

Public Engagement Summary Report for Land Use Bylaw Amendment regarding Outdoor Participant Recreation Services

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On May 9th, 2017 Parkland County Council voted on a motion to direct Administration to prepare a Land Use Bylaw (LUB) amendment to exclude outdoor gun ranges from the definition of Outdoor Participant Recreation Services. Administration prepared several options in amending the LUB. On July 11th, 2017 Council gave first reading to the proposed LUB Amendment Bylaw 2017-19 to revise the definition of Outdoor Participant Recreation Services use, and to add a new Outdoor Shooting Range use and regulations. A public hearing was scheduled for September 12th, 2017 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers at Parkland County Centre.

Throughout this process, there have been several opportunities for the public to provide input on the proposed changes (below).

Timeline:

May 9th – Council meeting

- Motion passed that administration be directed to exclude gun ranges from Outdoor Participant Recreation Services

June 13th – Council meeting

- Public feedback received during Public Input session

June 15th – Open House (4:30 pm to 8 pm)

- 105 attendees (46 % from Parkland County, remaining from surrounding communities)

June 27th – Council meeting

- Council unanimously votes on a motion for a special Council meeting be held July 11th, 2017 at 5:00 pm with public input from 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm

July 11th – Council meeting

- Public Input session: 21 attendees spoke (10 in favour of the amendment and 11 against the amendment)
- First reading is given Bylaw 2017-19

September 12th – Public Hearing for Bylaw 2017-19

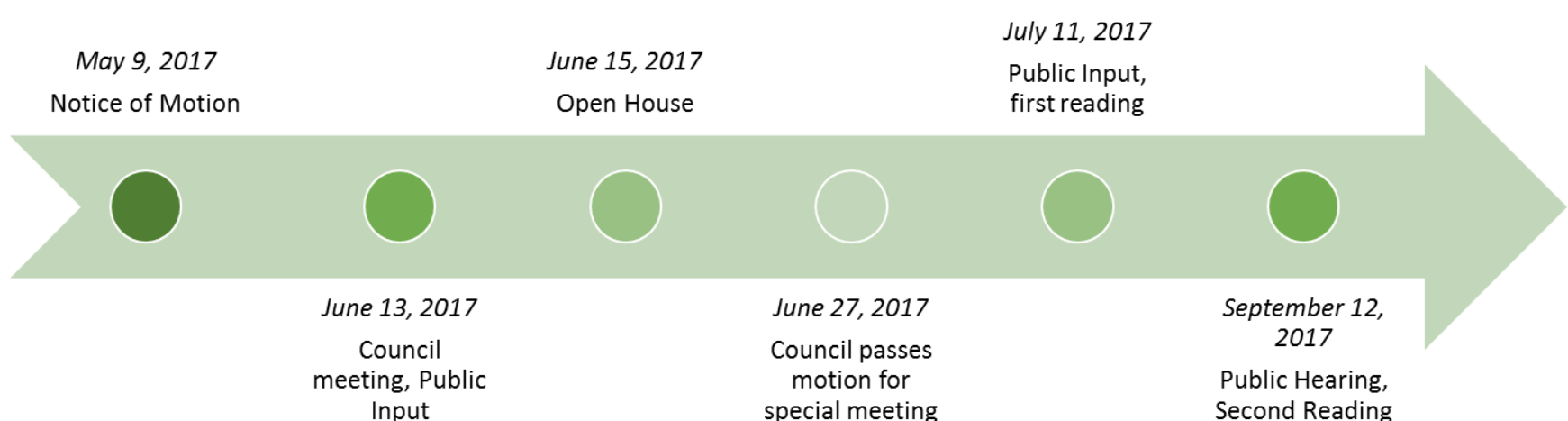


Figure 1: Timeline of the LUB amendment

This document is intended to provide a summary of public input received regarding this LUB amendment. For a complete list of all comments provided, please refer to **Appendix A: Raw Qualitative Data**. Additionally, **Figure 2** summarizes the common themes in the public input received.



