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Please keep the priorities straight and do not destroy the forest.
Kind regards, David Hall

David Hall
140 Aspen Hills Close SW
Calgary AB T3H 0C7
May 28, 2025

Attention: City of Calgary
RE: Land Use Application
1579 93 St SW
File Number: LOC2025-0031

The area between Calgary Academy and Webber School is a natural, densely wooded area. The trees are home to northern flickers, downy and snowy woodpeckers, chickadees, and other birds and wildlife. A mother moose and calf were in the woods this year and neighbors report the moose has lived there for several years.

The woods are heavily used by people including families, dog-walkers, kids and seniors. Despite heavy use the woods remain in good shape – there are no piles of garbage or wanton destruction which shows that people care and appreciate the natural area. This is a special place, an oasis next to brick buildings, houses and pavement, people and wildlife use and appreciate it and it cannot be replaced.

The City has established that green space, especially trees, are a priority for so many reasons, but Calgary has lagged behind other cities in preserving and fostering urban forest. Most recently, Councilor Wong put forth a motion to protect trees on private property. City Council discussed the motion at length and there was unanimous support for the intent of the motion. It would be a complete turn-about to now clear-cut a precious resource and pave it over. To do so would completely undermine everything the City has said about valuing the environment. This is especially considering that there are other locations that could be used with way less permanent damage.

The Calgary Catholic School Board would like a high school for a few thousand students and the need is valid. However, even not considering the forest, this location is a less than optimal site. Schools are best located centrally in the service area to minimize average travel distance. It's useful if the site can use existing transit routes, have an LRT nearby, and be near main traffic routes with school access that doesn't interfere with normal traffic. None of these are provided by the forested area. It is at the farthest end of transit service. Current school traffic for Guardian Angel school, Webber, and Calgary Academy congest the neighborhood, to have increased traffic for another few thousand students, staff and parents would push it over the top. A suggestion that all this traffic could be routed from 17th avenue near the existing traffic circle is not a good traffic plan, especially with the limited options for entry/exit.

Also see links below:

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/calgary-councillors-approve-tree-protection-plan-for-private-properties>

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The proposed land use redesignation to allow a catholic high school to be built is important for many communities in southwest Calgary. The designated catholic high school for the area is downtown (St. Mary's), which is 12 km away from where this school will be and roughly an hour commute each way for students using transit in the communities this school will serve. Even the public high school nearby (Ernest Manning) is at or above capacity. There is a very significant need for this high school and the communities it will serve have been waiting a very long time for it to be built. Please approve the land redesignation, so the project can move forward.



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I am writing as a concerned resident of Aspen Woods to express my strong opposition to the proposed redesignation of the forested land in our community for the development of a new school.

This forest is one of the few remaining natural green spaces in our area and serves as a vital habitat for local wildlife, including moose, deer, coyotes, and other species. Its removal would not only displace these animals but would also disrupt the fragile ecosystem that has been thriving there for years.

Additionally, this forested area is an important space for community wellness. Many local residents, including myself, regularly use these woods to walk our dogs, connect with nature, and just enjoy being out of busy city life. In a city that increasingly faces rapid development, it is crucial to preserve natural areas that contribute to mental and physical health, especially for children and seniors.

Additionally, there are already three existing schools within close proximity to the proposed development site. The area already experiences significant traffic congestion during school drop-offs and pick-ups, which has created safety concerns for the residents, and the kids trying to walk to school. It is already hard enough to leave the house at those times, adding another school would only intensify these problems, further straining infrastructure and decreasing the quality of life for nearby residents. While the counter-argument may be that the school will have an entrance off of 17th, we are still adding more traffic in the general area, and what's stopping a parent from using the other entrance because the one of 17th is now busy. This is only going to intensify the traffic in the area.

I strongly urge the Council to reconsider this plan and explore alternative solutions that do not involve the destruction of one of our last remaining forested areas, and that involve better spaced out schools. Perhaps existing schools could be expanded or underutilized school spaces in nearby communities could be repurposed to meet educational needs. I do not know the right answer on what to do here, but I know that intensifying congestion and deforestation are not the solution. Let's protect our community's health, safety, biodiversity, and quality of life.

