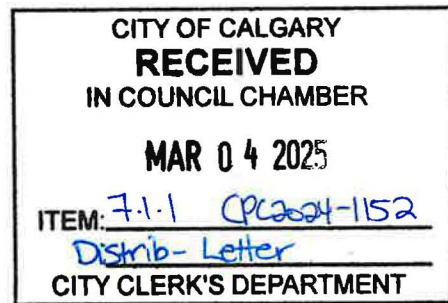


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Land Use Redesignation
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Councillors,

I am Mark Rowe, an Elder at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, located at 703 Heritage Drive SW. We are located [REDACTED] that is seeking a land use redesignation. I co-chair the committee that represents the church in these matters.

In 1962, St. Andrews sold the 627 Heritage Drive SW property to the Haddon Road YMCA with the understanding that the church would be able to continue using the YMCA parking lot. The lot currently has a tennis court and a parking lot. With the sale of the lot next door, St. Andrews is taking the initiative of applying to the The City for a Development Permit to add thirteen more parking spaces our existing seventy-seven parking spaces. We are currently doing a drainage assessment to prepare our Development Permit. St. Andrews has its own parking issues.

A proposal for a housing development that does not accommodate the parking needs of its residents and visitors will mean that people who do not have access to parking spaces will need to park somewhere. That somewhere will likely be our lot and/or neighborhood street parking. When determining the number of spaces, visitors' parking should not be used to determine one parking spot for two units. If necessary, the number of apartment units should be reduced accordingly. We are also requesting that a fence be built between our church's lot and apartments. We are also requesting the developer install signage on our lot stating that the church parking is not for use by the apartment residents and visitors.

St. Andrew's church is, in many respects, a mini-community center. We have community-based programs who meet in the church throughout the week. We need to ensure that we have parking for these activities. The church operates a Calgary Interfaith Food Bank depot, and we interact with the clients. Obtaining a vehicle seems to be a high priority for many clients.

This is in addition to our normal Sunday services and mid-week activities like funerals. Having to ensure parking in our lot is available to meet our needs, the church will need to devote resources to ensure that residents and visitors to the housing next door do not park in our facility.

The proposed land use change needs to reflect that we are in the suburbs and not having a car is a problem for many people who do not have one. The cars need to park somewhere. The number proposed housing needs to be in line with the number of parking spaces available to residents and visitors.

Yours truly

Mark Rowe

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church