Figure 2: Themes from the public engagement

The amendment to the definition of Outdoor Participant Recreation Services is a contentious issue. Over 100 attendees were recorded at the Open House on June 15th, 2017, and 21 individuals spoke at the Council meeting on July 11th, 2017. The common themes to the input were: safety, land use compatibility, nuisance, environmental concerns, and community values.

For a detailed breakdown of the arguments for and against the amendment, refer to **Table 1**.

Table 1: Summary of public input regarding the proposed LUB amendment bylaw

Themes	For Amendment	Against Amendment	How feedback was received
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The dangers of getting hit by a stray bullet Bullets <i>can</i> leave the ranges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gun Club teaches gun safety It's safer to have a Gun Club than residents going into open fields for target practice A lot of money was invested to build Spruce Grove Gun Range to exceed the Provincial Regulated Legislation for safety Bullets <i>can't</i> leave the ranges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open House Public Input
Land Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gun Ranges are not compatible in the Country Residential District Gun Ranges should be moved elsewhere Majority of residents against the gun ranges in CR Area too populated, Gun Ranges no longer compatible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Spruce Grove Gun Club was there before most of the residents and should be grandfathered Gun Ranges can co-exist with Country Residential Parkland County created the problem and the SGGC did everything that was asked of them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open House Public Input
Nuisance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The noise from Gun Range is intermittent and not acceptable The noise negatively impacts quality of life and enjoyment of their properties Quality of life is more important than recreation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents should have anticipated noise from guns when moving near a Gun Club The classroom and indoor range do not cause nuisance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open House Public Input
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for lead contamination from bullets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no potential from lead contamination from bullets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open House Public Input
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents pay taxes, the Gun Club does not Amendment solution to problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Spruce Grove Gun Club has been around since 1971 without incident The Spruce Grove Gun Club is an important rec site to teach gun safety, train RCMP/professional shooters, and to bring people into the community The Spruce Grove Gun Club pays taxes through Surrey View Farms An asset and equipment worth in excess of \$110K not being used Why did Council direct administration on this amendment before election? The Spruce Grove Gun Club is only gun club with 300 yard range 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open House Public Input

APPENDIX A: RAW QUALITATIVE DATA

From June 13th, 2017 Council meeting:

- President of the Spruce Grove Gun Club spoke on behalf of the Gun Club

From June 15th, 2017 Open House:

Comments:

