving this project is a key step toward creating a more inclusive and sustainable Calgary where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. I urge city council to approve this development to meet the pressing housing needs in our city and build a stronger future for all residents.



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I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW. Everyone deserves housing.



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I am a resident of Bowness, having lived here for the last 15 years, as both a renter and a home owner. And I am in support of continuing to place affordable housing initiatives in this great neighbourhood. Bowness has long held a mix of high-to-low income residents, and is able to continue this tradition. Yes, in my neighbourhood!

While I can appreciate and understand the hesitation for neighbours of this development to lose the green space and open space that this lot currently provides, certainly housing 50 families can be considered of higher importance. Housing is a human right, and affordable housing is currently impossible to find. Bowness is a neighbourhood wealthy in green space, with many parks and playgrounds available throughout.

One of the statements that has been made against this development, has been about the playground, and certainly it will be missed by some. For 7 years I lived within one block of this particular park and playground. During that time my children and I frequented this playground 2-3times total, always preferring to walk to other playgrounds in very close proximity which held better play opportunities. And as Trellis has clearly communicated they intend to provide funding for a new play structure within half a block.

Trellis has a strong track record of supporting Calgarians, and will certainly continue to do so in this facility, as they house families, many of whom they are already working with. I support Trellis building affordable housing in this lot, supporting current and future Bownesians. I would hope to see a plan for adequate parking for such a building.



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My name is Morgan, and I'm an 18-year-old university student living in Calgary. I'm writing to express my strong support for the proposed affordable housing development at 6623 Bowness Road NW (LOC2024-0196). Affordable housing is a growing concern for so many Calgarians, and for young people like me, it feels especially urgent as we try to navigate an uncertain future.

The cost of living in Calgary has been rising so quickly that it's hard not to feel overwhelmed. The living wage in Calgary is now \$24.45 an hour, reflecting the reality of what it takes to meet basic needs, but the minimum wage remains \$15 an hour. This gap leaves many people struggling to afford rent, utilities, and everyday necessities, even if they're working full-time. For students like me, this discrepancy feels especially daunting as we think about what life after school will look like.

Many of my friends are in the same position—working hard to build a better future but wondering if we'll ever be able to live independently. The idea of buying a home seems completely out of reach, and even renting in Calgary's current market feels unattainable. It's hard to feel optimistic when housing, a basic necessity, is so far out of reach for so many of us.

I also recognize how fortunate I am to have a supportive family to rely on if I need help. Not everyone has that. I have friends who face these challenges alone, without a financial safety net or other resources to help them. For them, affordable housing isn't just a priority—it's a necessity. Without developments like this one, they're left with very few options, which can leave them feeling stuck and hopeless.

This project has the potential to make a real difference, not just for young people but for families, seniors, and anyone struggling with Calgary's rising costs. Affordable housing offers stability, security, and a chance for people to build a better future. It strengthens communities, improves mental well-being, and fosters a sense of belonging for everyone involved.

I urge you to support this motion and help show that Calgary is a city that cares about its residents and invests in their future. Thank you for considering this important issue and for all the work you do to make our communities stronger.



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I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW. This development is a vital step toward addressing Calgary's housing crisis and creating a city where families can thrive and feel secure.

I have have lived in Calgary for over 40 years. I believe in the strength and resilience of Calgarians—that we can build a stronger culture and make Calgary an even better place to live when we come together to support one another.

As a single parent raising a daughter who is working hard in university, I see firsthand how rising housing costs are impacting young people. Despite her dedication to her education and future career, she often worries about whether she'll ever be able to afford to live on her own. The thought of her struggling to afford basic stability, even as she works hard to build her life, is heartbreaking and deeply concerning.

I also see the impact on my father, a senior living on a fixed income. While he has been fortunate to maintain his in



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First name [required] Randy

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My name is Randy Hick, and I am a senior citizen living on a fixed income in Calgary. I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed housing development at 6623 Bowness Road NW (LOC2024-0196). As someone who has seen Calgary grow and change over the years, I am deeply concerned about the affordability challenges our city is facing and the impact they have on families like mine.

Living on a fixed income, I have had to carefully manage my expenses to maintain my independence. While I am fortunate to have some financial stability, the rising costs of housing, utilities, and everyday necessities are a constant source of worry. I can only imagine how much harder it must be for younger generations, like my children and grandchildren, who are facing a future where housing seems increasingly unattainable. Although my children were able to purchase homes, the constant rise in living expenses has made it increasingly difficult for them. From mortgage payments and property taxes to utilities and groceries, they are stretched thin trying to balance everything. My grandchildren, who are just starting their adult lives, face even greater uncertainty about whether they will ever be able to afford to buy or even rent homes of their own. It's hard to feel optimistic about their futures with the cost of everything increasing so rapidly.

This is why I believe developments like the one proposed at 6623 Bowness Road NW are so important. Affordable housing provides stability and hope, not just for individuals and families today, but for future generations. It offers people a chance to focus on building their lives without being overwhelmed by financial stress.

I hope you will vote in favor of this development and continue to advocate for policies and projects that address the affordability crisis in Calgary. Thank you for your leadership and for taking the time to consider the needs of seniors, families, and young people alike.

Sincerely,
Randy



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In favour



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I'm writing to express my strong support for the affordable housing project proposed by Trellis. With Calgary in the midst of an affordability crisis and housing costs continuing to rise, this project offers a critical solution by creating 50 affordable housing units for families. Trellis has designed the building thoughtfully to align with Permitting and Bylaws, and their robust community engagement has shown a genuine effort to address neighbors' concerns. In fact, they've voluntarily reduced the height to five stories, even though six would have been allowed, as a gesture of consideration.

Many concerns raised about the project stem from misconceptions, particularly around the purpose of the building. Affordable housing is often unfairly linked with mental health and addiction services, but Trellis has been clear: this is a residential building for families needing affordable housing. These include single parents and multi-generational households facing tough choices between rent and groceries due to rising rents. These families are resilient, courageous, and simply seeking safe, stable homes for their children.

It's also important to dispel myths about this development. This is not a for-profit project or "million-dollar homes." It's permanently affordable rental housing, designed for families, including options for multi-generational living. These families are already part of our community, though often unseen, and this project offers them a chance to thrive.