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Last name [required]	Groves-Wyllie
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I strongly oppose the proposed destruction of the wooded area in the Aspen Woods neighbourhood. This land is more than just trees, it is a vital ecosystem supporting moose, deer, coyotes, and other wildlife. Removing their habitat will displace these animals, leading to increased human-wildlife conflicts. Already we are seeing more wildlife walking through the neighbourhood since their habitat has been destroyed.

Beyond its environmental value, these woods serve as an important recreational space. The two nearby schools utilize this area for physical education and student well-being, and the neighbourhood relies on it for walking paths and outdoor activities. Losing this green space will negatively impact both students and residents. I go for walks in these woods nearly every day, it would be devastating to lose walking paths in the woods that I don't have to drive to.

Additionally, there are already three schools within 500 meters of each other. There is already a lot of traffic in the morning and we fear that the new school will further strain local infrastructure, causing unnecessary excessive congestion. Already there are days that the traffic to Calgary Academy and Webber Academy is backed up onto my street or people speed down the side street that I live on to try and gain a minute or two in their commute. Adding another school to this mix would cause this to be even worse. As well, I have heard that there are only 320 planned parking spots for approximately 1,000 high school students plus staff, we can expect significant overflow into residential streets, creating safety hazards and disrupting the community.

I urge the school board to consider alternative locations or solutions that preserve this crucial green space for both wildlife and residents. Development should enhance communities, not erode the natural assets that make them livable.



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First name [required] Dianne

Last name [required] Groves

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[required] - max 75 characters Proposed land use change for a new school

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I am opposed to this land use change for a new school at this location. The addition of another school in this very small neighbourhood at the expense of the existing green space and quality of life of its residents is extremely disturbing and disappointing. Not only is there already gridlock in the neighbourhood, the addition of more cars and people will only add to the density. As it is, the traffic (resulting in increased air pollution) is out of control. Not only is there a high volume of vehicles, the speed limits are ignored and safety has been increasingly compromised. I understand that the official entrance to the school will be on the other side of the woods, however, inevitably, students, staff and parents will try to access the school premises from as many entry points as possible because of the traffic this will cause. Additionally, the woods that will be destroyed is home to many animal species and provides a much needed green space to the residents of the neighbourhood. It provides a great place to walk, bike, bird watch etc and is beneficial to emotional and mental health well being.



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First name [required] Kathryn/Liam

Last name [required] Darling/Jones

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We are writing to express our strong and unequivocal opposition to the proposed land use redesignation to allow the construction of a catholic high school at 1579 93 St SW & 9744 17 Av SW. We strongly believe that this change would have significant, negative consequences for our community and would ultimately undermine the long-term well-being of the area and its residents. We urge the city to explore alternative locations for the school where the infrastructure strain and environmental degradation will not be as devastating as the current proposed location, nor disrupt the established community fabric as this certainly will.

Please review our attached letter for a detailed review of the anticipated impacts to the community. In summary, the issues addressed are as follows:

- Traffic and Safety Issues: The addition of another school would exacerbate existing traffic congestion and safety hazards in the area, which already has three schools within an 800m radius. Only a daily basis, community members experience unmanageable traffic congestion (see attached image) and unsafe driving conditions, including speeding, blocking resident driveways, accidents, etc.).
- Infrastructure Concerns: The current infrastructure cannot support the increased traffic and demand from another school, leading to unsafe conditions for both drivers and pedestrians. Residents must fight to leave their driveways during peak school hours. The residential neighborhood is not fit to accommodate 2000+ vehicles daily. The nearby resources, such as Aspen Landing Shopping Centre, are already overwhelmed by the increased demand and influx of people.
- Environmental Impact: The proposed school would result in the loss of vital green space, which is essential for community recreation and ecological health. This area provides crucial habitat for local wildlife, and its destruction would disrupt the ecosystem. The recent construction of Stoney Trail has forced increased wildlife into the neighborhood, with this being their only home left in the area.
- Community Values: Residents value the existing natural environment, which contributes to their quality of life. The proposed changes threaten the character of the neighborhood that attracted them to the area. We do not want additional noise and disruption. This is Aspen Woods - not Concrete Woods.
- Safety and Privacy Risks: Road safety, including car and pedestrian, and security breaches and incidents are at an extremely elevated risk.

