

Applicants Submission

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RE: Land Use Amendments for Lot 7, 8 and 9 in Royal Vista Business Park for Renert School and Community Enrichment Hub

History

The Renert School has been providing a new model in education since its conception back in September 2013. It has been an amazing accomplishment as the staff and students have elevated the school to become one of the top scholastic schools in Alberta in just four years. Along with success comes demand.

Need For Expansion

It was a typical start for the new private school. The grades 1 through 7 were primarily full with grades 8 to 12 completing the original enrolment. The success of students and faculty brought a new excitement to education and resulted in an increasing demand for space. The Renert School in turn needed to develop a master plan for expansion and purchased the adjacent lot 8 for the expansion of the existing school. This was to provide added space for the growing populous and the need for a full sized gymnasium. Before construction began on the new school it became operant the additional space will be required for outdoor activities and lot 9 was was purchased for the city to allow this future expansion.

Expanding Programs

One apparent need in the community was the development of Child Care Services. There were many families requesting this service. It would be a win win situation for the community. The parents could have one location that could meet the needs for their growing families. It would be a win win situation as it is convenient for the larger families and once a young member was enrolled in the program there becomes continuity in their education.

For this reason the Child Care Services will be added to the program in September 2018.

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Changing Demography

Royal Vista Business Park is changing with the demands of the community. Some of the restriction originally adopted by the city have been relaxed to allow the integration of multiple uses. This created the perfect opportunity for the school to expand. The change in building height restriction has allowed the new school to build a 5 story tower connected to the existing school along with a full size multi use gymnasium. This leaves the newly acquired lot 9 for future expansion for outdoor activities for both the students and the community.

Community Building

The Renert School has become a community hub and with its expanding facilities it will continue to support the local community in both scholastic and sports activities. The new facility will have a multi use gymnasium, Black Box Theatre and fully equipped dojo. The future development of the outdoor activities on lot 9 will be community oriented.

Employment

The expanding enrolment in all the new programme will result in doubling the faculty formats existing size to over 100. This was our original goal and it will be achieved in the upcoming year.

Conclusion

To meet the growing needs of the school and community we are applying for the following changes to the existing zoning:

1. Lot 7 is zoned IB with a DC added to allow the operation of a private school in conjunction with an instructional facility. We are applying to add Child Care Services as a permitted use on lot 7.
2. Lot 8 and 9: we are applying to add a DC to these lots that allows the operation of a Private School and Child Care Services as permitted uses.

This will bring continuity to the zoning of all the properties that will house the Renert School for Intelligent Learning