

## **Your Community Association and Development Permits**

This document aims to clarify the Lake Bonavista Community Association's (LBCA) role, outlining how we represent community interests while acknowledging the City of Calgary's process regarding development permits. By providing clear information, we seek to address recent discussions, enhance understanding, and encourage resident participation in shaping our community's future.

### **1. Community Association's Role in Community Improvements**

The CA works with the City Councillor's office to support community-led improvements that do not have a direct municipal process. These include traffic calming measures, crosswalks, benches, park garbage bins, beautification projects, community gardens, infrastructure such as roads and pathways.

### **2. Planning and Development Matters**

Community Associations (CAs) and residents can share their feedback on planning related files via a direct City contact and department link; a place to ask questions, seek clarification and submit feedback on potential impacts.

The LBCA recognizes the diverse range of opinions within the community regarding Development Permits, including varied priorities and concerns about proposed developments. The LBCA serves as a resource, guiding residents on how and where to access Development Permit information and submit their feedback directly, empowering individuals to voice their own views. The City, rather than the Community Association, has formal responsibility for the Development Permit process, and individual resident engagement is how the City incorporates community perspectives.

### **3. Public Input and Impact**

The most significant influence on a development file comes from the volume of individual resident feedback. Submissions from multiple residents (e.g., 10 to 100) could have a great impact.

### **4. Further Information**

For questions regarding specific development permits or land use change applications, residents are encouraged to contact the City file manager listed for each DP on the Development Map. Additional information can be found via:

- **Live chat:** [calgary.ca/livechat](https://calgary.ca/livechat)
- **Call:** 403-268-5311
- **Website:** [Planning Services Centre](#)
- **Info:** [How to Respond to a Development Application](#)

### **5. Acknowledgment of the Community Association**

The Community Association Board is recognized for its dedication and volunteer efforts in supporting community spirit and programming.

## **Summary**

The Community Association plays a supportive role in facilitating community improvements and collaborates with the City Councillor's office on initiatives that lack a direct municipal process. In planning matters, residents are encouraged to engage directly with the City, as broad resident participation is the most effective way to influence development decisions.