1. The experiences I had as a child, I would like to share with my own. Keep SGGC open.
2. If council wants to put residential development next to existing outdoor gun ranges, then the County or the development should make an investment in installing and maintaining sound mitigation measures
3. Firearm use must always be allowed in the County. Ranges must be kept open for the safety and training of all new shooters
4. As a new shooter, this is heartbreaking. SGGC provides a safe facility with emergency measures (STARS), mandatory safety meetings & a sense of community for the sport
5. Having the range to go to puts the sighting in & practicing in an environment more desirable than my acreage
6. Shooting ranges users are safe, law abiding people who have chosen to recreate using guns. They are not criminals, nor dangerous
7. Put your houses up for sale and we will buy them
8. Drop the amendment to include gun ranges. Allow the reopening of the Spruce Grove Gun Club
9. If the County wants to shut down an existing range, then the County should pay the range the current value of the structures and improvements. This would give the operating club the funds to develop another area
10. Council 'feels' that outdoor ranges are not compatible with residential developments. In other municipalities, Lethbridge and Kelowna being examples, ranges and residential developments co-exist. Why can't Parkland County find a way for co-existence?
11. Is Council advancing personal agenda's against gun ranges? Do they automatically give anyone who uses the "screams until I get my way" tactic what the complainants want?
12. There are a large number of residents in the County that shoot and hunt. Providing a controlled, certified range is a practical, logical solution to provide a safe place to enjoy the sport. SGGC is the best club range I have attended in the Country. Closing SGGC does a disservice to all residents. Both shooting and non-shooting. Thank you.
13. Closure of a safe CFO approved range only forces law abiding citizens to look elsewhere including using Crown Land. Crown Land is not a safe controlled place to practice or participate in shooting sports.
14. SGGC provides a safe place for law abiding gun owners to enjoy the sport. It also removed a considerable amount of free shooters on private & Crown Land in the area
15. To Council & Administration: please find a solution instead of a win/lose scenario.
16. Spruce Grove has been operating considerably longer than developers have been investing for profit in the area. It's a choice to live near a gun range, just as a highway or mall or gravel pit
17. I moved close the Range 25 years ago because I'm involved in the shooting sports. I also lead a junior Forest Wardens Youth Group where we take the children to the Spruce Grove Gun Club to teach them responsible safe use of firearms. Don't close the Ranges!!
18. The County should provide a new shooting facility, rezoning after the shooting range was there, some considerations should be made to SGGC. New land for range from County.
19. Gun Ranges are needed not only to teach and enjoy shooting safely, but to attract thousands of people who spend money in the County. You will lose Acheson and coal plant eventually and attractions will keep the County from being a "have not County"
20. Environmental assessments for water and land use
21. Loss of training facility for Swiss citizens
22. Range has been there for years, it should be maintained
23. Individuals have no right to dictate how others recreate!
24. This bylaw is only 15 years late. With Atim Creek Restructure Plan the SGGC should have been relocated
25. Council needs to clarify what a 'firearm' is, then look to see if the definition could be used to shut down other recreation uses, e.g. paintball, archery ranges, air gun range
26. Is a training facility for law enforcement & others a recreational use?
27. Residents of Parkland County deserve a safe educational place to shoot. This bylaw amendment directly affects the SGGC and should not move forward
28. Re Gun Range: County & Developers of acreages must reimburse gun club for relocation. County and land developers gain the money with acreages
29. Excluding outdoor gun range from one community would not be a big deal, however, if we let it happen, it would spread over the whole Province like a virus. Eventually, this sport will be gone for ever. Please think over!!
30. Government employees used to be able to train here. They now train at facilities further away and more expensive. This costs the tax payer more and is detrimental to Provincial employees time with their family
31. Please stop the Gun Club from destroying the peace and endangering our lives for their sport!
32. Gun ranges are an essential part of recreation and guns, long rifles need a safe space. Without a gun in close proximity people may have a tendency to use unauthorized spaces that are unsafe
33. Loss of tourism dollars for multiple shooting disciplines
34. No gun clubs on producing dairy farms, lead contamination
35. Loss of gun club = lots of unhappy, law-abiding gun owners = retribution in the upcoming election

36. Shooting in an important professional sport like any other. Even more important to provide safe training facilities for hunters and youth alike. Far better than people shooting on open land or acreages
37. Revise bylaw to exclude outdoor gun ranges within core residential zoning
38. If you are moving next to a shooting range, you should know what to expect. When you trip on a rock, do you blame the rock for being there?
39. Gun Clubs are run by safe, responsible law abiding citizens. They are always finding ways to improve safety and are accommodating to local home owner complaints. Cutting these clubs out makes no logical sense.
40. The county of Parkland is responsible for its actions. They are the reason dwellings exist near the range. They should help relocate the range within the County.
41. Closing gun clubs will cause unsafe shooting with in controls
42. Please keep the range open. Our family values having a safe place to teach our children firearm safety. This bylaw would force shooting families to spend their money out of County.
43. The ostracism of gun owners from participating in a legal recreational activity within Parkland County unacceptable. We deserve equal opportunity to pursue and practice our interests
44. Please don't close the Ranges as it is a safe place to discharge firearms
45. Do not close the ranges. Do not change the laws. Remember this is an elections year!!
46. A safe, controlled gun range is far safer than everyone moving to Crown or friend land in the area without being able to control who comes around the corner.

Long form comments:

