

December 5th email to Councillor Farkas.

I'm advised that you recently held a private meeting with Inn from the Cold representatives.

I believe you received the results of our community's discussion at our November 14th AGM, and the unanimous vote to reject the Inn's written proposal for an emergency shelter in our community.

I also believe you're familiar with the Erlton Area Redevelopment Plan - a statutory policy document - and the Section 2.2.2.2 expectations for the Erlton School property once it is no longer used for educational purposes. The Inn's proposed use clearly does not comply.

{The existing designation of the Erlton Public School site should remain as PE Public Park, School and Recreation District (refer to Land Use Recommendations). It is recommended that the school grounds be redesigned in accordance with the community needs. In consultation with the community, consideration should be given to allocation of a tot- lot, tennis court, seating areas and soft landscaping features. In the situation where the Calgary Board of Education identifies the Erlton School site as surplus to their needs, it is recommended that consideration be given by the City to acquire the school property for community facilities and local open space purposes in accordance with the established Calgary General Municipal Plan policy.}

I'm sure your research into other City policies, specifically Planning Principles for the Location of Care Facilities and Shelters (2011), will have shown you that a 50,000 square foot building cannot comply with Section B.21 - both in size and appearance (the majority of surrounding homes are single-family two-story), and the fact that the proposed use does not align with our ARP.

{In areas designated as multi-residential, commercial districts, and in the Centre City districts, the building should have the external appearance of nearby multi-residential uses, shall be of a size that is similar to nearby dwellings, shall contribute to the visual attractiveness of the area and be aligned with any local plans and policies.}

Nevertheless, the Inn could enlist you and City planning administration in an attempt to force this on our community against our expressed wishes.

We sincerely hope this does not occur.

In the end, I'm left with only one question: What part of no doesn't the Inn understand?

Best regards,

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