



March 9, 2022

Councillor Gian Carlo Carra  
c/o Office of the Councillors  
PO Box 2100, Stn 'M'  
Mail Code #8001A  
Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

**RE: Update on YW Calgary's Sheriff King Home Crisis Shelter and Affordable Housing Project**

Dear Councillor Carra,

YW Calgary (YW) would like to express our sincere gratitude to the City of Calgary and the numerous administrative departments, in particular the Real Estate & Development Services and the Affordable Housing teams, for supporting YW's current capital project to build a new Affordable Housing facility and a redeveloped Sheriff King Home Crisis shelter on the site leased from City of Calgary, known collectively as the Sheriff King Home Site Redevelopment Project. We would also like to provide you and the City of Calgary with an update on the project, including some of our next steps for your awareness.



*Design for the Sheriff King Home Redevelopment Site, including the Sheriff King Home Shelter, the Affordable Housing facility, and a shared courtyard on the existing site.*

Following the successful releases of the development permit for the site as well as the demolition permit for the shelter, we went on to demolish the original Sheriff King Home in October 2021. After receiving approval of the Affordable Housing building permit, YW commenced construction of the Affordable Housing building in January 2022. Through the building permit process, the Affordable

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Housing has been assigned a dedicated address of 1650 20<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, while the YW Sheriff King Home will remain 2003 16 Street SE.

We are grateful for the Affordable Housing facility being largely funded through CMHC's Rapid Housing Initiative and the City of Calgary. We have submitted a request to CMHC Shelter Co-Investment to fund the redevelopment of Sheriff King Home. We continue to engage with other possible funding sources, including with the provincial government, and via our private capital campaign.

In terms of upcoming steps that are required to continue to make these much needed facilities a reality in Inglewood, YW will be applying for a land use change for two additional residential units in the Affordable Housing building in order to maximize the facility's capacity for families in need from 19 to 21 units. Additionally, we are exploring creating a licensed childcare in the Sheriff King Home building. A pre-application meeting is being planned for March. Design on the redeveloped shelter facility is proceeding and we anticipate submitting a building permit to the City of Calgary in the coming weeks.

Thank you again for your ongoing support for the project, and to the City of Calgary administration for the heavy lifting with respect to both of these facilities. If you have any questions about the project do not hesitate to contact Andrea Cox, Government Relations at [acox@ywcacalgary.ca](mailto:acox@ywcacalgary.ca) or by cell at 403-827-5719.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sue Tomney', is positioned above the printed name.

Sue Tomney  
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YW Calgary

Cc: Jason Halfyard – Manager, Land & Asset Management, City of Calgary

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#### Background

In August 2020, Calgary Young Women's Christian Association (YW), submitted a request to renew the lease of the land on which the YW Sheriff King Home sits:

Municipal address: 2003 16<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Calgary, AB T2G 5B7

Legal description: Plan 9311097, Block 12, Lot 1

YW Calgary currently has a 50-year lease agreement with the City of Calgary. The agreement was signed December 16, 1982 between the City of Calgary and The Royal Trust Corporation of Canada. On December 22, 2016 YW Calgary was assigned and assumed the lease agreement from Royal Trust Corporation of Canada in agreement with the City of Calgary. The current term of the lease is to 2032. Section 1.1 of the agreement affirms a renewal clause for a further 50-year term.

- 1.1 This lease may be renewed for a further term upon receipt of notice in writing 120 days prior to termination of lease by either party hereto to the other and upon renegotiation of the terms and rental of a renewal.

In October 2020, the Government of Canada, through CMHC, launched the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI). A \$1 billion program to help address urgent housing needs of vulnerable Canadians, through the rapid construction of affordable housing. <https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/nhs/rapid-housing-initiative>

The initiative provides capital contributions under two streams to expedite the delivery of affordable housing. The RHI will:

- Support the creation of up to 3,000 new permanent affordable housing units
- Cover the construction of modular housing, as well as the acquisition of land, and the conversion/rehabilitation of existing buildings to affordable housing
- Aim to commit all funds before March 31, 2021, and ensure housing is available within 12 months of agreements
- Support long-term, permanently affordable housing for a minimum of 20 years

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