June 3, 2025

Attn: Melanie Horkan

City of Calgary Planning & Development Department

Planning Services Centre
3rd floor, Municipal Building
800 Macleod Trail SE
Calgary, Alberta T2G 2M3

Subject: Strong Opposition to Land Use Redesignation (LOC2025-0031) for School Construction

Dear City of Calgary Planning & Development Department,

We are writing to express our strong and unequivocal opposition to the proposed land use redesignation to allow the construction of a catholic high school at 1579 93 St SW & 9744 17 Av SW. We strongly believe that this change would have significant, negative consequences for our community and would ultimately undermine the long-term well-being of the area and its residents.

First and foremost, this proposal disregards the existing zoning regulations, which are designed to preserve the character of our neighborhoods and ensure the sustainable growth of our city. Changing the land use to accommodate a high school would significantly alter the neighborhood's dynamic and place additional and significant undue stress on local infrastructure, including traffic, parking, and public services as well as the land and environment surrounding this location. This land was not designated for such a purpose, and allowing this change would set a dangerous precedent that could lead to further disruptions in the area.

The construction of yet another school would bring an additional influx of traffic, noise, and other disturbances that would further negatively impact the quality of life for the surrounding residents. As it stands, there are three schools in our neighborhood within a 1.8km radius of each other. The daily activity generated by the schools, including drop-offs and pick-ups, has created a significant and dangerous congestion situation in an already strained area. This has led to alarming safety hazards, with daily speeding, stop sign infringement, unsafe driving, neglectful parking (often blocking resident driveways), and on multiple occasions, accidents. One such accident resulted in a vehicle colliding with a young student walking to school. Emergency services were unable to reach this young child for more than 45 minutes due to the overwhelming congestion in the neighborhood as it stands.

During the day, teenagers leaving school grounds for lunch generates dangerous speeding and racing up along 93 St SW and Aspen Hills Dr SW. Numerous reports have been submitted to the City of Calgary Police to request monitoring of speeding, stop sign infringement, racing, and other dangerous road safety issues as a result of the increased traffic through the neighborhood due to the location of the already existing schools.

From our own experience, from the hours of 7am – 9am and 3pm – 4pm, it is impossible to leave our driveway until and unless vehicles along Aspen Hills Dr SW come to a halt in both directions, allowing us to depart from our own driveway. This in itself creates a very unsafe situation for drivers and pedestrians alike, and a frustrating situation for us as homeowners, being unable to enjoy our neighborhood each day. The congestion along all roadways in and out of the neighborhood leading to Calgary Academy,

Webber Academy, and Guardian Angel School is already unsustainable, dangerous, and overwhelming – this community cannot handle more traffic and congestion. We do not have the infrastructure to support the addition of another school. **See attached image of traffic into neighborhood in the morning for reference.**

Another critical issue is the environmental impact. The construction of a large school at 1579 93 St SW & 9744 17 Av SW would result in the loss of green space, which is vital for the community's ecological health and for providing residents with areas for recreation and relaxation. This land is a valuable resource that should be preserved, not paved over, for a project that could easily be built in a more suitable location. Many of the current residents, including families and nature lovers, have chosen this neighborhood precisely because of its access to beautiful and peaceful green spaces, and they should not have to endure such drastic changes.

