

Public Submission

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ENDORSEMENT STATEMENT ON TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION, ANTI-RACISM, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING

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First name [required]	Lindsey
Last name [required]	Kwan
How do you wish to attend?	
You may bring a support person should you require language or translator services. Do you plan on bringing a support person?	
What meeting do you wish to comment on? [required]	Council
Date of meeting [required]	Apr 8, 2025
What agenda item do you wish to comme	ent on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published here.)
[required] - max 75 characters	Application to amend the land use designation (zoning) for 503 35St NW
Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In opposition



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Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) I strongly oppose the proposed change of R-C2 to H-GO. I believe this rezoning does not address critical infrastructure and environmental concerns that have been brought up on previous applications. This rezoning would have significant detrimental effects on the community of Parkdale.

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This development is poorly suited to meet transportation requirements for the community. Although there is a bus route on memorial drive, there is no access to the LRT. Parkdale rates below average in Calgary for walkability, rating 4.4/10 by realtor.ca. Amenities (including grocery stores) are not within walking distance nor easily accessible via transit. A vehicle is required for Parkdale residents. Re-zoning would lead to insufficient parking and significantly more congestion. There is already substantial parking by hospital workers, and high-density housing without appropriate parking would exacerbate this issue. There is not enough parking in the area to accommodate multi-unit complexes that are only required to supply 0.5 stalls/unit. Increased traffic would also be dangerous to the children who play at the community centre, neighbourhood schools, and parks. Increased traffic noise would be disruptive to residents, reduce property values, and neighbourhood charm.

Rezoning would result in buildings that cause environmental damage including removal of mature trees, destruction of natural habitat for wildlife, and changes to the water drainage. Impervious footprints and hard surfaces generate 10-100X more runoff volume vs soft landscaping. This is a massive concern living on a flood plain, due to the risk of existing drainage systems being overwhelmed leading to property damage with severe weather. I am also concerned about the stress on the existing drainage infrastructure given the water main breakage, and ongoing issues in neighbouring Bowness. Parkdale is old and was not built to sustain such population increases that will result from this rezoning. Rezoning is short sided and would be extremely irresponsible for the City of Calgary.

High-density/multi-unit complexes are not in keeping with the character of our neighbourhood. Parkdale is known for its natural charm, as demonstrated by many large fullgrown trees, green parks, and the river pathway. Parkdale is a vibrant and mature inner-city neighbourhood, and the proposed rezoning does not align with these values. I strongly urge you to deny this proposal.

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