

LAND USE AMENDMENT
VARSITY (WARD 1)
40 AVENUE NW AND 49 STREET NW
BYLAW 311D2017

MAP 36W

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 August 10

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 311D2017; and

1. **ADOPT** the proposed redesignation 0.06 hectares ± (0.14 acres ±) located at 5224 – 40 Avenue NW (Plan 5326JK, Block 34, Lot 45) 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 311D2017.

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 311D2017

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ADMINISTRATIONS RECOMMENDATION TO CALGARY PLANNING COMMISSION

Recommend that Council **ADOPT**, by bylaw, the proposed redesignation of 0.06 hectares \pm (0.14 acres \pm) located at 5224 – 40 Avenue NW (Plan 5326JK, Block 34, Lot 45) from Residential – Contextual One Dwelling (R-C1) District **to** Residential – Contextual One Dwelling (R-C1s) District.

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Applicant:

Yasmita Engineering

Landowner:

Sovannara Phin
Trung Vo

PLANNING EVALUATION

SITE CONTEXT

Located in a low density residential R-C1 setting in the community of Varsity, the site is approximately 17.5 metres by 36.5 metres in size and is developed with a single-storey single detached dwelling and a detached two-car garage that is accessed from the rear lane. Single detached houses exist to the north, east, south and west of the site. Approximately 300 metres to the south east is the Market Mall.

According to data from The City of Calgary 2016 Census, the following table identifies Varsity's peak population and year, current population and the population amount and percentage difference between the peak and current populations if any.

Varsity	
Peak Population Year	1981
Peak Population	13,645
2016 Current Population	12,612
Difference in Population (Number)	-1,033
Difference in Population (Percent)	-7.6%

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 allows for an additional dwelling unit (either a Secondary Suite or Backyard Suite) to be considered via the development permit process. 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.

TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS

Pedestrian and vehicular access to the site is available from 40 Avenue NW and the rear lane. The area is served by Calgary Transit bus service with a bus stop location approximately 100 metre walking distance of the site on 40 Avenue NW. 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.

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.

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Community Association Comments

Administration did not receive a response from the Varsity Community Association at the time of writing this report.

Citizen Comments

One letter was received in opposition to the proposal. The main concerns with the proposal include:

- A rental unit will erode the sense of community in the neighbourhood;
- More residents in the house will put pressure on the infrastructure;
- Parking;
- The increase in residents will increase noise;
- A variety of issues with respect to partying at the house; and
- Issues with upkeep of the exterior of the property.

Public Meetings

No public meetings were held by the Applicant or Administration.

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APPENDIX I

APPLICANT'S SUBMISSION

The purpose of the application for land use redesignation is in order to make the secondary suite in the basement. The land meets all the requirements to make a secondary suite so I am applying for changing the current RC1 to RC1s.

APPENDIX II

IMPORTANT TERMS

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 simply and 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.