The proposed teardown of green space for development is deeply concerning, as it threatens the delicate ecosystem and wildlife habitat that currently exists. This area is home to various species of animals, birds, and plants that rely on it for shelter, food, and migration paths. The destruction of this natural environment would not only displace these creatures but also disrupt the biodiversity that contributes to the ecological balance of the region. Due to the recent construction of highway 201 along this same corridor, local wildlife has already been significantly impacted by this loss of habitat and now rely on these woods for shelter. Losing this green space would significantly harm the local wildlife populations, potentially leading to the decline or extinction of vulnerable species. The woods are home to a family of moose, a herd of deer, and multiple other species, who are deeply admired and respected by residents and who help educate and inspire the next generation of students from the nearby schools. **See attached images of wildlife that call this location home and natural environment.**

On a personal note, access to the green space was a crucial part of our buying process when purchasing our home in 2021. We deeply admire these woods and have spent many many hours as a family together, exploring the woods and building deep and long-lasting memories within. After a long day of work and fighting significant congestion in our neighborhood, these woods serve as an escape from the stresses of life and provide a peaceful haven for rest and relaxation and the opportunity to reconnect with nature. We value access to the trails and green space which provide our dog, our family, and fellow community members with enriching psychological and physical benefits that cannot be understated.

This proposed land use redesignation begs the ultimate question: how can we continue to call this neighborhood Aspen Woods if the city chooses to demolish and destroy the deeply sacred environment that inspired its name? Please, do not remove this vital pillar of our community.

We strongly urge the City Council and the Planning & Development Department to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative locations that would not disrupt the established fabric of our neighborhood. This is not just about opposing a school; it is about ensuring that the future development of our city aligns with the needs and interests of its residents and upholds the standards of responsible urban planning.

Please take into consideration the voices of the people who live in this community. We do not want our peaceful neighborhood to be transformed into a hub of constant traffic, noise, and disruption. The community cannot handle another school and the loss of such valued and deeply cared for land. We urge you to stand with us and reject this land use change.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. We look forward to your prompt response and hope for a decision that reflects the best interests of the community.

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I sent the same information earlier and submitted it as a comment. I wasn't intending on speaking. Since then the Ward representative suggested that I speak. Attached is a slightly revised submission that I can present at the hearing.

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Message: Oppose the destruction of the forest, locate a school in a better location.

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The woods are heavily used by people including families, dog-walkers, kids and seniors. Despite heavy use the woods remain in good shape – there are no piles of garbage or wanton destruction which shows that people care and appreciate the natural area. This is a special place, an oasis next to brick buildings, houses and pavement, people and wildlife use and appreciate it and it cannot be replaced.

A representative from Ward 6, has stated that there's been a plan on the books since 2001. In 2001 perhaps the City didn't appreciate greenspace, or especially didn't value trees, but since then we have funded international trips just for discussing 'carbon capture' and the City has claimed that the environment is a top priority.

The City has established that trees are needed, but Calgary has lagged behind other cities in preserving and fostering urban forest. Recently, Councilor Wong put forth a motion to protect trees on private property. City Council discussed the motion at length and there was unanimous support for the intent of the motion. It would be a complete turn-about to now clear-cut a precious resource and pave it over. To do so would completely undermine everything the City has said about valuing the environment. This is especially considering that there are other locations that could be used with way less permanent damage. There was lots of opportunity over the years to set aside land south of 17 avenue or west of 85 by Banff Coach Road, some of which remains vacant now, or even the open field at the end of the Westbrook LRT, or any other place where there is traffic access, transit access and land that is not a forest. The old Viscount Bennett site came and went – it was a valid school site at one time and even that might have been reclaimed. Some opportunities have been wasted but it would be hard to accept that no other location is at all possible.

The Calgary Catholic School Board would like a high school for a few thousand students and the need is valid. However, even not considering the forest, this location is less than optimal. Schools are best located centrally in the service area to minimize average travel distance. It's useful if the site can use existing transit routes, have an LRT nearby, and be near main traffic routes with school access that doesn't interfere with normal traffic. None of these are provided by the forested area. It is at the farthest end of transit service. Current school traffic for Guardian Angel school, Webber, and Calgary Academy congest the neighborhood. Even Ernest Manning and especially Rundle school traffic spills over onto 17 Avenue, to have increased traffic for another few thousand students, staff and parents would push it over the top. A suggestion that all this traffic could be routed from 17th avenue near the existing traffic circle is not a good traffic plan, especially with the limited options for entry/exit.

Also see links below:

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/calgary-councillors-approve-tree-protection-plan-for-private-properties>

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/committee-endorses-options-better-protect-trees-private-property>

After an initial email, I had a response from Ward 6. The response seemed to miss important points. These are listed below.