Homelessness touches everyone, and the need is urgent—350 people access Calgary shelters each month for the first time. Many Calgarians are just one unexpected event away from similar challenges. By providing stable housing and support, Trellis and other nonprofits make Calgary safer and stronger.

As a resident of Bowness, I understand concerns about overdevelopment - on every street in Bowness, landlords and developers are profiting from tearing down small homes and building multi-unit residential complexes that are not affordable for the majority of Calgarians. However, I see this project as different. Unlike for-profit developments prioritizing density over community, Trellis is addressing a genuine need. Their approach considers the community's character and infrastructure while focusing on those most in need.

There's also been concern about the loss of a park on the site. However, the current playground is outdated, and Trellis has committed to working with the city to create a new, safe, and accessible park nearby, improving recreational options for local families.

This project will bring new families and children into our community, preserving Bowness as an inclusive neighborhood where everyone can afford to live. Trellis has a long history of serving Calgary families, and their leadership on this project is an incredible opportunity for our city.

I urge City Council to approve this project without delay. With construction ready to start this Spring (2025), we can't afford to wait. Calgary needs 2,000-2,500 new affordable units annually to meet demand, and this project is a crucial step toward that goal.

Let's work together to support this development and ensure that all Calgarians have a place to call home.



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BPAC & Bowcroft School Council
Bowcroft Elementary School
3940 73 St NW
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Ph: 403-589-1132
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November 20, 2024

Councillor Sonya Sharp
Office of the Councillors
The City of Calgary
PO Box 2100 Station M, #8001B
Calgary, AB T2P 2M5
email: ward1@calgary.ca

RE: Trellis Society Affordable Family Residence LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW).

Dear Councillor Sharp,

As School Council and BPAC Chair, as well as a parent with children attending the historic Bowcroft Elementary School, and on behalf of the nearly 200 families of the 360+ students attending the school in the community of Bowness, please accept this letter as feedback from our school population in support of the proposed Trellis Affordable Housing Project at 6623 Bowness Road NW. It has recently come to our attention that this proposed project is under scrutiny by a small group of vocal community members who have created misinformation within the community about the project. We have reviewed the information available, explored the key issues, including infrastructure capacity, current land use and proposed revised land use, parking and overall community development and have unanimously concluded that this development is a critically necessary addition to the community.

For the last 72 years our school has been home to a wonderful and unique mix of programs, teachers, administrators, students and extended families that support them. Approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ of the school population attend the community program and $\frac{1}{3}$ of the students attend the City's only German Bilingual Program, with students attending from within and outside Bowness. We all have a special connection to the community. Our school population is representative of the community and has families from all walks of life, including make-up, heritage, ethnicities, vocations, languages and incomes. Unfortunately, some of our children and their families are struggling financially and require support from the community. We focus a significant amount of our time and resources as a parent council ensuring that all our students are able to attend a fulfilling and supportive school and sometimes this includes financial support. We believe that every member of our community belongs here and should have access to a quality education, a home for their family and healthy food to fuel their growth and success.

We know the community is undergoing significant redevelopment and that there are mixed views on the way this should happen. However, the very basis of any community change should ensure that families who call that community home should be able to continue to call that community home, providing a stable base for their families to grow, learn and flourish. Therefore, affordable housing must be a part of the community as it always has been - even back to the 1980's when Bowness was at its peak population. This development helps ensure the vibrancy of Bowness continues now and into the future, and will keep the Bowcroft School community brimming with pride for the next 72 years. We are always open to meet to discuss this and we will do our utmost to attend the December 3rd Council Hearing to speak in favour of this project.

On behalf of the parents and students of Bowcroft and their families,

Councillor Sonya Sharp
November 20, 2024
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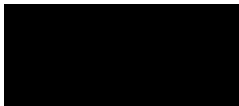
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This letter has been executed electronically and in counterpart by all members of the BPAC Executive Committee on the 23rd day of November, 2024.

CC. Madam Mayor Gondek, Fr. Meike Thomsen, Hon. Demetrios Nicolaides, Angela Clarke, familyhome@growwithtrellis.ca,



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November 25, 2024

Affordable Housing in Calgary

Re: LOC 2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW)

Dear City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed affordable housing at 6623 Bowness Road NW because housing instability negatively impacts family's ability to thrive.

I believe having a stable home improves education, mental health, economic security for families.

I believe projects like this one in Bowness will keep families in Calgary and support economic participation. In addition, I believe affordable housing alleviates pressure on emergency services and shelters. I also believe that affordable housing reduces stress, improves mental health, and builds resilience.

As a former refugee, I know that having no home could cause mental health problems, developmental concerns for children and high rate of crimes in the community.

I believe a human rights approach to solving this community crisis is sorely needed in Calgary. I believe we can do this by building more affordable housing projects like that one proposed by Trellis in Bowness. I believe we can find solutions to homelessness that many families are experiencing in Calgary.

Best regards,

Ogden, Calgary



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Hi there, I am writing today to inform city council of my complete and absolute support of the proposed affordable housing development at 6623 Bowness Road NW. Having affordable housing in this city is an absolute NEED. We are in a housing crisis, and a recession. No matter who you are, you should not be going bankrupt solely to pay your rent. We cannot have these individuals, or families face living on the street in our climate because they cannot afford our ridiculous housing costs. I believe this development is an incredibly important first step to securing affordable housing for our residents. Our city is blessed with endless acres of green space available for all. It pains me to think those in opposition of this development value a patch of rarely used grass more than other human beings right to shelter.



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This are my thoughts (and feelings) on the topic LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW): Calgary Homeless Foundation provided a point-in-time homeless count (<https://www.calgaryhomeless.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/CHF-PiT-Count-Report-INFO2022.pdf>) in Calgary in 2022 and it broke my heart to see that the highest percentage on reasons for loosing a house was "not enough income" (28%). Further, 29% of homeless individuals and household members were not sheltered. If the city government is unable to provide shelter for those who are in need, which is more than one-fourth of the entire homeless population, clearly, someone (an individual or an agency whose mission is not for profit) needs to step up to help mitigate the situation. Let us allow those who want to help by approving this building. If we are fighting for a beautiful Calgary, a place where people decide to live in because it is peaceful and allows people to thrive and be the best they can be, we have to let go of our short term ideas of what a beautiful place looks like. Let's make it happen.



