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November 1, 2018



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Re: Proposed Rezoning of 720, 724, 728 – 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta

Our church is located next door to the proposed condominium project and we visited the open house held at the Windsor Park Community Centre on July 25, 2018. I spoke to the applicant, who took time to discuss the proposed project in detail.

We are supportive of the proposed development as we believe the project will generate new growth and vitality in our community. The renderings depicted a good design and consideration was given to the surrounding neighbors and the street front. We were intrigued as to how the building stepped down from 5 floors to 3 floors. We were also told that the mature trees on 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be protected during construction.

Yours truly,

David Wolf Chairman of the Board

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April 9, 2018

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### Subject: 55th Avenue SW Residences – Preliminary Transportation Impact Assessment Dear Gerry: 1

#### INTRODUCTION

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#### **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

The proposed development is located in community of Windsor Park in Calgary's southwest. The subject site is currently occupied by three single family dwelling units.

The surrounding road network consists of:

- Elbow Drive: a north-south four lane road classified as a Parkway as per the City of Calgary's Road Classification System. Elbow Drive has a posted speed limit of 50 km/hr, and an AADT of approximately 26,000 vehicles per day (vpd).
- → 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue: an east-west road classified as a Collector, as per the City of Calgary's Road Classification System. 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue has a speed limit of 50 km/hr, and an estimated AADT of approximately 1,000 vpd. The intersection of 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue / Elbow Drive is signalized.
- → 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue: an east-west road classified as a Collector, as per the City of Calgary's Road Classification System. 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue has a speed limit of 50 km/hr, and an estimated AADT of 300 vpd. The intersection of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue / Elbow Drive is unsignalized.
- → 6<sup>th</sup> Street: a small north-south road classified as a Residential road with low traffic volumes.

The site location, surrounding road network, and bus stops within a 400 m radius of the subject site are illustrated in Figure 1.





Figure 1: Site Context

#### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The proposed development is situated on 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, east of the intersection of Elbow Drive and 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The proposed development includes off-street parking provisions. Access to the uncovered parking stalls and parkade will be through the existing rear lane off of 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW, between 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The site location and surrounding road network are shown in Figure 2. A site plan can be referenced in Appendix A.

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Figure 2: Site and Surrounding Road Network

Base Image: Google Earth Pro

The development plan for the subject site includes a combination of one-bedroom and two-bedroom units, totalling to 40 units. The current drawings note that a maximum of 44 units will be built.

#### TRIP GENERATION AND TRAFFIC REVIEW

The City of Calgary Trip Generation Rates have been applied to the proposed and existing land uses. Trips associated with the existing land use have been subtracted from those generated by the proposed use to establish the net new trips that can be expected at this site. Based on the rates and assumptions included, the estimated overall trip generation for the site in the weekday AM and PM peak hours is presented in Table 1. It should be noted that even though some calculations may generate a fraction of a trip, all values have been rounded to the nearest trip.



#### Table 1: New Trips Generated

			GENERATION					GENERATED TRIPS						
Land Use		Intensity (units)	AM Peak		PM Peak		AM Peak		PM Peak					
			Rate	In	Out	Rate	In	Out	Total	In	Out	Total	In	Out
Proposed	Multi- Residential	40	0.6 /unit	25%	75%	0.7 /unit	65%	35%	24	6	18	28	18	10
Existing	Single- Family	3	0.7 /unit	20%	80%	1 /unit	66%	34%	2	0	2	3	2	1
	Т	OTAL NI	EW TRIP	GENE	RATIO	N			22	6	16	25	16	9

Traffic counts sourced from the City of Calgary for the intersections of 55<sup>th</sup> Ave / Elbow Drive (2013), 54<sup>th</sup> Ave / Elbow Drive (2016) and 5<sup>th</sup> Street / 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue (2017) were considered in this analysis. A 2% linear annual growth rate was applied to estimate traffic volumes in 2019, the likely opening year of this development. This is a conservative approach as traffic counts spanned over multiple years and traffic growth currently is low, and in some locations, negative. The estimated 2019 traffic volumes can be referenced in Figure 3.

