



October 23, 2023

The City of Calgary
Floor 3, Administration Building
323 – 7 Ave SE
Calgary, Alberta T2P 2M5
Attn: Real Estate & Development Service – Sales

**Re: Sale of Public Park at Glenmore Landing
Plan 8311942; Block 4; Plan 8311942; Block 3 - 8945 14 Street SW and 1630 90 Avenue SW**

We are writing on behalf of the Chinook Park-Kelvin Grove-Eagle Ridge Community Association (the “CKECA”) with respect to the sale of a portion of the above-noted public park (the “Public Park”). We would request that these comments be provided to Calgary City Council for consideration.

The CKECA is concerned about the extent of the public consultations performed by City of Calgary (the “City”) regarding the decision to sell the Public Park, particularly with respect to the residents and businesses located in areas most affected. Decisions to sell a public park should not be taken lightly and should consider the viewpoints of the residents most affected by the sale of Public Park, including the CKE Communities. Has the City engaged in a sufficiently transparent consultation process prior to selling the Public Park and fully considered the comments raised by those residents, particularly the comments relating to traffic, parking and the assumptions about use of the BRT by residents of the development?

The CKECA is also not aware of any assessment performed by the City on the potential impacts of the sale and development of the Public Park on the adjacent Glenmore Reservoir (the “Reservoir”). The purpose of the sale of the Public Park is for the proposed redevelopment of the site into a high-density development. To what extent has the City considered potential impacts on the Reservoir and, particularly, the City’s drinking water? Our understanding is that there would have been restrictions on development at Heritage Park if the park were not located there due to proximity to the Reservoir.

Finally, the CKECA is aware that the City engaged in a lengthy legal battle with Campeau Corporation, the original developer of Glenmore Landing, to ensure the protection of the same Public Park. The original developer had sought to develop what is the current Glenmore Landing into a high-population density residential area including, among other things, 1,217 apartment units. The City Council rejected the application for reclassification of the lands. Ultimately, the City expropriated the Public Park in order to ensure the preservation of the lands for use as park or recreational purposes. How have the considerations that led the City to expropriate the Public Park changed?

While the CKECA has used this forum to ask questions about the process being used to advance the development, we have chosen not to support or object to the development. We believe that the opinions of residents in closer proximity to the development should ultimately carry greater weight than any potential preference of the CKECA about the development. We respectfully request that the City Council consider these comments prior to approving the sale of the Public Park.

Sincerely,

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Chinook Park-Kelvin Grove-Eagle Ridge Community Association

cc Kourtney Penner