

# Calgary Planning Commission Member Comments



For CPC2025-0558 / LOC2025-0047  
heard at Calgary Planning Commission  
Meeting 2025 June 05



Member	Reasons for Decision or Comments
<b>Commissioner Hawryluk</b>	<p>Reasons for Approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administration notes, “There are no plans for a comprehensive development [of the Calgary Parking Authority’s Lot 6B] envisaged at this time. This proposal further supports the temporary pilot initiative, known as River Hall, that was held from 2024, August to September which transformed the site into a pop-up public gathering space that hosted various events and offered food, drink and retail for purchase. That pilot was approved under the temporary Special Function – Class 1 use. This proposal seeks to allow for the approval of the desired uses for longer periods” (Cover Report, pages 1-2).</li> </ul> <p>This application aligns with the following direction from Council:</p> <p>Municipal Development Plan/Calgary Transportation Plan (2020):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This site is within the Centre City – Greater Downtown area, which is “Calgary’s principal Activity Centre” (MDP, 2020, 2.2.3.a), and</li> <li>- ~400m from Downtown West-Kerby and 8 Street SW LRT Stations.</li> <li>- The proposed Direct Control (DC) District based on the Commercial Residential (CR20-C20/R20) District would allow longer-term temporary actions to activate Parking Lot 6B than are possible under the current DC from 1995, which is consistent with the vision for the Greater Downtown area.</li> </ul> <p>Section 10 of the DC lists the temporary uses. During the Planning Commission’s review, one Commissioner suggested that the temporary uses would also be appropriate as permanent uses. By proposing temporary uses, Administration appears to have taken a cautious approach. Some might argue that is an overly cautious approach.</p>
<b>Commissioner Damiani</b>	<p>Reasons for Approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This proposal seeks to allow for the approval of the desired uses for longer periods.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supports activation of an undeveloped site with an interim use while not impacting long-term development potential of the site.</li><li>• The intent is to learn through piloting the temporary use activation on this site in a temporary format with a longer lifespan and less administrative requirements than the special function use. This will inform possible uses and rules to incorporate throughout downtown land uses.</li></ul>
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