1. Outdoor Gun Ranges are the safest place to shoot in Parkland County. Excluding them from acceptable recreation activities in country Residential is wrong. I do not support the motion to exclude Gun Ranges from Country Residential zoned lands.
2. I purchased my Country Residential property approximately 10 years ago. I was going to build and settle in that area until I found out that it was in a safety zone and a backstop for the Gun Range stray bullets. I have paid taxes for years but I can't build there because my neighbour's house and shop are getting hit by stray bullets. When the Gun Club was operating I could not have my family over and I had limited use of my land because I would not walk onto the land when they were shooting. This has cost me so much time, money and aggravation. Please stop the Gun Club from destroying the peach and endangering our lives for their sport.
3. The proposed bylaw amendment fails the test of government – Legislation must be fair and equitable. One way to make this unnecessary bylaw equitable would be to "grandfather" Spruce Grove & Wabamun Gun Clubs. Be as creative as you need to be to get this grandfathering in place.
4. If noise is a problem, list to a ski doo, or quads & smells – bar cows, farming, hunting
5. Gun Range allows safe use of firearms rather than uncontrolled shooting off roads. This as much a recreation facility as Golf Course. Ranges should be grandfathered. Gun range existed prior to acreages. I have been a member since 1976.
6. Why are no County Council present for this open house?
7. Shooting sports are internationally recognized and consists of a wide variety of activities ranging from skeet to pistol. This County consists of a great number of law abiding firearms owners who enjoy. Why the hell is the County against property organized and responsible shooting clubs are you that eager to be voted out? Having access to a proper firearms range is smart consideration. Without this, you get people shooting in a controlled environment instead of shooting off of access roads and trespassing on private land.
8. Re Open this Gun Range! The Spruce Grove Gun Club meets and exceeds all federal requirements. This facility is beneficial to all. I am from Boyle, AB working in Edmonton, This facility is beneficial to me as a civilian and also beneficial (even more so) for my employment as a Sheriff. We always used to shoot here our yearly qualifying is easier to complete at this range. The Spruce Grove Gun Club allows use alternative choices to the more expensive and less available city ranges. Sheriffs can train here during the week and therefore, can train less expensively and without sacrificing weekends with their families. By utilizing the Spruce Grove Gun Club Sheriffs & civilians give revenue to this area that is otherwise lost to lesser facilities. Provincial Government training funds are being wasted on training facilities that do not complement working days (Mon – Friday). As a civilian gun enthusiast & a government employee I support the reopening of the Spruce Grove Gun Club.
9. How much responsibility does this Council have for County finances. This is a perfect opportunity for a class action lawsuit to bankrupt the County. The Counties actions and decisions have opened it up to liability. The county taxpayers will be left with the bill.
10. It is a relief to finally see the County step up for the residents As mentioned before this should have been done in 2002 when Atim Creek was rezoned. There is info out there the SGGC has come up with a creative way to still shoot on Surrey Farms as guest shooters. Reality is Surrey Farms already has a range. It is on their property, they pay the taxes for the area that was utilized so in my opinion it is theirs. This Club was allowed to use it. Do Surrey Farms want the liability as luck would run out & someone would get hit. Hopefully, something will be built into this new bylaw to address future concerns, i.e. Wabamun to ensure should the time come, there is a plan in place. Also the bylaw should read in areas zoned as "country residential" & areas adjacent to
11. I am a National Team Shooter in Olympic Rifle and shoot Internationally representing Canada. I live 2 km from SGGC for almost 30 years. I am now ___ at relocating out of the County to be able to train. I am not comfortable with all the shooting tailing patch that is not in a safe, controlled environment.
12. Do not open the range!! Unless the County would like to continue the fight with tax paying residents. We pay thousands of dollars in taxes and the Gun Club pays zero dollars. They are not an economic benefit to the County. They do not add to the community. They do not enhance the enjoyment of my property or those near me. I am the