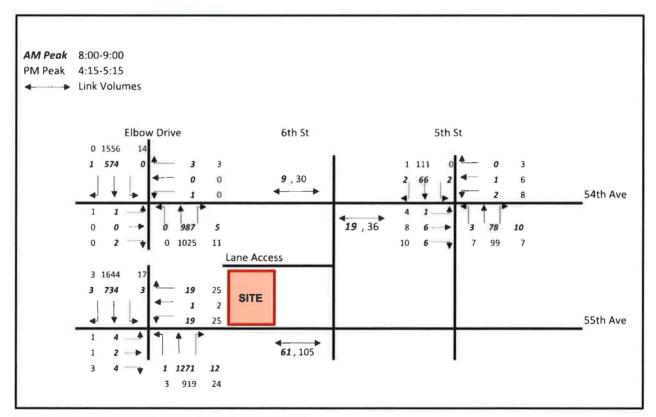


Figure 3: Estimated 2019 AM and PM Peak Volumes



### TRIP ATTRACTION

Trip attraction has been assumed based on the nearby and regional land uses, the surrounding road network, and the City's historical traffic volumes flow maps. The attraction and resulting trips are summarized in Table 2.

Tula Atlan	AM	Peak	PM Peak		
Trip Attra	ction	In	Out	In	Out
East	20%	1	3	3	2
North	40%	2	6	6	4
South	40%	2	6	6	4

#### Table 2: Assumed Trip Attraction and Resulting Trips

#### **RELATIVE IMPACTS**

The addition of the development traffic will have a negligible impact the operational capacity of the surrounding road network. The added traffic will account for less than 0.5% of the volumes on Elbow Drive. 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue are Collectors, with an environmental capacity of 2,000-8,000 vpd<sup>1</sup>, and roughly 200-800 vehicles per hour (vph). 6<sup>th</sup> Street is a Residential street with an environmental capacity of 2,000 vpd<sup>1</sup>, and roughly 200 vph. The resulting trips associated with this development are low, as shown in Tables 1 and 2. As shown in Figure 3, the surrounding road network has ample capacity to support the small number of additional trips generated by the proposed development.

#### TRANSIT

Calgary Transit operates a three bus services in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development. The available routes within a 400 m radius of the development and their frequencies are summarized in Table 3. The routes are shown in Figure 4.

Route No.	Route Name	WEEKDAY				SATU	SUNDAY	
		AM PEAK	MIDDAY	PM PEAK	EVENING	DAY	EVENING	DAY
3	Sandstone – Elbow Drive	5/10 min	10 min	5/10 min	20 min	10 min	10/15 min	10/15 min
72	Circle Route	10 min	20 min	10/15 min	30 min	30 min	30 min	30 min
73	Circle Route	10/15 min	20 min	10/15 min	30 min	30 min	30 min	30 min

#### Table 3: Existing Transit Routes and Frequencies

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Street Capacity Guidelines, City of Calgary (2014)

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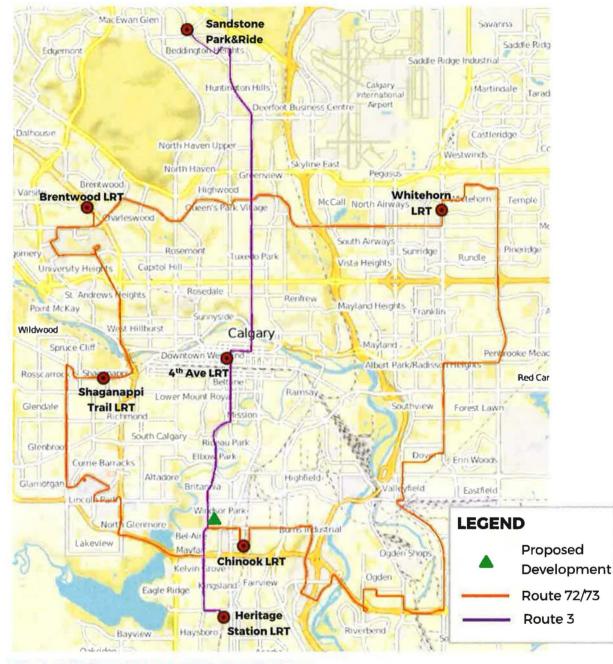


Figure 4: Bus Routes servicing 55th Avenue Residences

With three routes each offering at least 6 services / hour during peak times, relatively low headways and connections to downtown, LRT stations, and other popular destinations, the proposed development is well serviced by transit.



#### PARKING REVIEW

A review of the bylaw required parking supply has been conducted based on the City of Calgary's Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 (LUB). For the proposed MC-2 zoning, the bylaw parking requirements are listed in Table 4. The minimum and maximum parking requirements are based on the range of units (40 - 44 units) provided in the site plan in Appendix A.

