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SPC on Transportation and Transit  
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## **Albert Park Radisson Heights Community Lands Parking Solution**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On 2017 July 31 Council heard a land use redesignation for a property in Albert Park/Radisson Heights. The Community Association had previously expressed concerns regarding parking adjacent to their community garden, outdoor ice rink and skate shack, however they did not speak at the public hearing nor did they provide a submission. Council directed Administration to consult with the community of Albert Park/Radisson Heights to develop a parking solution for the community lands located at 2629 12 Avenue SE.

Several possible parking solutions were investigated including developing a parking lot, implementing parking time limit restrictions adjacent to the lands and changing the on-street parking configuration. Some of the options investigated were determined to be inapplicable for the situation. The development of a gravel parking lot within the community lands would provide the most parking with the least amount of trade-offs.

The parking lot design and cost estimate were presented to the Albert Park/Radisson Heights Community Association at their March meeting. Due to cost, there was no interest by the Community Association to pursue further.

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:**

That the SPC on Transportation and Transit recommend that Council receive this report for information.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY**

On 2017 July 31 Council approved a land use redesignation of a residential site in the community of Albert Park/Radisson Heights. Council passed the following motion as it relates to CPC 2017-212:

Adopt, Moved by Councillor Chabot, Seconded by Councillor Woolley, that the Calgary Planning Commission Recommendations contained in Report CPC2017-212, be adopted, as follows:

That Council:

- 1) ADOPT the proposed redesignation of 0.06 hectares  $\pm$  (0.15 acres  $\pm$ ) located at 2671 – 12 Avenue SE (Plan 4349HO, Block 5, Lot 5) from Residential – Contextual One/Two Dwelling (R-C2) District to Multi-Residential – Contextual Grade-Oriented (M-CGd67) District, in accordance with Administration's recommendation; and
- 2) Give three readings to the proposed Bylaw 213D2017.

MOTION ARISING, Moved by Councillor Chabot, Seconded by Councillor Carra, that with respect to Report CPC2017-212, that Council direct Administration in consultation with the community to develop a parking solution for the adjacent community lands and return to Council through the SPC on Transportation and Transit no later than 2018 Q2.

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### **BACKGROUND**

The Albert Park/Radisson Heights Community Association (APRH CA) has a License of Occupation (LOC) for land at 2629 12 Ave SE as identified on Attachment 1. On this land is an outdoor skating rink, skate shack and a community garden containing 19 plots. There is also a community park bordering to the south of the skate shack. Neither the park nor the community lands have on-site parking, thus street parking is used for people driving to access these resources. The APRH CA building is located on a separate site at 1310 28 St SE, two blocks east. This site does have parking but the building has recently been closed due to issues with mould.

### **INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS**

Administration reviewed several possible parking options including parking lots and alternative street parking layouts to provide additional parking to the site. There are no commercial lots in the area which could be considered for shared parking. Administration also reviewed several possible angle parking solutions on 12 Avenue SE and 26 Street SE however they were deemed to either not be feasible or provided little to no net gain of parking with significant trade offs to the community.

Administration determined that a parking lot to the east of the skate shack and skating rink structures, within the existing LOC, would be the best solution for introducing new parking. Administration prepared a concept design (Attachment 2) and cost estimate. The parking lot would be a gravel lot consisting of 6 stalls and cost approximately \$30,000. This lot may reduce street parking by approximately one parallel parking stall and would require the removal/relocation of two trees.

Administration also investigated the possibility of implementing parking time restrictions adjacent to the LOC to increase the availability of parking for users of community lands. However, the area in question is within a residential parking zone. Therefore, if any parking time limit restrictions were implemented, a person with a residential parking permit (RPP) for the community would be exempt from the restrictions. A review of the Residential Parking Policy is being undertaken this year.

### **Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication**

Administration met with the APRH CA president in January 2018 to discuss the parking issue and possible solutions. The CA indicated interest in a parking lot to the east of the skate shack on their existing LOC. Administration also met with the Ward 9 Councillor's office to discuss the Motion Arising, possible upcoming projects and plans for the area and potential parking solutions.

Administration attended the APRH CA March meeting to present the design concept and cost estimate. The board members showed concern about the cost, particularly the cost per stall.

### **Strategic Alignment**

The work undertaken aligns with the Council priorities to provide a well-run city that is open and responsive to the needs of the communities we serve and to be a city of inspiring neighbourhoods where people have the opportunity to participate in civic life by accessing community services. The investigation completed aligns with the parking policies in the Calgary Transportation Plan.

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### **Social, Environmental, Economic (External)**

Administration's assistance of the APRH CA supports the social and cultural goals of The City to create an inclusive city that fosters participation within communities and supports opportunities for recreation and leisure. This work also supports The City's goals to create and sustain a healthy community by promoting active living through accessible services, facilities and amenities.

### **Financial Capacity**

#### ***Current and Future Operating Budget:***

There are no impacts to current and future operating budgets identified in this report.

#### ***Current and Future Capital Budget:***

There are no impacts to current and future capital budgets identified in this report.

### **Risk Assessment**

There is a risk to the community of losing a vibrant and inspiring neighbourhood through the loss of the community association building. We will continue to work with the APRH CA and Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator to support their future plans.

### **REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):**

The work undertaken provided one primary solution, a gravel parking lot. However, due to cost the APRH CA has no interest to pursue at this time. Administration is committed to assisting the Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator and the APRH CA in future if they wish to pursue a parking lot solution.

### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. Attachment 1 – Map of LOC for Community Lands
2. Attachment 2 – East Gravel Parking Lot Concept Design