

**LAND USE AMENDMENT
BEDDINGTON HEIGHTS (WARD 4)
BEDDINGTON DRIVE NE EAST OF CENTRE STREET N
BYLAW 15D2018**

MAP 15N

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This land use amendment application seeks to redesignate a single residential parcel from a Residential – Contextual One Dwelling (R-C1) District to a Residential – Contextual One Dwelling (R-C1s) District to allow for either a Secondary Suite or a Backyard Suite as an additional use. The site contains an existing single detached dwelling. To Administration’s knowledge there is not an existing suite located on the parcel and the application was not submitted as a result of a complaint.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

On 2013 September 16, Council directed Administration to remove fees associated with land use amendment and development permit applications for secondary suites to encourage the development of legal and safe secondary suites throughout the city.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

2017 November 16

That Calgary Planning Commission recommends **APPROVAL** of the proposed Land Use Amendment.

RECOMMENDATION(S) OF THE CALGARY PLANNING COMMISSION

That Council hold a Public Hearing on Bylaw 15D2018; and

1. **ADOPT** the proposed redesignation of 0.04 hectares ± (0.11 acres ±) located at 236 Beddington Drive NE (Plan 7910500, Block 6, Lot 128) from Residential – Contextual One Dwelling (R-C1) District to Residential – Contextual One Dwelling (R-C1s) District, in accordance with Administration’s recommendation; and
2. Give three readings to the proposed Bylaw 15D2018.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed R-C1s district, which allows for one of two forms of secondary suite uses (Secondary Suite or Backyard Suite), is compatible with and complementary to the established character of the community. The proposal conforms to relevant policies of the Municipal Development Plan and will allow for development that has the ability to meet the intent of Land Use Bylaw 1P2007.

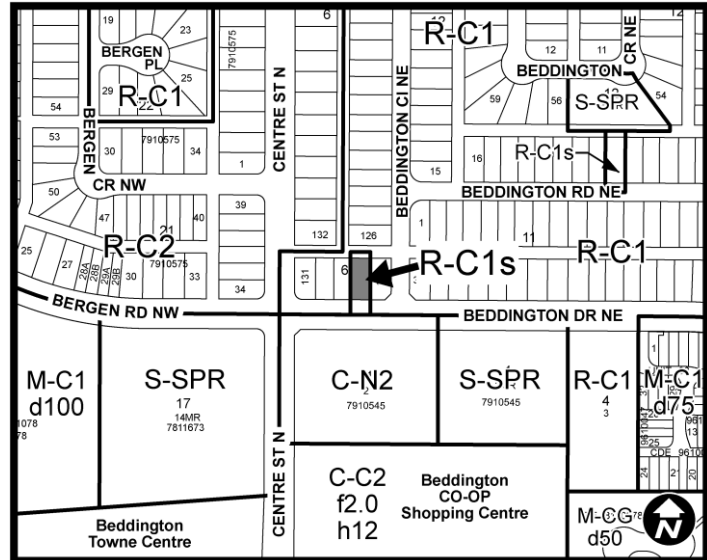
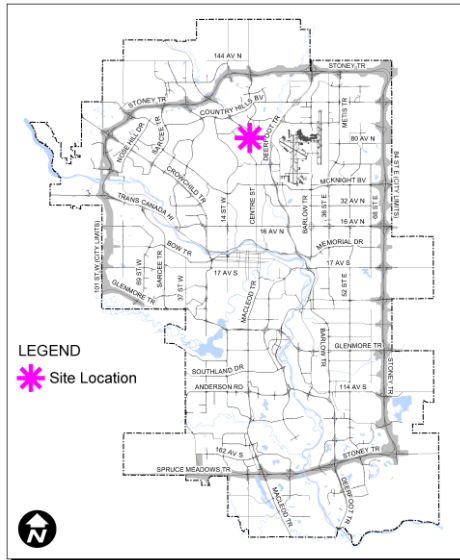
ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Bylaw 15D2018
2. Public Submissions

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LOCATION MAPS



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ADMINISTRATIONS RECOMMENDATION TO CALGARY PLANNING COMMISSION

Recommend that Council **ADOPT**, by bylaw, the proposed redesignation of 0.04 hectares ± (0.11 acres ±) located at 236 Beddington Drive NE (Plan 7910500, Block 6, Lot 128) from Residential – Contextual One Dwelling (R-C1) District **to** Residential – Contextual One Dwelling (R-C1s) District.

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Applicant:

Gordon Wong

Landowner:

Winnie Wong
Christopher Wong

PLANNING EVALUATION

SITE CONTEXT

Located in a low density residential R-C1 setting in the community of Beddington Heights, the site is approximately 15 metres by 30 metres in size and is developed with a one-storey single detached dwelling, two-car parking pad that is accessed from the rear lane. Surrounding development consists of low-density residential to the north, east, and west of the site. A commercial complex and park space exist to the south of the site

According to data from The City of Calgary's 2017 Census, the following table identifies Beddington Heights' peak population and year, current 2017 population and the population amount and percentage difference between the peak and current populations if any.