There is a provision in the LUB [Clause 560 (2)] for transit-supportive multi-residential developments, it allows for a 10% reduction in the required number of residential stalls when the development is located within 150 m of an existing street where frequent bus service operates. The LUB defines a frequent bus service as one which has frequencies of at least:

- One bus every 20 minutes on weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and
- One bus every 30 minutes on weekday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to the end of service and on weekends during the times of service.

The development fronts on 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and is located approximately 70 m from the intersection with Elbow Drive, where Route 3 runs; therefore meeting the minimum frequency and distance requirements. As such, the 10% reduction is applicable and has been taken into account.

ТҮРЕ	RATE	MIN REQ'D (40 UNITS)	MAX REQ'D (44 UNITS)		
Resident Parking	1.0 /dwelling unit	40	44		
Visitor Parking	0.15 /dwelling unit	6	7		
Transit Supportive Reduction	10% reduction of resident parking	-4	-4		
TOTAL	TOTAL				

#### Table 4: Motor Vehicle Parking Stall Requirements

The current site plan indicates that between 42 - 46 stalls can be built; meeting the bylaw parking requirements.

On-street parking is also available in the vicinity of the development and does not require a permit. An evening site visit was conducted March 20, 2018 at 6:20 p.m. to observe the on-street parking availability. On-street parking along 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue was found to be in use, but not at capacity. Images from the site visit can be referenced in Appendix B. The surrounding residential dwellings have concrete parking pads and/or garages accessed by rear lanes, therefore reducing demand for on-street parking. As such, it is not expected that the development will significantly impact parking in this area.

In addition to motor vehicle parking stalls, a minimum of one loading stall, 20 Class 1 and four Class 2 bicycle stalls should be provided for the development as per LUB Clauses 123 (8) and 559.



In summary, the minimum parking requirements for the development are:

- 42 motor vehicle stalls;
- 1 loading stall; and
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#### ACCESS MANAGEMENT

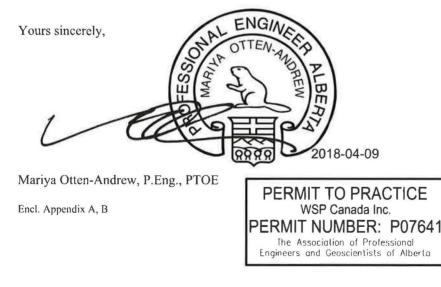
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#### SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The proposed 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Multi-Storey Residence will generate low traffic volumes, with estimated typical AM and PM peaks of 22 and 25 trips respectively. It has been assumed that the majority of traffic will be distributed along Elbow Drive, and development generated traffic will not have a notable impact on the operation of the surrounding road network.