- closest home to the range and my property enjoyment has gone up exponentially since the closure. The County has already spent \$200k plus on this issue and its time to stop! We pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes to enjoy our properties – Shenfield’s pay farm taxes and the squatters pay nothing!
13. The frustration of the biased and unfair situation that the SGGC has been put in over the past few years has gotten to the point of anger for me. The SGGC is proven safe & well within its legal noise limits. Finally, SGGC won their court cases and suddenly the county comes up with another way to attempt to shut them down! I am a land owner & taxpayer in Parkland County and am appalled by the constant disrespect being shown to the shooting sports. The subdivisions now surrounding the club are in no danger and if they didn’t want to live next door to a gun range they shouldn’t have moved there. If the county doesn’t want the SGGC there they should have to pay to move them to a location in comparable distance from Spruce Grove where such happenings can be guaranteed to not occur again. I think excluding gun ranges is a bad idea. The people who use them are law abiding, responsible gun owners who have the right to practice their sport in a safe location that they pay for and maintain.
 14. I am member of the Spruce Grove Gun Club. It is a great sport for the young and old. We need gun clubs to teach the new generation safety and gun use, and a place for people to participate in the sport. This Club is 43 years old and has run the club under proper federal laws. We do not believe you can change a property that has been running again for 43 years. If it cannot continue at the location it is currently in then the County must provide a new location for this gun sport. You must follow the laws as the club has and do the right thing for a group of citizens to continue their hobbies/sport/passion.
 15. I am a member of both Spruce Grove Gun Club and Wabamun Gun Club, plus my family owns ½ section of land off Langley Road where we’ve hunted for over 60 years. To us this proposed ban of shooting ranges is a big mistake; a disservice to citizens who join and do organized target practice. It has greatly affected (closure) a large number of law abiding citizens and land enforcement. It is causing people to be to areas where safety is questioned some former SGGC members. Now target shoot on the Jackpine Grazing Reserve. I’m sure others are migrating all over this is a terrible regressive step. This will (closures) will satisfy some people who shouldn’t have built near a gun range, but will negatively affect the whole County.
 16. People buying cheap land shouldn’t be able to complain and close to an existing facility. Parkland needs a safe & controlled space for shooting. We don’t want residents to have to worry about quadins, liking or other outdoor recreation and coming around the corner upon someone shooting targets. Outdoor gun ranges need to be allowed.
 17. Where are the counsellors?
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 19. Bed and Breakfast: is this with other present. Can they rent as a party house or a business for nights and weekend?
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 20. Where are the counselors, whats the point, we can’t ask you questions. Bad politics.
 21. Spruce Grove Gun Range is by far the safest gun range I have been a member of. This community needs a safe place to learn about gun safety. No Range = to kids and adults to carry on shooting in less safe area and uncontrolled.
 22. Professional controlled shooting ranges are far safer than people shooting on their own lands uncontrolled. Take away facilities or making it harder opens temptation. Provide the facilities and promote safe training and use will pay off in the long run. Target shooting in an International sport, it should be supported. Shooting directly into a hill is as safe as it gets.
 23. There are two articles I left with Jasmine as examples of the Gun Community and the Municipal Government working together to maintain shooting ranges in Alberta and Saskatchewan.
 24. When a taxpayer says he is leaving the county, the correct response is not “fantastic”, You’re either not listening to the constituents or you’re bad at being a councillor
 25. Just admit it: you have not done the planning properly! The shooting range has been there long before any house went up there. And houses should never be allowed that close to a shooting range. The loss of the shooting range is both a loss to the gun owners, and a loss to the County. And the supporters of the range will make their wrath felt in the by-election this fall.
 26. Pay to relocate SGGC to another parcel of land within the County. Council members should not be on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. It’s a conflict of interest disguised as a ‘good mix’
 27. So where exactly are all the councillors for this very important open house? County admin people can only say so much – the councillors need to be asked some very tough questions. Shameful!
 28. I understand the request to change, what I don’t understand is the political nonsense that has taken place to create the situation in which a few people can dictate law changes. Regardless, if it is a gun range or something else, it is a politically charged process that should not be allowed. You cannot use the offices to deny something that has been in place without incident for over 40 years, just because people have decided to build around a facility they don’t want (NIMBY). Are you prepared to reimburse the members for the cost of material and maintenance they have to spend in administration to comply with your requests when you have no intention of allowing the permit to proceed?
 29. Do not amend the bylaw. Outdoor gun range specifically SGGC is a benefit to the community. It is a safe facility.
 30. The County have the responsibility of land use since day 1. The sport of shooting was going since 1991 that I know of and has been a major sport facility in training – safety of all firearms for generation past and present. The outdoor sport of shooting is a big part of any community across the country. If Parkland sees fit to close this facility of 40 years in the community then maybe some help to relocate is the County’s responsibility. And yes I am a member of this outdoor sport facility.
 31. There should be no gun ranges in areas where there is residential. It has been so nice to live without the constant gun shots during the daylight hours. Locate it in an area that is far removed from residences. Far away!