1. It was mentioned that the two nearest high schools are private. As for private vs public schools the traffic issues and lack of transit options don't differentiate.
2. It was suggested that a school will provide open space for public use. There's already lots of open parking lots and short grass space but very few actual forested areas with footpaths that aren't simply narrow strips of trees between houses. An assurance that the forest will be replaced by even more playing fields completely misses the point. How many trees will be planted, and where will they be planted to replace the ones destroyed?
3. It was argued that Ernest Manning is at capacity. A point about Ernest Manning is relevant to Calgary Board of Education, but not Catholic Board needs. Earlier arguments that Catholic students are flooding Ernest Manning have been shown to be greatly overstated.
4. It was pointed out that the Catholic Board has had a high school as a priority since 2015 due to the growing population. This site is at the far west end of the city limits, in one of the least densely populated areas of the City with few options for transit. Is there any evidence that these lots, and only these, are best located for the majority of the Catholic high school student population, especially for the Catholic families who arrived since 2015? Wouldn't most students benefit by living closer to a school and having opportunities for affordable transportation?
5. It was mentioned and we all agree that "traffic is a key consideration when planning." Apparently a Mobility Team will monitor traffic. If it wasn't a good plan doesn't work, how could after-the-fact monitoring by a Mobility Team be of any possible use? The current plan for a few thousand students, staff, and families, and guests for school events to have a single entry and exit from 17th Avenue, right by the current small traffic circle and Stoney Trail access, is a recipe for problems.

Yes, there should be a high school somewhere, and maybe even nearby, but to clear-cut a forest is counter to any of the claimed priorities for the environment and I would also argue that that particular location is not even the best for a school.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Public Submission

CC 968 (R2024-05)

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Last name [required]	MacDonald
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Land Use Amendment – LOC 2025-0031 – West Calgary High School (Aspen Woods)

June 10th, 2025



The Need...

- The Calgary Catholic School District is experiencing extremely high utilization (~94% district wide,
- Utilization at the high school is even higher (~105% currently),
- Our student population is expected to grow between 2% and 3.5% for the next five years,
- Currently students on the West Side of Calgary can travel over an hour to their designated high school – St. Mary’s High School,
- Not only will this High School provide a close to home solution for us, but it will also assist the over crowding situation at Ernest Manning High School,

HIGH SCHOOL UTILIZATION

High School	Current 2024-2023	Projected 2025-2026	Difference
All Saints ¹	122%	123%	1%
Bishop Carroll	104%	106%	2%
Bishop McNally	107%	108%	1%
Bishop O’Byrne	83%	84%	1%
Father Lacombe	109%	103%	-6%
Notre Dame	126%	129%	3%
Our Lady of the Rockies	77%	84%	7%
St. Anne Academic Centre ²	226%	243%	17%
St. Francis ¹	110%	112%	2%
St. Mary’s	95%	100%	5%
St. Martin de Porres	69%	70%	1%
St. Gabriel the Archangel ¹	96%	99%	3%
St. Timothy	112%	118%	6%
OVERALL	103%	106%	3%



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Joint Use Site and Amenities – The Benefits

- Site is ~20 acres, and features ~10 acres of publicly accessible open space,
- Publicly accessible building components, gym, theatre, culinary... etc,
- Regional recreation amenities and opportunities,
- ~75-million-dollar Provincial investment in Calgary,



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Site History and Joint Use Fund Strategic Investment



- The site was purchased in the early 2000s for \$900,000,
- In Fall of 2024, the Joint Use Coordinating Committee recommended a further investment of up to \$5,000,000,
- The less than \$6,000,000 total dollar investment in the site pales in comparison to the ~30,000,000 current valuation of the site,
- It is a one-of-a-kind site on the West side of Calgary and is irreplaceable.



