

Community Association Letter

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To: Cardiff, Jennifer <Jennifer.Cardiff@calgary.ca>; CPAG Circ <CPAGCirc@calgary.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Re: LOC2019-0007 Circulation Package

Hi Jennifer,

We revised our comments over the weekend. Below are the Renfrew Planning Committee's revised comments on behalf of the Renfrew Community Association Board:

The majority of the Renfrew Planning Committee supports this change of land use. The applicants first met with us about this project in September, early in their application and design process; early engagement is always appreciated in a project like this. We see rowhousing as a way to provide more housing options in our neighbourhood.

Small homes with two or three bedrooms have been an essential part of our community's character, since CMHC built Renfrew in 1949 as veterans' housing. Similarly, rowhousing has been part of Renfrew since 1955 when the townhouses now collectively known as Regal Park were built. To argue that rowhouses with two or three small bedrooms are inconsistent with our community's character is to forget how and for whom our neighbourhood was created. Indeed, though residents may argue that our neighbourhood is largely single family houses, according to the 2018 City Census, 41% of our dwellings are single family homes; 26%, apartments; 14%, townhouses; 11%, duplexes; and 8%, converted structures, which we understand to be mainly detached homes with secondary suites (http://www.calgary.ca/CA/city-clerks/Documents/Election-and-information-services/Census2018/Civic_Census_-_at_a_glance_booklet.PDF pg. 95 and 109).

Thanks,
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