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United Way of Calgary and Area (United Way) is dedicated to creating lasting social change by addressing critical challenges that impact the well-being of Calgarians. In 2023, our partnerships and investments positively impacted more than 223,000 individuals, focusing on areas such as mental health, socioeconomic well-being, and community inclusion—areas increasingly affected by Calgary's growing housing and affordability crisis.

Calgary's affordability and housing crisis affects us all. The Calgary Foundation's 2024 Quality of Life report shares that 28% of Calgarians are stressed about housing and 80% of renters had a rental increase in 2024. In addition, 47% of Albertans are \$200 away from failing to meet their financial obligations (MNP Consumer Debt Index/July 2024). Financial stress like this can profoundly impact mental health, relationships, and an individual's ability to participate in their community.

United Way commends the City of Calgary's leadership, and its Home is Here strategy for tackling this urgent issue. Collaborative solutions like these are vital to ensuring all Calgarians have access to affordable housing.

United Way supports Trellis Society's schematic design for a new affordable housing project in Bowness, which will provide many families with stability and the opportunity to thrive. We understand Trellis Society has engaged extensively with the community to inform the design of the development and have adapted their plans in consideration of the feedback received.

This project highlights what's possible when community organizations, the City and partners work together to tackle complex challenges. We look forward to seeing the stories of resilience and transformation from families who will soon have a new place to call home in Bowness. Collaborative efforts like these remind us that creating a more inclusive and equitable city is within reach when we work together.



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I believe that affordable housing is essential for Calgary's growth and inclusivity, and I am in full support of this project. I strongly encourage city council to approve the proposed affordable housing development, as it is a vital step toward addressing Calgary's housing needs.



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I am in support of Trellis' plan to build a family affordable housing building in Bowness for folks experiencing homelessness. As a resident of Bowness and a member of the social services sector, it concerns me to see signs saying 'Save the Park' as I drive down Bowness Road. Bowness is home to a wide variety of green spaces, many of which I visit frequently. While I do believe that spaces where we can connect with nature should be protected, I am concerned about the response to this particular park as has not been frequently used by community members over the last several years. I am concerned that the 'Save the Park' response is instead a response of fear and stigma towards folks who have encountered homelessness and are seeking supports to overcome these barriers. I am in support of this project because I believe that every person deserves the right to be housed, and I acknowledge that there are systemic barriers in the way of accessing safe and affordable housing for many youth and adults, much like the housing that the folks who have written the 'Save the Park' signs are privileged to enjoy. While homelessness may not be actively seen by all Bowness residents, Calgary is in a housing crisis that leaves many families unhoused and left to face the elements without shelter. While a park can indeed promote the well-being of the people living near it, the possibility of 50 affordable housing units should absolutely take priority. I, as a proud Bownesian resident, look forward to welcoming families who access this affordable living space to the Bowness community.



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Mayor Dr. Jyoti Gondek and Calgary City Council
The City of Calgary
P.O. Box 2100, Stn. M
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 2M5

RE: Letter of support for Trellis housing development

Dear Mayor Gondek and City Council:

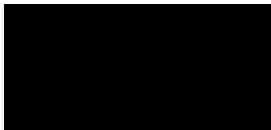
As the steward of Calgary's poverty reduction strategy, Enough for All, Vibrant Communities Calgary is pleased to provide this letter of support for the proposed family affordable housing building in Bowness from Trellis. This proposal aligns with the Enough for All strategy and is an excellent opportunity for families to access secure housing and contribute to the Bowness community.

Affordable housing demands are prevalent across our city, with average rents increasing by 40% from 2020 to 2023, and over 6,200 households on the Calgary Housing Company waitlist as of November 2024. City resources are being stretched to respond to encampment reports, which have risen by 24% since 2023. Improving access to affordable housing is vital to improving the livability of our city and is deeply connected to recent concerns about public safety.

Trellis identified over 25 families facing imminent homelessness and seeking stable homes close to schools and amenities. The Bowness proposal to create an additional 50 affordable housing units is essential to the success of the Home Is Here strategy, and will see 50 fewer families on the cusp of homelessness. Approving projects such as this one is critical to addressing Calgary's supply deficit in affordable housing and our alarmingly low vacancy rate of 1.4%.

We want Calgary to be the best place to live, work, and raise a family, and this will only be the case if we are making serious investments into affordable housing. We strongly urge all Councillors to vote Yes to this development. Housing is health, and ensuring every Calgarian has safety and security with a roof over their head must be the priority of municipal government. Affordable and diverse housing options such as this Bowness development are essential for a vibrant city.

Kind regards,



Meaghon Reid
Executive Director
Vibrant Communities Calgary



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I think that we are in an affordable housing crisis and when we are more willing to allow parents and children to go homeless rather than welcome them in with arms wide open into our communities, we contribute to an experience of being on the "outside". As a parent of a young child, I cannot imagine not having a home and needing to make the choices that these families are making. The thought of not being welcomed feels really awful as a parent. Please pass this motion to build affordable units for families in Bowness.



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I have seen the backlash about building affordable housing on this parcel of land and I think it is so silly. I think 50 units of affordable housing is a fantastic use of this land and I am in full support of Trellis' work. I've lived in Bowness since 2012, and now have three kids under 7 years old, so I get the value of playgrounds, but there are plenty in the neighbourhood, and our city desperately needs affordable housing. However, one thing I will advocate for though is to ensure there is adequate parking for the 50 units. Bowness doesn't have great public transit and so the current reality is that people in these units will have cars, and filling the streets with vehicles is not fair to other people in the neighbourhood, and will cause a negative impact of the neighbourhood.



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Alex Putici
Board Member, Trellis Society
Founder, Work Nicer Coworking

November 25, 2024

To: Calgary City Council

Dear Members of City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW. As a community builder, founder of Work Nicer Coworking, and board member of Trellis Society, I have seen the transformative power of connection and stability in helping people thrive.

