

Public in put into the proposed "Land use by law that would stop the ability of having an out door shooting range in a Country Residential Zoned area". Public in put on September 12, 2017.

My name is Kevin Shenfield one of the owners of Surreyview Farms Ltd. and the Land lord for the SGGC.

Mr. Mayor, Parkland County Councillors, County of Parkland Administration and Concerned County Residents to the Land Use by Law change.

My family and myself are not in favor to the proposed "Land Use By Law" that would prohibit any out door shooting ranges located in a "Country Residential Zoned Area".

I would like to state some facts about the SGGC in relations to the public perception that has been formed in the last few years and also in the last few months.

#1) Our Division #3 Councillor (Phyllis Kobasiuk) visited the SGGC in June 2011. She attended the Annual General Meeting of the club with another Division #3 Resident (Cheryl Ball), who has been very vocal in opposition of the SGGC. Cheryl at the time was a recently new member of the Agricultural Advisory Committee from Division #3.

#2) Then in 2012 the SGGC was presented with a very nice plaque/clock from " Parkland County ". Congratulating the club for 40 years of service in Parkland County. The plaque also passes on best wishes in the future in the county.

These two events that I have just mentioned leads me to believe that the “Parkland County” was pleased with the running of the club. It appears to me that our Councillor (Phyllis Kobasiuk) along with some of my neighbors have done a turn about face. The range has been making improvements and has been following and exceeding the guide lines that have been put in place for them to function in the county. The Range is a needed facility for the safe use of firearms. The current council has also said that a shooting range is a needed service in the county. In my opinion there should not be a reason why the club cannot continue to provide a needed service. The county Administration and Council and equally important the neighbors along with the club can come to a compromise so that we can co – exist.

In regards to some of the statements that some of my neighbors have made.

#1) Some one mentioned that she could not study in her own home because of the noise from the gun range. She stated that she was one of the closes neighbors to the range (500+ meters). She had to resort to going else where to study to earn her business degree. I’m blessed to have a niece and nephew that were staying in our home and they both had no problem doing their school home work. The range was in operation at the time, my house is with in 300 meters of the range.

#2) Some one mentioned that at times the noise from the range shook the windows in their house. The windows in the two houses in my yard have never shook . My dairy barn is even closer (just north and east of the 300 yard riffle range) and I have never seen the windows shake because of the gun range.

#3) Some of the neighbors have stated that the gun range should never had been allowed to function in the first place. Very interesting comment.!!

Well all I can say is right back at you "Brother & Sister". The acreage development should not have been allowed in the first place. But what is done is done we have to move forward from here. I firmly believe that there is intelligent and realistic citizens on both sides of this very sensitive issue. We all have to put are heads together and come to a agreement to co – exist.

The County Administration has stated that the SGGC must send out in excess of 500 invitations to the surrounding neighbors for a open house (Sept. 7th evening). To show everyone what makes up the gun range. In principal it sounds like a great idea but, when our Councillor (Phyllis) or some of the other Councillors or the management of the County Administration, or even some of the neighbors that are apposed to the club should have been there in attendance. I'm very pleased to have seen neighbors that were interested in seeing what the range is all about. The "Land Use By-Law" change is a major history making bill that has become an election issue. As a rate payer in the county, my family and myself are very disappointed when the policy makers are not taking the time and the interest in learning and negotiating with the club and the surrounding neighbors. Thank you neighbors that are apposed, for keeping a closed mind about a service club that has been around for 40 + years

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion on a policy that will have a major impact on the quality of life in the county, Provincial and Federal Law people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin Shenfield".

Kevin and Allan Shenfield.