Beddington Heights	
Peak Population Year	1991
Peak Population	13,237
2017 Current Population	11,694
Difference in Population (Number)	-1,543
Difference in Population (Percent)	-12%

LAND USE DISTRICTS

The proposed R-C1s district allows for an additional dwelling unit (either a permitted use Secondary Suite or a discretionary use Backyard Suite) on parcels that contain a single detached dwelling.

Approval of this land use application would allow for an additional dwelling unit (either a Secondary Suite or Backyard Suite) to be considered via the development permit process. However, a development permit is not required if a Secondary Suite conforms to all Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 rules – only a building permit would be required.

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LEGISLATION & POLICY

South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (2014)

The site is located within the “City, Town” area as identified on Schedule C: South Saskatchewan Regional Plan Map in the *South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (SSRP)*. The SSRP makes no specific reference to this site. The land use proposal is consistent with the SSRP policies including the Land Use Patterns policies (subsection 8.14).

Municipal Development Plan (2009)

The site is located within a “Residential Developed – Established Area” on the Urban Structure Map (Map 1) in the *Municipal Development Plan (MDP)*. While the MDP makes no specific reference to this site. This land use proposal is consistent with MDP policies including the Developed Residential Areas policies (subsection 3.5.1), the Neighbourhood Infill and Redevelopment policies (subsection 2.2.5) and the Housing Diversity and Choice policies (subsection 2.3.1).

There is no local area plan for the community of Beddington Heights.

Airport Vicinity Protection Area (AVPA)

The parcel is located within the 25-30 NEF (Noise Exposure Forecast) contours, however, residential uses are not considered prohibited within this area. The applicant is responsible for ensuring uses are compatible with the Airport Vicinity Protection Area Regulation. All buildings constructed and renovated on land in the Protection Area must comply with the acoustical requirements set out in the Alberta Building Code.

TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS

Pedestrian and vehicular access to the site is available Beddington Drive NE and the rear lane. The area is served by Calgary Transit primary transit network service with a bus stop location within approximately 150 metre walking distance of the site on Centre Street N. On-street parking adjacent to the site is unregulated through the Calgary Parking Authority’s residential parking permit system.

UTILITIES & SERVICING

Water, sanitary, and sewer services are available and can accommodate the potential addition of a Secondary Suite without the need for off-site improvements at this time. Adjustments to on-site servicing may be required if a Backyard Suite is proposed at the development permit stage.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

An Environmental Site Assessment was not required.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

This land use amendment proposal does not require additional capital infrastructure investment, and therefore no growth management concerns have been identified at this time. The proposal is in alignment with MDP references associated with growth management matters.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Community Association Comments

Administration has reached out to the Beddington Heights Community Association and did not receive a response.

Citizen Comments

Administration received one (1) letter in opposition to the application.

Reasons stated for opposition are summarized as follows:

- Unsightly property due to renters; and
- Parking in back alley could lead to issues accessing adjacent properties.

Public Meetings

No public meetings were held by the Applicant or Administration.

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APPENDIX I

APPLICANT'S SUBMISSION

August 17, 2017

Dear Mr. Mayor and the members of city council,

I am writing this letter to apply for a secondary suite for my house located at 236 Beddington Drive NE. This property is only a minute walk to center street. It is only 1 of 5 houses on the block. Across the street contains only of green space and there is a lot of parking spots at the front and back of the house. The house is only a 1 minute walk to the #3 bus stop and just 5 minutes to the bus terminal in Huntington. The #3 bus and other buses goes directly to downtown, University of Calgary and other parts of the city. It is also a 2-minute walk to the future LRT station that would be great for students, seniors and families. There are also many amenities near by and daily essential stores such as playground, library, schools, swimming pool, day care and clinics. Safeway and CO-OP are all within 5 minutes walking distance. If the basement becomes a secondary suite it would be a very affordable option and convenience for people who are seeking for a place to live. With the rising prices of standard of living this would be an affordable option.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

APPENDIX II

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

While there are specific Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 definitions and development rules for Secondary Suite and Backyard Suite uses, the following information is provided to enhance general understanding of these two different uses (Secondary Suite or Backyard Suite).

Important terms



Secondary suite: A self-contained dwelling unit within the main residence that has separate living, cooking, sleeping and bathroom facilities. These are commonly referred to as basement suites or in-law suites.

Backyard suite: A self-contained dwelling unit in a detached building that has separate living, cooking, sleeping and bathroom facilities. These are commonly referred to as garage suites, garden suites, or laneway homes.