Affordable housing is not just about providing a roof over someone's head; it is about creating opportunity, fostering belonging, and ensuring all Calgarians have a chance to succeed. At Work Nicer, we believe no one succeeds alone. This ethos—of building community and creating spaces where people feel supported—extends beyond coworking into every aspect of our city. Affordable housing is a critical piece of this puzzle, offering families the foundation they need to fully participate in our community.

Serving on the board of Trellis Society has shown me the significant challenges families face without stable housing. Housing insecurity impacts education, mental health, and economic security—not just for those directly affected but for our city as a whole. The proposed development in Bowness represents an essential investment in Calgary's future, enabling individuals and families to contribute to our schools, businesses, and neighborhoods in meaningful ways.

This project also reflects the values that earned me the honor of being named one of Calgary's Top 40 Under 40. While that recognition highlights the work I've done in community building, it also underscores the shared responsibility we all have to support inclusive growth and opportunity in Calgary. The Bowness project is an excellent example of how we can work together to create a more equitable, thriving city.

I strongly encourage City Council to approve this project. It is a vital step toward addressing Calgary's housing crisis and ensuring our city remains a place where every resident has the chance to grow and succeed.

Thank you for your commitment to Calgary and to building a city that supports all its residents.



Sincerely,

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The board and management of the Calgary Affordable Housing Foundation (CAHF) strongly supports the new building project at 6623 Bowness Road NW proposed by Trellis.

CAHF is a not-for-profit organization active in the affordable housing sector in Calgary with the goal of ensuring every Calgarian has a place to call home. The objective of CAHF is to help affordable housing organizations raise capital required to build below-market housing.

There is a significant and ongoing need for more affordable housing in Calgary. According to the City's 2023 Housing Needs Assessment, there were 84,600 households in housing need. This means that one in five Calgary households cannot afford their housing. Calgary needs approximately 2,500 additional affordable housing units each year to reduce the housing deficit and meet the growing need.

This project by Trellis is one small step to address this urgent need and to help ensure housing availability. Safe and affordable housing is a basic human right, and a fundamental asset to enable people to live and thrive in community. This is a positive project for Calgary and for Calgarians needing to access to affordable housing. Calgary needs more of these types of projects, and Trellis's Bowness project will address a critical need for families in the area.

We are pleased to support this project and urge approval given the ongoing housing needs across our community.

Sincerely,

David McElhanney, Chair, CAHF

Mike Meldrum, CEO, CAHF



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Hiba Amin
Founder, Sandia Inc.
November 25, 2024

To: Calgary City Council

Dear Members of City Council,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW. I believe housing is a fundamental human right. This belief is especially critical in a city like Calgary, where harsh winter conditions make stable housing not just a necessity but a matter of survival.

Affordable housing is far more than four walls and a roof. It is the foundation for opportunity, community, and dignity. At Sandia Inc., our mission revolves around creating solutions that empower individuals and foster resilience—values that align deeply with the goals of this project. Providing secure and affordable homes enables families to fully engage in their communities, contribute to Calgary's growth, and build brighter futures.

I've seen firsthand the ripple effects of housing insecurity. It affects mental health, education, and economic stability, creating barriers that are often insurmountable without a stable home. Projects like the one proposed for Bowness are crucial for addressing these challenges and ensuring Calgary is a city where everyone—regardless of income—has the opportunity to thrive.

This development is an investment not just in physical infrastructure but in the potential of Calgary's residents. It represents a commitment to inclusivity, equity, and compassion. By approving this project, City Council will demonstrate leadership in addressing Calgary's housing crisis and building a more resilient city for all its residents.

Thank you for your dedication to fostering a Calgary where every individual has the opportunity to succeed. I strongly encourage you to support this vital initiative.

Sincerely,
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Dear Members of City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW. As a resident of Calgary and someone who works in residential leasing, I have witnessed firsthand the hardship many individuals and families face when trying to secure stable, affordable housing. This challenge is compounded by personal circumstances, and it is both heartbreaking and unacceptable that so many are left struggling to find a place to call home.

Affordable housing is not just a necessity—it is the foundation upon which individuals and families can build better lives. Rising housing costs have made it increasingly difficult for people to stay in, and thrive, in Calgary, and this project represents a crucial opportunity to help meet the growing need for stable housing. I wholeheartedly support this development as a vital step toward ensuring that all Calgarians, regardless of income, have access to safe and affordable homes.

From my experience, I know that stable housing improves mental health, enhances educational outcomes, and provides families with the security they need to thrive. Housing instability has a profound impact, affecting everything from children's education to employment opportunities, and it can undermine a person's sense of safety and well-being. By investing in affordable housing, we are helping families stay grounded, contributing to their long-term success and, in turn, to the overall stability and prosperity of our community.

Moreover, developments like this not only support families but also strengthen the broader Calgary community. By providing homes for individuals from diverse income levels, we are fostering a more inclusive and connected city. Mixed-use developments like the one proposed in Bowness encourage social cohesion and provide a sense of belonging, which is essential for building thriving, resilient neighborhoods.

In addition to the social and economic benefits, affordable housing reduces pressure on emergency services, shelters, and public resources, while supporting local businesses and job creation. A stable home is a key driver of economic participation, and by making housing more accessible, we unlock opportunities for Calgarians to contribute meaningfully to the city's growth and success.

I strongly encourage City Council to approve this affordable housing development, as it is not only a critical response to Calgary's housing needs but also a step toward creating a more inclusive, thriving city where every resident has the opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue, and for your commitment to ensuring a better future for all Calgarians.

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November 25, 2024

City Council
The City of Calgary
800 Macleod Trail SE
Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

Re: Housing Project – 6623 Bowness Road NW

Dear Members of Calgary City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW. As a long-time resident of Calgary and an active community member, I believe that this development is a critical step toward addressing our city's pressing housing needs and fostering a more inclusive and thriving community.

Since 2013, I have been a volunteer with Trellis Society (formerly Boys & Girls Clubs of Calgary), serving on the fundraising committee. In 2023, I took on the role of Chair of the Trellis Society Soirée fundraising committee, deepening my commitment to supporting vulnerable individuals and families in our community. Through this work, I have seen firsthand how access to stable and affordable housing can transform lives, providing families with the foundation they need to thrive.

