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### **Airdrie City Council Approves Re-Zoning of Land for Habitat Development**

Airdrie, Alberta – The final Public Hearing for the Habitat for Humanity Calgary (HFHC) Monklands Development was held last night at Airdrie City Hall. Many residents; both opposed and in favour of the development, were in attendance to voice their concerns.

In the end, Council approved the re-zoning of the site to an R-4 designation; paving the way to a proposed multi-family development for Habitat for Humanity. Council also noted that the original concept of 57 units on the site is too much density and requested that a new “site-appropriate” project be brought forward.

The proposed Monklands development is situated on 2.37 acres of City-owned undeveloped land adjacent to Ralph McCall School and the Monklands Soccer Park in Airdrie. The proposed residential development includes a multi-family component to provide 'attainable' housing to hard-working low income families in the surrounding area.

“We are very pleased with the decision,” states Andrew MacLachlan, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity Calgary. “We also appreciate the concerns of the surrounding residents and will work hard with our consultants to develop new design concepts that will satisfy the community and the needs of Habitat families.”

He adds, “We will be hosting another Open House as soon as we can to begin this exciting process. Airdrie has demonstrated that it is a progressive and welcoming community that our Habitat families will be glad to call home.”

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*Calgary Habitat for Humanity Society is a non-profit, faith-based organization working for a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live. Our mission is to mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting homeownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty.*

*The Calgary affiliate organization was founded in 1990, is a member of Habitat for Humanity Canada, and part of a worldwide network that spans 93 countries, has built over 300,000 homes, and is now building a new home every 10 minutes.*