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Parkland County Council

Re: Proposed Bylaw No. 2013-05

My name is Ron Harris and I own land within the Whitewood Mine Permit boundary (C2000-25) and License No. C2003-6 area. I will be directly impacted by amendments contained within proposed Bylaw 2013-05.

Approximately six years ago I purchased land located within the Whitewood Mine Permit Boundary. At the time, I was advised that an Area Structure Plan was going to be developed for the area, which was to detail road development, industrial uses and residential zoning. I have now been advised that this plan is no longer being considered, which I think is a mistake. An area structure plan is needed to guide future planning and development north of Wabamun.

I am providing this written submission to the public hearing to voice my support for changing the existing bylaw, provided county administration will have the discretion to approve residential development on land that has not previously been mined (not just arbitrarily prohibiting development on all of the land located within the boundary).

In the absence of a detailed area structure plan, this amendment is a good first step. I implore the county to take additional steps to better guide future development in the area to ensure balanced development of residential, industrial and park lands. Given the area's proximity to an existing community and a major transportation corridor that work should begin now.

Thank you for your consideration

Ron Harris