Calgary is in urgent need of affordable housing solutions, as the rising cost of living has placed significant strain on many families. Housing instability disrupts education, employment, and mental health, making it difficult for individuals to achieve their potential and contribute to our city's success. By approving this project, City Council has the opportunity to invest in a brighter future for all Calgarians.

The proposed development at 6623 Bowness Road NW would not only address immediate housing needs but also foster diversity, inclusion, and connection within our community. Mixed-use housing developments like this one strengthen neighborhoods, encourage economic participation, and support long-term growth. Moreover, stable housing reduces reliance on emergency services and shelters, alleviating social and economic strains while contributing to overall community well-being.

I urge City Council to approve this vital project, recognizing it as an essential component of Calgary's journey toward becoming a more equitable and prosperous city.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Murlyne Fong
Volunteer, Trellis Society
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Dear City Council Members,

I'm excited to voice my support for the affordable housing project proposed for 6623 Bowness Road NW. As someone who's passionate about building stronger, more compassionate communities, I believe this initiative is a crucial step in the right direction.

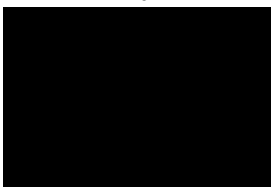
Affordable housing is the foundation upon which people can build stable, fulfilling lives. It's the key to unlocking opportunities, creating a sense of belonging, and empowering individuals to contribute to our city in meaningful ways. By investing in affordable housing, we're investing in the well-being and prosperity of our entire community.

I've seen firsthand the devastating impact of housing insecurity on families and individuals. It's a barrier that prevents people from reaching their full potential, and it's a problem that affects us all. By addressing this issue, we can create a more just and equitable society where everyone has the chance to thrive.

The proposed development in Bowness is a shining example of what can be achieved when we work together towards a common goal. It's a testament to the power of community spirit and the importance of prioritizing the needs of our most vulnerable citizens.

I urge you to approve this project and take a vital step towards addressing Calgary's housing crisis. By doing so, we can build a brighter, more inclusive future for our city and all its residents.

Sincerely,



Megan Felsing



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I am writing to voice my support for this initiative lead by Trellis Society for Community Impact. Our city is in desperate need for below market affordable housing - solutions that seek to provide safe, vibrant and inclusive solutions across Calgary. While I understand the community's interest in preserving park land, Bowness has access to some of the city's most expansive and revered trails, parks, pathways and green spaces. As the the city continues to see an unprecedented growth in our population and the housing crisis continues, Trellis is well positioned as an organization to provide solutions for integrating low income families and individuals to be vital contributors to our communities if adequately supported with appropriate housing. To decline this proposal would be detrimental in the City's growth strategy.



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Please see the attached letter of support for the proposed land use in Bowness for Trellis to build an affordability housing project.



November 25, 2025

Calgary City Council – Mayor and Council
Calgary, AB

Mayor and Council:

My name is Joy Bowen-Eyre, CEO of The Alex Community Health Centre, and I am writing in support of the housing project proposed by Trellis to be built in Bowness and to express our strong support for the proposal.

Bowness Hub has currently identified 27 families at risk of homelessness that would have the opportunity to be housed in these low-income houses. The Notice of Motion would impact affordable housing as it would put a moratorium on all development in Bowness and would effectively stop Trellis' low-income housing planned in Bowness that is a part of the City's Affordable Housing Strategy.

For over 50 years, The Alex has been providing healthcare, social services and housing to vulnerable Calgarians. What began as a grassroots initiative in Inglewood has grown into a critical support network for over 15,000 vulnerable Calgarians each year. Our clients contend with challenges ranging from homelessness and poverty to trauma, social isolation, and complex physical and mental health conditions.

Today, Calgary faces a housing crisis, with a record-low 1.4% vacancy rate—the lowest since 2014. Affordable housing options for low-income individuals have dwindled to less than 1%, placing a massive strain on organizations like ours and limiting our ability to provide clients with safe, supportive housing.

As Calgary's population continues to grow, it is essential that we act now to create more diverse housing solutions, that foster affordability. Addressing this issue decisively is vital. If left unresolved, we will see homelessness rise, along with escalating pressures on our healthcare and justice systems. By increasing affordable housing, we address root causes of poverty, relieve our overburdened social services, and make progress toward building safe, inclusive, and resilient communities.

We recognize that one project alone cannot solve Calgary's housing crisis. However, a commitment to creating housing across communities is undeniably crucial. Expanding our housing stock will help reduce shortages and ease competition for current units, offering relief to those we serve and strengthening Calgary's resilience for generations to come.

Thank you, Mayor and Council, for considering support for Trellis's housing project. Housing is a human right, and collectively we must work to ensure that is a priority.

Respectfully submitted,
Joy



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Please accept this letter as opposition to land use amendment LOC2024-0196

City of Calgary Council

Council Chamber, Calgary Municipal Building 800 Macleod Tr SE

RE: Application for Land Use Amendment LOC2024-0196

Dear City of Calgary Council Members,

As the landowners of 6616 Bowwood Drive NW Calgary Alberta, which is adjacent to the park at 6623 Bowness Road NW, we are absolutely opposed to, and disappointed to see that the City of Calgary is choosing to sell this greenspace, and also to even entertain the proposed land use amendment application.

We have owned our property for 19 years. In that time, we have seen the community of Bowness grow and thrive from a community with failing businesses and a negative reputation to one that is thriving, rejuvenated and home to many coffee shops, restaurants, and other local small businesses. Bowness is a community of great character, history, and has recently been subject to much investment in both real estate and business.

The proposed amendment to allow up to a 5-story fifty unit building to be built on the land in question, is quite frankly, extremely sad and disheartening. The loss of the park itself, which children and families can be regularly seen enjoying (and have been for generations in some cases), is extremely detrimental to the community. Once this green space is gone, it can never be regained and is lost not only to Bowness, but the entire City of Calgary. This reduction in green space and park area is surprising to say the least and would certainly not be even considered in other communities in the city.