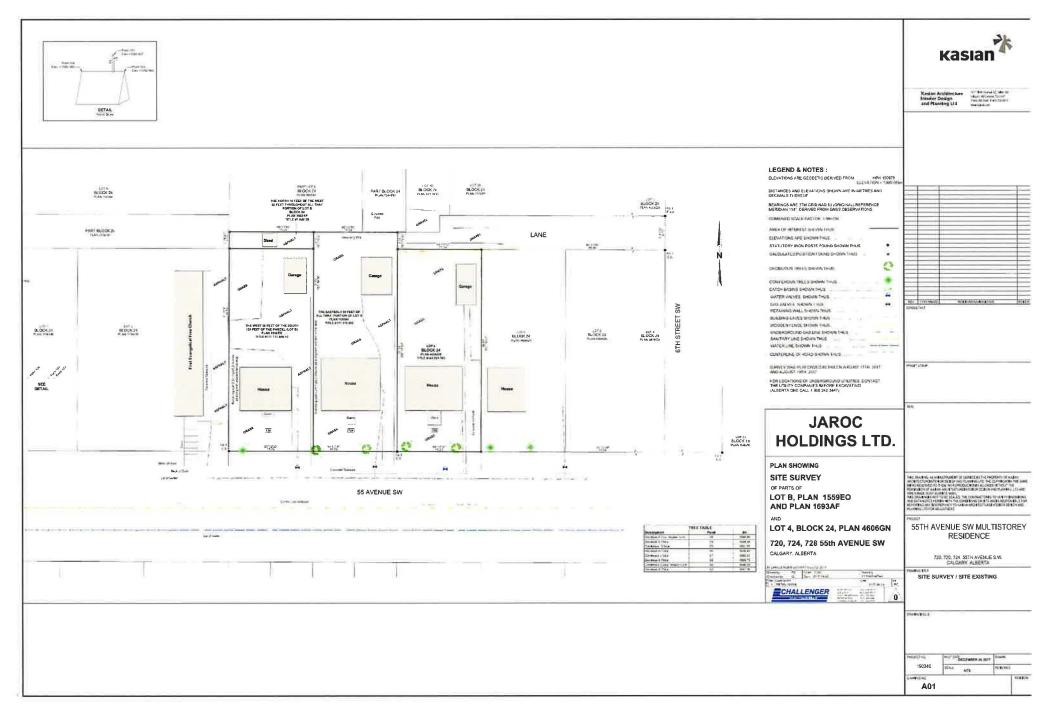
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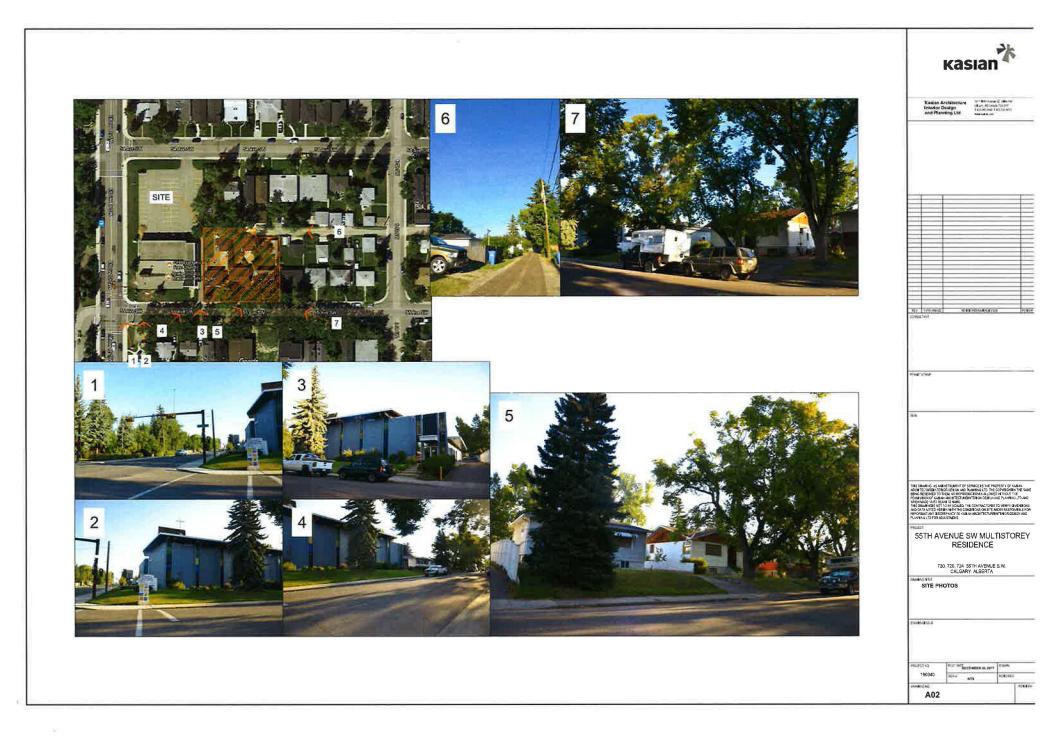