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Community Consultation, past, preset and future,

- Calgary Catholic has a track record of significant community consultation in our new-school projects,
- Past Consultation effort:
 - School website created,
 - Survey – Thought Exchange on school design elements and programming,
 - Land Use Amendment sign posted on site adjacent to 93rd Street West,
 - One on one conversations with concerned residents,
 - Dialogue with community association,
 - Discussions with Ward Councilors,

WEST HIGH SCHOOL THOUGHT EXCHANGE REPORT

Demographic Information

A total of 242 participants engaged in the ThoughtExchange. These participants provided 148 unique thoughts, and these unique thoughts received a total of 3493 ratings (stars).



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Community Consultation, what we have heard...

- Lots of positives regarding the need for the school,
- Some specific areas of concerns:
 - Traffic/congestion, mostly due to existing schools in area,
 - Loss of the natural area,
 - Site is currently zoned DC and would otherwise likely be developed,
 - The site can only become reserve once a school is substantially completed onsite,
 - Student parking offsite,



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Community Consultation – Responding Through Design,

- Our design intentionally attempts to resolve the concern of residents in the area by:
 - Placing recreation/open space amenities directly adjacent existing residences as a buffer,
 - Salvaging existing Aspen tree stand, where possible,
 - Providing ample student parking onsite, based on our historical success and the Traffic Impact Assessment,
 - Provide direct access to the site from 17th Ave SW,
 - Provide convenient onsite parent and bus drop off,
 - Provide interconnection with existing pedestrian and cycling corridors.



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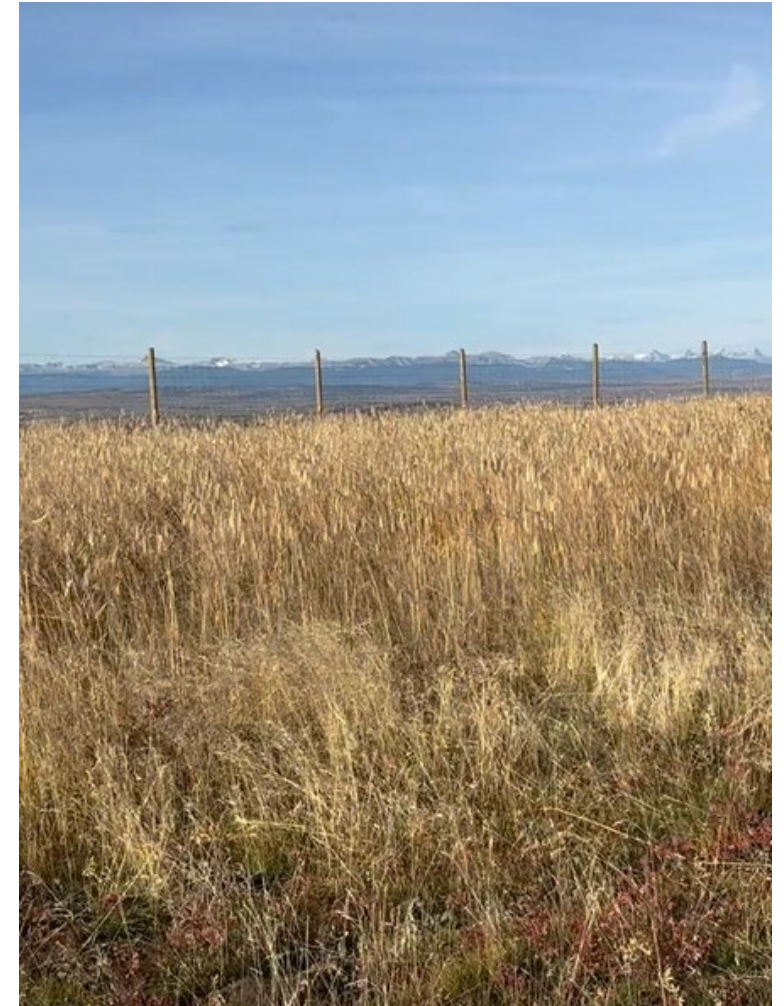
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Thank you!

- We greatly appreciate our relationship with the City of Calgary, and its Leadership,
- With your blessing, we look forward to building this school to support the residents of Calgary that we jointly serve,
- The Province has recently committed the full funding for the construction of this school.



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Applicant - Questions?



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