The proposed building would be far out of character for the neighborhood. The City of Calgary has assessed that the development fits in with the character of the surrounding community. This could not be further from the truth. A five-storey structure simply does not fit in with the surrounding buildings or landscape, and to claim otherwise is simply not true. Additionally, the capacity of a fifty unit building of likely up to 300 residents is a density far greater than anywhere currently in the community. This building, with its rooftop patio (read rooftop party) will not only be an eyesore, but provide a source of noise, unwanted light and debris that will be broadcast from up high throughout the community.

Parking is woefully undersized for this development and does not seem to have been considered or planned properly. As a family, we own three vehicles and have many guests (friends and family) visit both by public transit and private vehicle. As with many residents, we have no off-street parking. Without any additional parking being added, the proposal of all parking being above ground is woefully under resourced. It is apparent that not much thought or consideration has gone into where the current neighborhood residents will be able to park, and this will have a huge negative impact on our lives. Additionally, there are many businesses on Bowness Road that rely on street parking in the neighborhood for their customers, which would obviously be impacted significantly.

As a family that is outdoors often, the prospect of our house and yard constantly being in the shadow of this monstrous building is also problematic. The loss of natural light and also privacy will certainly have a negative effect on our physical and mental well-being.

We were under the belief when we purchased the property that the park was a permanent greenspace, and that the likelihood of the City of Calgary selling or developing the land was very low. The idea that an

enormous apartment style complex would be built on the site seemed unfathomable due to the fact that the land use designation would prevent that from occurring. To see that the City of Calgary was suddenly selling the property and then further deciding to potentially change the land use designation, seems to go against the basic trust and fairness that is expected of our elected officials.

As good citizens who diligently pay our property taxes and keep our property in excellent repair, we feel taken advantage of. We surprised by the City of Calgary's decision to sell the property and to consider allowing an apartment style building that is completely out of place in the community and current permitted land uses to be constructed directly adjacent to our property.

The lack of parking, privacy, noise, light, shadow, and general lack of continuity with the community are just a few examples of the problems we see with this development and as such are unsupportive of the sale/development of 6623 Bowness Road NW. This development will without doubt have an adverse impact on our property value, which is completely unfair, unjust and an undue hardship.

This development will have a hugely negative impact on the residents, landowners, tenants and thriving small businesses in the community of Bowness. We trust that this land use amendment will not move forward, and that the City of Calgary will consider the community's concerns fully when assessing further developments in our beautiful Bowness neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Brigitte Calder (Bos); property owner of [REDACTED]

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Comment in Support of 6623 Bowness Road NW Affordable Housing Project

As a resident of Calgary, I am writing to express my full support for the proposed affordable housing development at 6623 Bowness Road NW.

I believe that affordable housing is a vital component of a thriving and inclusive city. This project will help to address the growing need for affordable housing in Calgary, particularly for families and individuals who are struggling to make ends meet.

By providing stable and affordable housing, this development will have a positive impact on our community in several ways:

- Improved Quality of Life: Stable housing is essential for good health, well-being, and overall quality of life.
- Enhanced Community Safety: When people have secure housing, they are more likely to be active and engaged members of their community.
- Boosted Local Economy: Affordable housing development creates jobs and stimulates local businesses.
- Reduced Strain on Public Services: When people have stable housing, they are less likely to rely on emergency services and shelters.

I urge City Council to approve this project and demonstrate its commitment to creating a more equitable and inclusive Calgary for all residents.



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There is not enough being done for housing in Calgary and our homeless population numbers are worse than before the pandemic. This is an emergency and thank god we organizations like Trellis who are doing something about it.



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Dear Calgary City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for LOC2024-1096 (6623 Bowness Road NW), Trellis' proposed affordable housing complex in Bowness. This project represents a critical step toward addressing Calgary's housing crisis, particularly for families who are struggling to find safe, stable and affordable places to call home.

As a staff member at Trellis, I hope the application for a land-use change is approved for many reasons, chief among them is the pressing need for housing that will serve 50 households walking through our doors. This thoughtfully designed building provides a unique solution for multigenerational families and addresses a significant gap in our city: the lack of deeply affordable, larger housing units.

But my support for this project extends far beyond my role at Trellis. Over the past 16 years working in Calgary's social sector, I've had the privilege of listening to families experiencing homelessness and poverty who share about the barriers they are confronted with and what they are doing to overcome them. I've seen the challenges faced by housing workers working with families in units that are financially unsustainable and use every ounce of creativity to keep them housed for even one more month. Increasingly, I've also heard from people who have never needed help before but now have to address the very real threat of homelessness due to skyrocketing rental costs and the severe shortage of affordable housing options. These are complex issues, and while no single project can resolve them entirely, one thing is certain: more affordable housing is a foundational part of the solution.

The proposed development in Bowness exemplifies this approach. In my experience, Bowness is a vibrant, inclusive community, and this project will only enhance its diversity and resilience by creating a home for 50 families, including multigenerational households. With a design that prioritizes dignity and community integration, this building offers more than just housing – it offers hope, stability and belonging. For families who are navigating the barriers of rising rents and limited housing options, developments like this one are transformative. They provide a place where families can thrive, contribute to their communities and build a brighter future.

I urge City Council to approve this project as an essential investment in the well-being of our neighbors and the future of Calgary.

Sincerely,
Angela Clarke

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Last name [required] **Pritchard**

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Monday, November 25, 2024

Office of the City Clerk

City of Calgary
700 Macleod Trail SE
Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

Dear Members of City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the affordable housing project in Bowness, led by Trellis Society. This initiative represents a significant step forward in addressing Calgary's growing housing affordability challenges, and I urge you to approve it at the upcoming Council meeting.

As you know, Calgary is experiencing a housing crisis, with rising rents and limited affordable housing options for families and individuals in need. This project, with its planned investment of over \$30 million, is an important part of the solution. It will not only provide affordable housing to those who need it most but will also contribute to the long-term vitality and sustainability of the community in Bowness.

Trellis Society has a proven track record of delivering high-quality, impactful projects that benefit families and communities in Calgary, and this project is no exception. The team behind it has been working tirelessly for years to ensure its success, and the approval of this project would be a critical step in meeting the housing needs of our city.