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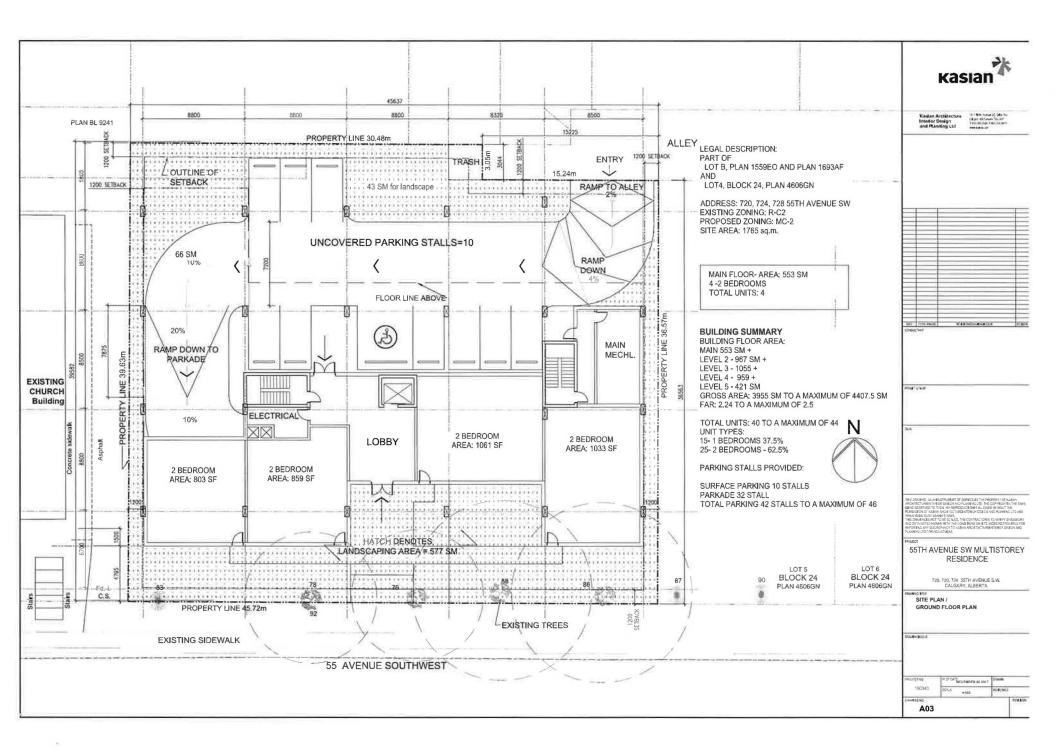




