December 8, 2020 Public Hearing

PROPOSED BYLAW 2020-13 ACHESON INDUSTRIAL AREA STRUCTURE PLAN (DRAFT VERSION)

To: Mayor and Council

Published on the County website the <u>2014 Acheson Industrial Area Structure Plan</u> demonstrates on page 68:

- Sections #29 and #32 (east side of RR265 south of highway 16A) zoned AGR;
- Sections #31(south side of highway 16A) zoned AGG;
- Section #6 (north side of Highway 16A) zoned AGG.

On page 74 "Future Land Use Concept" these sections are being considered to be rezoned to Business Industrial.

- These lands boarding the west side of Acheson originally were zoned AGR/AGG to
  provide a buffer zone between Acheson Business Industrial Area and rural residential
  neighbors. Most of these lands are presently utilized as equestrian stables or
  crop/pasture land providing a buffer beautification zone along the west side the
  Acheson Industrial Area.
- 2. The designated AGR/AGG lands provide a protective development buffer upon the lands that provide the water recharge zone for the Wagner Natural Area, a protected Provincial Park. Industrial construction, roadways and topsoil removal will destroy the water recharge zone for the Wagner Natural Area.
- Traffic difficulties are concerning to residents as we have witnessed the congestion currently in some of the Acheson Industrial Zones with the increased traffic loads.
   RR265 would require major upgrading and intersection changes at highway 16A and 79 Ave, to meet standards of Alberta Transportation.
- 4. Future phased development considers the rezoning of the AGR Lands to Business Industrial Lands to be "Long Term Development". What considerations is the County prepared to mitigate regarding the tax base from AG to BI if the lands are not developed for 10 years out tax concessions?

The 2014 Acheson Area Structure Plan was a comprehensive collective decision, inclusive of several parties, designating the afore mentioned lands as AGR/AGG within the Acheson boarders as a protective buffer for all the reasons mentioned.

Respectfully Submitted Dale and Dianne Allen Residents



