

VARSITY CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

July 2024

Restrictive Covenants

An information meeting will be held regarding Restrictive Covenants on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 7-9 p.m. at the Varsity Community Centre.

South Shaganappi Local Area Plan

The Local Area Plan engagement process is currently in Phase 3 (Refine). You can see the latest information at www.calgary.ca/shaganappi. The comments of the Varsity Community Association will be posted on the VCA website at <https://www.varsitycommunityassociation.ca/civic-affairs/>. A public hearing at Council is anticipated in Q1 2025.

City-Wide Blanket Rezoning of Residential Lots

City Council approved the rezoning of every residential lot in the City in May and it will take effect on August 6, 2024. This new base land use district allows single family, semi-detached, townhouses, and rowhouses (8-10 dwelling units) without the requirement of a public hearing before Council. The parking requirement is 0.5 stalls per unit.

Council also approved laneway or backyard suites as a permitted use in addition to a secondary suite on each parcel. These suites are usually built above a rear garage. There is no requirement for parking on-site for laneway suites and there is no appeal on permitted uses.

City Engagement

There are a number of City initiatives open for comments now. Although many feel discouraged with the city's engagement process, it is important to submit comments on issues that are important to you to get them on the record. Silence is interpreted as support.

Short Term Rental Study

You can have input on the City's Short Term Rental Study July 15-August 11 at <https://engage.calgary.ca/STR>.

New Calgary Plan (City Building)

The new Calgary Plan will combine the Municipal Development Plan and the Calgary Transportation Plan into a new document. The Land Use Bylaw (zoning bylaw) and Street Manual will also be updated. The City states: “All three of these documents will work together to create a clear, concise and central 30-year vision and 10-year action plan for Calgary’s future.”

Phase 1 & 2 have been completed. You can comment on Phase 3 at <https://engage.calgary.ca/citybuilding>.

Calgary’s Pathway & Bikeway Network

Add your input about expanding the network at <https://engage.calgary.ca/pathwaybikeway>.

University Innovation Quarter (formerly University Research Park)

The University Innovation Quarter is a 76 acre site south of the Brentwood LRT station. A new Master Plan is being created for this site in anticipation of redevelopment. Sign up for more information at uiqcalgary.com.

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