APPENDIX A - SITE PLAN









### APPENDIX B – SITE VISIT PHOTOS



Figure 5: 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue – facing west



Figure 6: 6<sup>th</sup> Street – facing south

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Figure 7: 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue – facing east



Figure 8: Lane - facing west

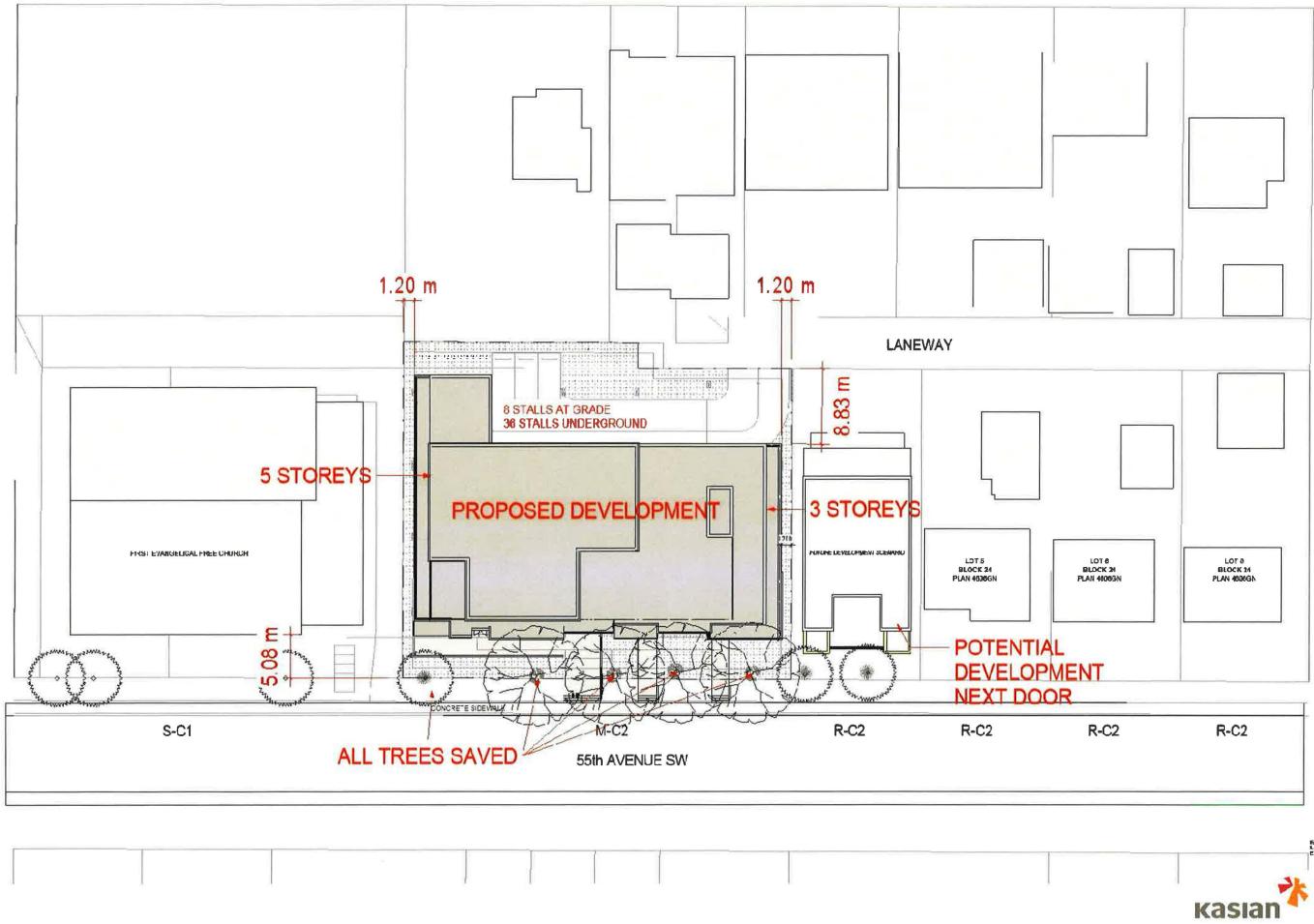




Figure 9: Church Parking Lot













## What We Heard: Community Engagement Report

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- Social Media and Web
- Community Engagement Survey Results
- Open House Feedback
- Verbatim Comments (Online)
- Project Team: Notes to the Community





### **Our Process**

\*\*This "What We Heard: Report to the Community" was developed to share the results of the Applicant's engagement process, initiated by Kasian Architecture, focused on the redevelopment of 720, 724, & 728 55th Avenue SW.

 The engagement strategy provided multiple opportunities and channels for Windsor Park Residents to learn about the future visions for this site, and to share their thoughts. Through multiple engagement channels online and in-person, we heard from many community members.

The community engagement process took place from May - October 2018.

The social media channels, email and website are still in operation, and will continue to be an open form of communication for the project team and the community throughout this process.

 The dedicated website email address provides citizens and immediate stakeholders direct access to the architectural team.



## The 20-week engagement process included:

- 2 meetings with the Windsor Park Community Associationto review the project and to obtain feedback and to utilize Community Association input into project.
- Multiple meetings with area Councillor Jeromy Farkas, starting in November 2017 (prior to landuse submission) with ongoing and consistent dialogue.
- Door-to-door feedback gathering (over 160 homes in a 0.5km radius from the project site), plus a collection of signatures for support conducted on May 27th & 28th.
- Dedicated project website (55avenuesw.com) launched . May 1, 2018 complete with online survey for community residents, open house dates, online feedback form, dedicated email & downloadable project documents (website remains active to date)
- The creation of a dedicated project social media page, community feedback group and open house events on Facebook (social media channels remain active to date)

Targeted Facebook and Instagram advertisements to Windsor Park area residents (via Postal Code Targeting) to gain awareness for the open house events

- 2 Open House info sessions, coordinated in cooperation with the Windsor Park Community Association in July & August
- 2000 Open House invitations sent via 2 Canada Post mailouts, to households within in 1 km radius from the project site, advertising both the July & August Open Houses
- Sandwich boards advertising project details, website and Open House dates on 5th St SW, between 52<sup>nd</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SW
- September and October engagement conducted by . compiling data and responding to community resident concerns, by written letter from Kasian addressing how each concern has been heard and rectified. Open dialogue with community residents continues via Kasian Architecture, project website, and social media channels.



## **Community Participation in Engagement Process:**

Residents were given multiple outlets, both online and in person, in which to give their ideas, concerns, opinions and ask questions.

Participants:

- 68 residents responded to our online-survey, via our website 55thavenuesw.com
- 49 people we personally engaged in the 2 day door-to-door direct campaign
- 17 project inquiries via website comment form
- 47 attendees to the July 25<sup>th</sup> Open House
- 42 attendees to the August 28<sup>th</sup> Open House

- 349+ unique website visitors
- 44 comments, concerns and opinions via Feedback Forms at the Public Open Houses and via comment forms on the website