While this project has already received approval from the City Council, I understand that it is facing unexpected challenges ahead of the upcoming vote. I strongly believe that delaying or halting this initiative would be a setback for the progress we have made in addressing housing affordability in Calgary. Now, more than ever, we need to support initiatives that create lasting, positive change for our communities.

I respectfully ask that you consider the long-term benefits of this affordable housing project for Calgary. Approving this initiative will not only provide much-needed housing for families and individuals but will also signal Calgary's commitment to creating a more inclusive and sustainable city for all.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you will support the successful progression of the affordable housing project in Bowness and vote in favor of moving it forward.

Sincerely,
Bex Pritchard



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Sonya Sharp

Ward 1

November 26, 2024

Re: LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW).

To Sonya Sharp and City Councilors,

Let me start by saying I am an advocate for keeping green spaces in Calgary, however I fully support this project. Knowing that this building would be taking over a green space initially challenged me on whether I supported this project or not. I drive around the city a lot for my work. While driving around thinking about this project, I continued to notice was that the city isn't prioritizing green spaces. In newer developments builders are squeezing every square foot they can for another building and fitting in parks as minimally as possible. The city isn't maintaining the well-established trees already existing, as I see many dead, dying, or riddled with disease. During spring and summer, I see a focus on annuals vs perennials being planted. I see disproportionately that the lower socio-economic neighborhoods don't have as many city trees, aesthetic gardens or maintained and updated parks that the higher socio-economic neighbourhoods have. I only see changes occur once the neighbourhoods become gentrified.

These lower socio-economic neighbourhoods often have the working-class people, who likely are not making the living wage for Calgary, which is \$24.45 (CBC News). With the cost of inflation, people who were coasting along are now struggling to get their basic needs met, let alone being able to choose a more desirable neighbourhood with better green spaces for their children. These families are just trying to figure out how to keep a roof over their head and food on the table, which is becoming increasingly difficult.

There are countless news reports about the impact on inflation and how it is affecting everyone. With the increase of lending rates, landlords are increasing their rent to cover their costs and maintain the same profit margin. Paired with the increased competition of inter-provincial moves has created a toxic rental market where people are grossly overpaying for property because they have no other choice. I own a home in Scenic Acres, and many of the families that I work with are paying more in rent for a smaller space than I do for the mortgage of my home. These families are dependent on the food bank and any other support that they can receive from non-profit organizations to avoid homelessness. And despite these supports that families access, they still can end up homeless merely because the cost of living and their income results in a deficit month after month.

As I mentioned before while driving around the city, I take note of what's around me. I see many new buildings going up but unfortunately most of what I see starts with "luxury" instead of "affordable." Calgarians need affordable housing. It's clear when you walk around the streets downtown and see an increased number of encampments set up, people on the streets asking for money, or just trying to stay warm. Affordable housing is clearly a huge need, yet there is minimal in the city. This development will be able to fill this gap and help offset the immense pressure that Calgarians are facing.

I ask City Council to approve this project to support the needs of Calgarians. Please consider where a green space can be added or can an existing greenspace in the community be improved. I urge you to think of your own upbringing, and what your life may have looked like if circumstances were different. People don't choose poverty, but we can help choose to help people out of it. If more affordable housing is provided to families, then we will see more Calgarians begin to thrive and when Calgarians thrive, our local economy thrives.

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Mayor and City Council
The City of Calgary
P.O. Box 2100, Stn. M
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 2M5

November 26, 2024

Dear Mayor Gondek and Council members Sonia Sharp, Jennifer Wyness, and Dan McLean,

RE: Letter of support for Trellis Affordable Housing Project – LOC2024-0196

Momentum is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Trellis Affordable Housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW. As a change-making organization that combines social and economic strategies to reduce poverty in our local communities, and as a champion of Calgary's [Enough for All](#) poverty reduction strategy, we recognize the strong relationship between affordable housing and poverty. The proposed development will ensure that 50 families, many of whom are from equity deserving groups, find safe and affordable homes in the community they already call home.

Trellis has called Bowness home for over 50 years providing valuable supports for children, youth, and families. They are committed to continuing to support families in Bowness while positively contributing to the community at large. This project would deepen their ability to support low-income families in Bowness. Throughout the project Trellis has engaged with the neighbourhood adjusting the project design to reflect the community's comments. We urge City Council to not be dissuaded by some of the negative comments that evoke fear and mistrust of affordable housing and low-income residents – many of whom are from marginalized groups. **All Calgarians are deserving of a safe place to call home.**

As the cost of living continues to rise the Trellis Affordable Housing Project will produce needed subsidized housing for Calgary's most vulnerable families. Last spring the City heard from thousands of Calgarians who are struggling with housing affordability and furthered their commitment to addressing housing affordability in Calgary – this project aligns with those commitments and is necessary step to ensuring affordable housing gets built now.

We believe that this project offers immense value for low-income families looking for a safe and affordable place to call home and for our community at large. **Diverse communities benefit all.** We believe in a City that allows everyone of different incomes, gender/sexuality, race, and religion/spirituality have the equitable opportunity to live, work, play, learn and grow together. We support Trellis' proposed Affordable Housing Project knowing well how needed affordable housing is to help Calgarians living in poverty.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Jeff Loomis, Executive Director, Momentum



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Last name [required] Doram

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Please find YMCA Calgary's letter of support for the Trellis affordable housing development attached. Thank you.



Monday November 25, 2024

Mayor Jyoti Gondek and Members of Calgary City Council
The City of Calgary
800 Macleod Trail SE
Calgary, AB T2G 2M3

Re: Letter of Support for Trellis Affordable Housing Initiative

Dear Mayor Gondek and Members of Council,

On behalf of YMCA Calgary, I am writing to express our support for Trellis Society's efforts to increase affordable housing supply in our city. As a charitable organization dedicated to building healthy communities, YMCA Calgary understands the critical role that safe, affordable housing plays in fostering individual and collective well-being.