32. Outdoor Gun Ranges should not exist on lands zone core country residential. Reasons for this are 1: Safety, one cannot be 100% sure bullets will never leave the Range; 2: Noise, gunshots are an 'impulse' type of noise and are disturbing by nature and are an annoyance to the property owners.
33. The County is in control of all development. SGGC was in operation in 1971. I was a member then. The County allowed all existing residences to build down range. As it stands today, I see that this has gone so far out of hand, that lets face it we have to move. Let see the County free up some land in the reclaimed area around Wabamun and help us relocate and rebuild.
34. Shooting is an Olympic sport for over 126 years. I train six days a week five hours a day for Olympic rifle. Does the County support sport?
35. Please don't let the gun club start up again. As a nearby resident of 25 years, the noise and stray bullets have driven us insane. Been fighting this for 4-5 years and won 3 court cases. Cost lots of time and money! The county has made many mistakes over the years – time to change the bylaw. The gun club doesn't belong in a residential area.
36. I say you have no right to close the gun club after 34 years. Where are people supposed to go to train, etc. I saw leave the Gun Club alone.
37. Please consider hunting, pests, waterfowl, big game and also gun clubs. These are sports!
38. I came here tonight to find out if your proposed land use bylaw changes affected the Wabamun Gun Clubs, but I was unable to get an answer from any of the Parkland Council representatives. This is very disappointing and a total waste of my time.
39. I need a safe place to shoot my firearms along with my children. Whichever bylaw will allow the continued use of the Spruce Grove shooting range is what I want.

From June 27th, 2017 Council meeting:

- The President and the Director of the Spruce Grove Gun Club provided a presentation on behalf of their Club

From July 11th, 2017 Special Council meeting:

- Majority vote in favour of the amendment
 - 10 for amendment, 11 against amendment
1. Against: GC member (at 3:00)
 - Mayor recuse due to bias
 - Cited examples of bias – DP would not be approved
 - could have had caveats on adjacent properties (particularly the gun club)
 - Operating without issues since 1972, went through the history of LUB and DPs requirements in Parkland County
 - Rate payer and would be adversely affected by the amendment
 - Accused the Mayor of being biased against the gun club, asked the Mayo to recuse himself
 - The Mayor rebuttal, refused to recuse himself, denied blocking the GC from getting a development permit
 2. For: resident (at 11:00)
 - Consistent with vibrant, comp. community
 - Lived in area before the GC
 - Thanked those that voted for the amendment
 - Safe, residential area to be maintained
 - Cited SDAB, Court of Appeal dismissed (x2)
 - 13 appeal documents – 94 resident
 - Total 106 people appealed
 - 90% of residents oppose, that live in the area and were canvassed
 - Gun Club doesn't pay taxes
 - Safety issues – risk is high
 - SDAB denied permit because of the risk
 - Incompatible, no outdoor gun ranges located in CR so this amendment is the perfect time
 - "Stay the course"
 3. Against – landlord to Gun Club (at 15:15)
 - Long-time resident of Parkland County
 - Open house – incorrect statements
 - Concept good
 - Some questioned environmental issue of GC to dairy farm
 - AB Bilk – inspected dairy farm, no element traces
 - Nutritionist said min. likelihood of lead transfer to cows
 - SGGC – taxed at commercial taxes, paid through farm (Surrey View Farms)
 - Potential decrease in "surrey view" farms rev/credibility
 - All but 1 house built since GC, residents moved in or lots subdivided since after GC
 - Doing what we want to do with our lands
 - Other places – GC and residents co-exist
 - Promotes co-existence
 4. For – resident (at 22:10)
 - Wanted to provide recordings of noise from GC
 - 57.3 dB (as per GC)
 - Explained nuisance experiences due to gun shots
 - We heard one night 18 shots 103 – 110 dBw/5 min