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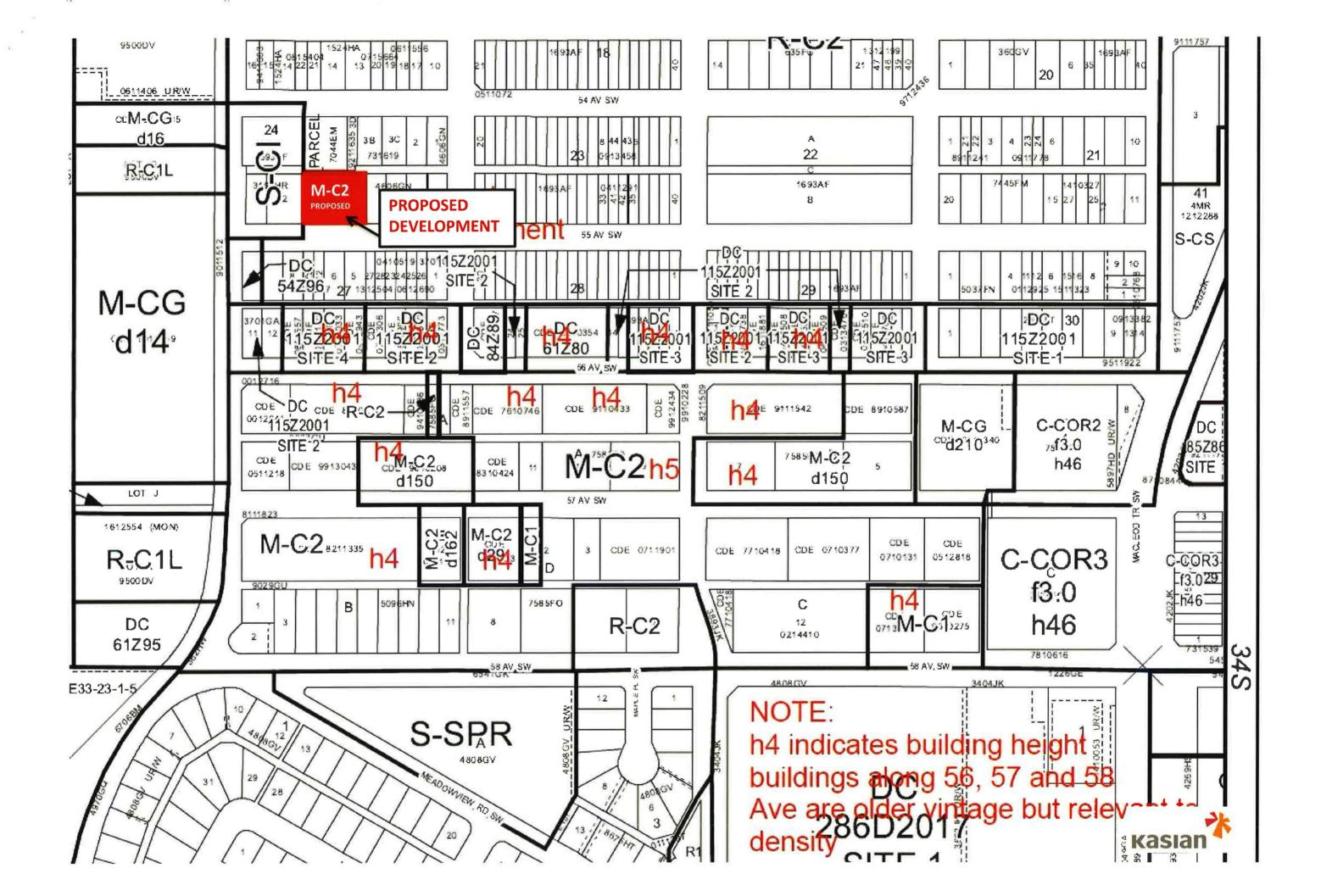
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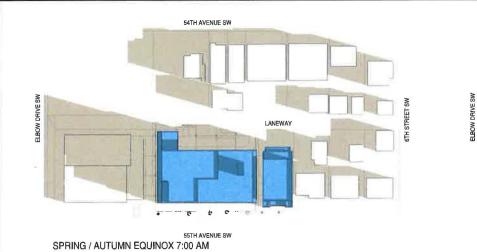










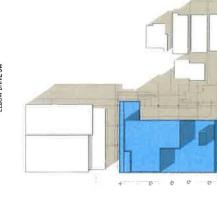




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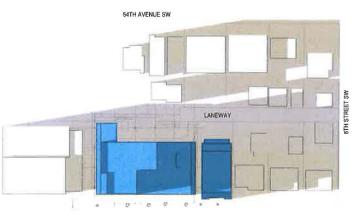


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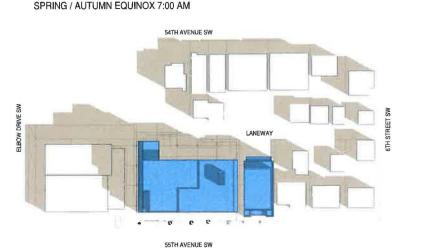
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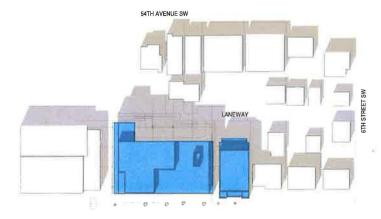
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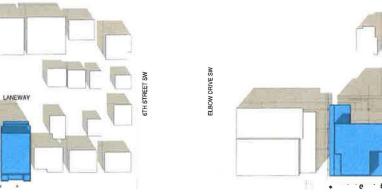


