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Dear Ms. Hayes,

I am pleased to communicate with you regarding the current status of, and future plans for, the parcel of land at 108 Mission Road in the community of Parkhill, [near the Erlton / Rideau Roxboro community].

In September 2018, the land at 108 Mission Road S.W., currently the site of a decommissioned Enmax substation, was sold to The City of Calgary. The land was purchased through an existing agreement with Enmax regarding any surplus land.

The site meets The City's key criteria for development of affordable housing, including proximity to amenities such as transit, grocery stores, recreational spaces and parks. The land has been assigned to Calgary Housing for development. The site is anticipated to support development of up to 18 homes for individuals and families living on lower incomes.

With one in five Calgary households struggling to pay for housing costs, City Council has directed a strategy to ensure that low-income Calgarians have a safe, stable place to call home in all neighbourhoods across the city. This development is an important step in that strategy.

In the 2018 Citizen Satisfaction Survey, 94% of Calgarians indicated that affordable housing for low-income families was somewhat or very important to them, and 61% urged The City to invest more in homes for low-income families. Currently only 3.6% of Calgary's households are supported by non-market housing, which is below the national average of 6%.

It is important to note that studies indicate the presence of affordable housing in a neighbourhood does not significantly impact property values or crime rates.

The project is currently partially funded; no design or development will take place until provincial and/or federal funding is secured. There is currently no timeline on receipt of full funding or for subsequent development, and no design has been initiated for this project at this time.



Once fully funded, robust engagement with the neighbouring communities will take place as part of the design process, to ensure that the development integrates into the existing neighbourhood context while meeting the needs of Calgary Housing. In the meantime, Calgary Housing plans to install a sign indicating the site's future use.

I am happy to visit your next meeting to help answer any questions you may have regarding the process or timelines. If you would prefer to contact me sooner, my contact information is listed below.

I look forward to working on this project in collaboration with the Erlton community, and to delivering this critically-needed development for Calgarians.

Sincerely,

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