Affordable housing is a foundational component of healthy living. Without stable and secure housing, individuals and families struggle to access essential services, pursue education and employment opportunities, and participate in their communities. For Calgarians, particularly those most vulnerable, the housing crisis exacerbates inequities and undermines the potential for everyone to thrive.

YMCA Calgary's vision of creating vibrant and inclusive communities aligns closely with the City of Calgary's commitment to equity and resilience. Affordable housing is not only a matter of social justice but also an essential building block for strengthening community cohesion and economic growth. It ensures children have a stable environment to grow, individuals can focus on their physical and mental health, and families can engage fully in Calgary's opportunities.

Trellis Society's work to expand affordable housing aligns with our shared mission to empower individuals and support stronger communities. By addressing housing insecurity, we collectively move closer to a city where all people, regardless of their circumstances, can live with dignity and reach their full potential.

We commend the City of Calgary for its ongoing leadership in tackling the housing crisis and encourage Council to support this important initiative. Together, we can create a Calgary where everyone has a place to call home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Doram', written in a cursive style.

Shannon Doram

President and CEO, YMCA Calgary



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I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW. I hear a lot of people in my life complain about the unhoused in our city, and so few take the time to consider all the steps that may have led them there... abuse, addiction, and lack of opportunity. Safe housing is a very important part of the safe, healthy, growth of any city. This is a very expensive city, please do not kid yourself, and there is a growing population of people at risk of being unhoused...safe housing alleviates pressure on temporary shelters and emergency social programs. I work in insurance and have read MANY files were people are being discharged from hospital with serious injury and have NOWHERE safe and stable to go, despite the best efforts of social workers. All ages, all genders, and NO, they have not all been addicts, but who knows what happens to them afterwards. Safe housing is important for the physical and mental health of anyone, so they are in a space where energies can be spent contributing socially and economically to our city, they can spend time on their education and seek gainful employment. Further, we need to acknowledge that mixed use housing is a way forward, we have spread out too far, leading to isolated pockets... mixed used housing increases social connection, and helps a city shape more economic future developments/project support. Its harder to justify parks, transit, community centers, libraries and other essential services in a neighborhood of 200 households with 2.5 people each vs a neighborhood of mixed use developments with thousands of people in the same amount of land. I know I am just one person, and you may disagree with me, but more people are paying attention to the issue of housing and look to you for solutions. This is just one valuable and important step in the right direction. I strongly support the program.



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Public Hearing for a land use change (LOC2024-0196)

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With greater density from the Blanket Rezoning, we need these green spaces more than ever for:

Our mental and physical health (especially as the new developments provide little to no outdoor amenity space like backyards).
Supporting biodiversity and wildlife.
Natural climate control by cooling our neighbourhood in the hot summer months.
Retaining community gathering spaces with no cost of entry.



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November 26, 2024
12:10 am

To: Calgary City Council

Dear Members of City Council,

I am writing to express my unwavering support for the proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW.

As a long-time business community builder, instructor at SAIT, the Self-Employment Program of Canada, Momentum, and networker I know how the incredible power of connection and stability in helps people survive the harshest of times and then thrive.

Affordable housing, housing period is a human right. It's what every single person needs to simply be. It's the foundation for thriving and becoming a part of our city, that is my home by choice for over 30 years. Calgary has been named one of the best cities to live in the world, supposedly the FIFTH world-wide? We can't accept that honour with pride if we're not helping our own live their best lives, like some of us are.

I've seen what lending a helping hand can do for others. It builds confidence in themselves and that there is still good in a world that seems like it can be out to get us. If our federal government isn't going to help its people at the level needed, perhaps we can help each other and ourselves.

I'm so confident in what Trellis Society does, I asked them if they would be one of the two registered charities my company, BarterPay® supports. It only takes a small decision to point something in the right direction. Once it's pointed that way, the energy of a great initiative grows with the right people behind it. I am one of those people and I hope, if you're reading this, you will be too.

I strongly encourage City Council to approve this project. Let's stand up for basic human needs and rights together. No one succeeds alone.

Thank you for your commitment to Calgary and your hard work, I cannot imagine any of these decisions are easy. I trust you will make the best one for our neighbours to move our ranking to the top three cities to live in world-wide.

Trina,

Sincerely,
Trina N. Lo
Business Owner, Calgarian, Human

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I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW. As a resident of Calgary, I firmly believe that affordable housing is essential for the growth and inclusivity of our city, and I am confident that this project represents a vital step toward meeting Calgary's growing housing needs.

The rising costs of living in our city make affordable housing more critical than ever, particularly for families and children. Housing instability can have far-reaching negative impacts on families' ability to thrive, affecting not only their quality of life but also their ability to contribute to the community. By providing stable, affordable housing options, we can help ensure that families in Calgary have the foundation they need to succeed.

I believe that stable housing also has a direct positive impact on education, mental health, and economic security. Families with secure housing are better able to focus on their children's education, maintain employment, and contribute to their communities. Furthermore, affordable housing alleviates the pressure on emergency services and shelters, helping to reduce social and economic strains that can otherwise burden our city's resources.

This project will also support Calgary's economic growth by creating mixed-use housing that fosters diversity and inclusion, offering a variety of housing options for people of different backgrounds and income levels. It will not only provide families with a place to call home but also help create a stronger, more connected, and thriving community. I am particularly encouraged by the potential for this development to enhance community health and well-being, reducing stress, improving mental health, and fostering resilience.

I strongly encourage you and your colleagues on City Council to approve this important project, as it will make a lasting positive impact on our city. Affordable housing is critical for ensuring that Calgary remains an inclusive, prosperous, and welcoming place for all residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued efforts to make Calgary a better place for everyone. I look forward to seeing the city move forward with this crucial initiative.



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As a resident of Calgary, I wholeheartedly support the development of more affordable housing in our community, including this important project by Trellis Society. There are many families for which their ability to thrive in this city is stunted due to non-inclusive housing options, skyrocketing rental and mortgage rates and accessibility to reliable public transit. Housing needs are part of the essential core needs in Maslow's Hierarchy, the most basic bottom pillars for Physiological needs and Safety need. Until we feel safe, we cannot move on into growing, belonging and contributing to our communities. Please help families and low income individuals by ensuring this project is approved.