

A Framework for Developing an Affordable Housing Project in Shaganappi

Here is information you may want to know.



About Shaganappi

Close to downtown and the Bow River, Shaganappi features great recreation spaces, local amenities and businesses, multiple quality restaurants, two LRT stations, direct connections to the regional bike network, a thriving elementary public school, and a seniors centre within walking distance. All of these factors make Shaganappi an ideal community to live in. Our community has developed an excellent reputation for working with quality developers and City staff to facilitate consultation that leads to the best outcome for all involved.

As noted in our Objects, part of our mandate is “to facilitate and encourage dialogue between residents and other stakeholders such as businesses, developers, non-profit agencies and the City of Calgary to enhance both the process and outcome of projects in the community.”

Affordable Housing in Shaganappi

Successful communities are diverse. As our community densifies, we welcome agencies that seek to offer affordable housing to individuals and families. Ideally, the project would accommodate a variety of clients within the residence to afford them the best opportunity to integrate in the community.

Because of the thriving elementary local school and closeness to recreation spaces and playgrounds, our area is especially well-suited to families. The Salvation Army’s Barbara Mitchell Family Resource Centre is a valuable resource in Shaganappi for those seeking assistance and programming to develop skills. We are also within walking distance of the Good Companions 50 Plus Club catering to seniors.



Shaganappi’s Vision

Shaganappi is a diverse community where people feel safe, connected, and invested; neighbours have multiple opportunities for recreation and enjoying nature in our community.



Shaganappi’s Values

We aim to be proactive, representative of residents’ interests, sustainable, welcoming, and fun.



Shaganappi’s Mission

The Shaganappi CA provides recreational opportunities, maintains community amenities, and facilitates advocacy for residents on issues affecting our area.

Working with Shaganappi's Affordable Housing Committee

The committee's vision is to help build a diverse community where people feel safe, connected and invested. We are a contact point for existing and potential agencies in the area to establish open communication, promote effective engagement for new projects, and simultaneously reduce any stigma and increase awareness of affordable housing.



The Merit of Thoughtful Planning Engage with Shaganappi

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BE PROACTIVE & GET IN TOUCH

Results from a 2019 survey to members about affordable housing indicate great support for projects that house families and seniors. We expect honest and transparent dialogue with any development group. Reach out to the Development and Affordable Housing committees to discuss your vision and early plans. It may be helpful to meet in person with representatives from one or both committees to gain support for your proposed project prior to fanning out more broadly to affected neighbours.

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INFORM & COMMUNICATE

Information is key to gaining support from the community. After meeting with committee representatives, we suggest you create an information package about your proposed project. We can review and/or email your prepared communication to affected neighbours for feedback.

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ADVERTISE & HOLD AN OPEN HOUSE

After receiving feedback from affected neighbours, you may wish to adjust your proposed plan and/or meet with those neighbours to discuss the feedback. We can facilitate an engagement opportunity with affected neighbours that includes Community Association leaders and our City Councillor. Contact us about our designated monthly evening where our hall is available for public consultation on development projects, or to set up an alternate meeting date.

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BE OPEN & STAY CONNECTED

Maintaining a relationship with Shaganappi, including with our leaders, will help to ensure the residents of your building will have the most success at integrating into the community. A Good Neighbour Agreement and a residence liaison for larger residences helps to ensure success of the building as a longstanding part of the neighbourhood. We expect that interested agencies intending to house high-acuity clients would follow the recommended steps outlined in the Canadian Housing First Toolkit for public consultation.

NEXT STEPS

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