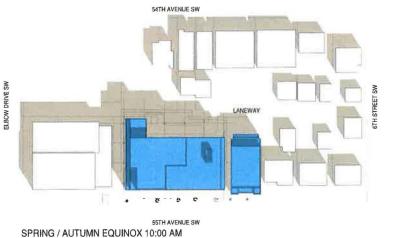
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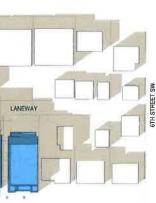
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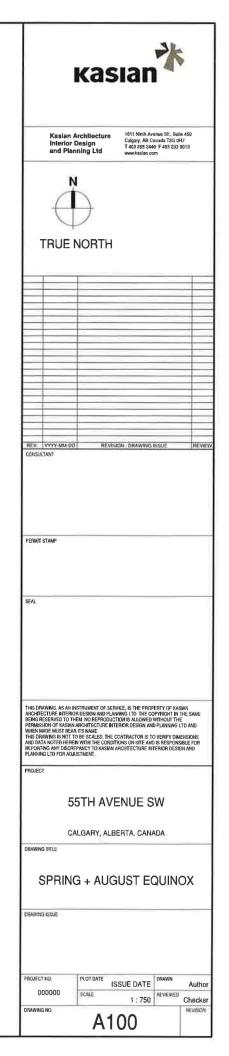


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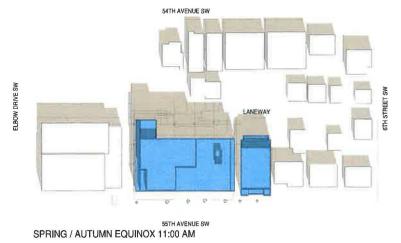




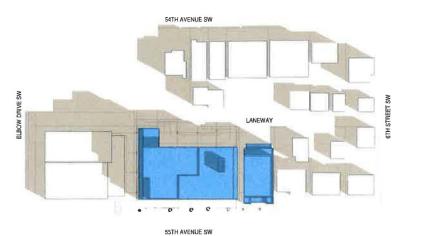


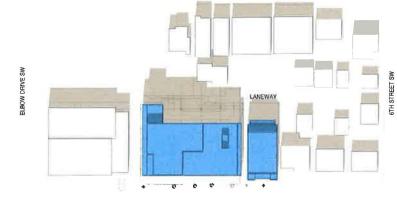






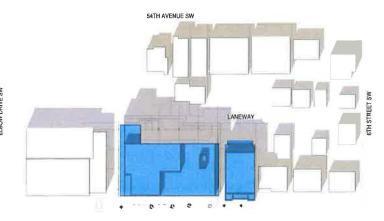
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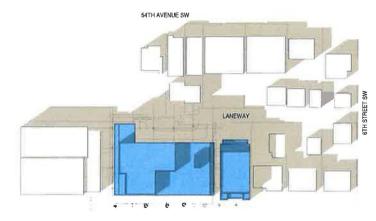
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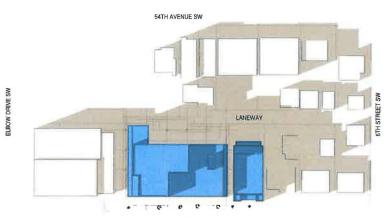
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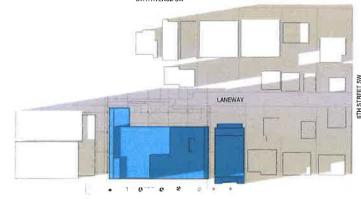


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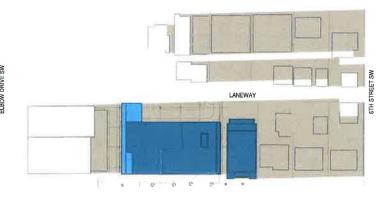
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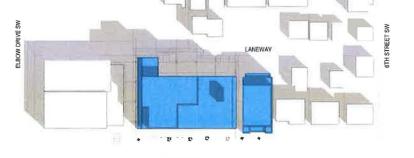
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