- Windows rattled, daily basis hear this (Southview)
 - Lives in corner of prop 676 m from GC, < ½ mile bullet can travel that
 - Has military level gunfire
 - Area not compatible with GC
 - Support not allowing GC in Country Residential
 - Cited SDAB decision
 - County should help GC relocate = best solution
- 5. Against – GC (at 26:00)
 - Implications for public safety/training re: firearms
 - Why council's direction? Why now?
 - Why did Council direct administration?
 - What is the rationale of this amendment now, before the election?
 - Sounds like a way to cover up some historical planning decisions
 - Want answers + time to respond
 - County could have caveated titles on Country Residential lots
 - County's error, solving problem @ GC expense and its unfair
 - County seems to want to close the GC without compensation
 - On-going PD staff gone, now not working with GC
 - Amendment will legislate GC out of existence
 - Ask for adjournment of First Reading
- 6. For – resident (30:00)
 - Right thing now
 - GC + CR don't mix
 - If not passed – continuing issues
 - GC doesn't seem to accept that they are not compatible in residential areas
 - Need end to this
 - Question wording – doesn't specifically say CR
 - Felt abandoned 2014/15, bias felt with DP was approved
 - No farmers liked increased shooting, didn't complain
 - There were issues before the development started
 - The GC doesn't bring revenue to the County, why should it exist at the expense of people wanting to live in the County
 - GC refused County offer to find alternate
- 7. Against – GC, 3 mile resident (at 34:00) can't hear him at all
 - Vote against
 - Essential facility: Classroom, fully equipped – used for SA safety training for youth, range safety officers clubs + prov, competitions, education for members, & other training
 - No noise/shooting
 - Indoor range – muffled noised by building
 - No stray projectiles, CFO evaluate safety, indoor range is safe
- 8. For – resident in safety buffer zone (37:09)
 - Lives 'down range' from Club
 - Cannot guarantee no bullets escape
 - Used an enlarged map
 - People should not live in safety buffer zone
 - 3 families did, now there are 40 families
 - Should not have road in surface or lakes in danger zone
 - Therefore, should not have been approved in 1972
 - No lakes in surface danger zone – there is one
 - Now lots of people in surface danger zone, anyone can be killed by stray bullet
 - Ask Council view YouTube "bullets skip over berm out of range" Rob Piccus
- 9. Against – director of GC (at 41:11)
 - County created problem, suggest mediation instead of legislated solution
 - Stray bullets – RCMP investigated – no action, no problems
 - Suggested stray bullets came from unlawful shooters
 - CFO
 - County – hired firearms ballistic
 - June 16/14 MPC agenda
 - Old bullet holes
 - Did not come from GC
 - Damage to building (according to the expert) – not by bullet
 - Projections from 1400 m with of GC
 - Bullet could have been far outside of GC
- 10. For – resident 2 km (at 47:31)
 - Long family farm long before the GC
 - Lives < 2 m from the GC

- Since GC has not been operating, the area is much more enjoyable and feels safer
 - Bullets have been recovered, all coming from south
 - Too populated to be compatible
11. Against – GC (at 49:40)
- Director for the GC
 - Promotes safety culture and respect for firearms
 - Lots of youth programs
 - Re-certification
 - Competition training and recreational activity
 - Hosted high
 - Adds to tourism – competitors
 - Economic impact → jobs, services, etc. in Parkland County
 - Letter for Phyllis – congratulations of 40 years, sincere appreciation
 - At one time the GC was revered and then without warning the County is trying to shut them down
 - County created problem
 - CFO → safest gun range in Canada
 - Solid track record of success
 - > \$ 2 million assets (facility is over built) – 45 year old
 - Willing to over build further and obey the bylaws and upgrade safety
12. For – resident 500 m (at 55:20)
- Significant to quality of life, 7 days/week, no reprieve
 - Hinders full use and enjoyment of property
 - Development/growth is a natural progression
 - Increase of population (32000 from 11000 in 1972)
 - Growth → change/progress
 - Could not study in home – heard even in house with windows closed
 - Impulse sound (gunshot) correlate to level of irritation
 - Continued impulse sound exposure → reduce health (RCMP)
 - First year to use backyard for family function due to noise
 - If can't shoot at nearby GC does that impact quality of life, health, ltd. Mobility
 - Recreational activity vs quality of life
13. Against – GC (at 1:02:00)
- Moved to Parkland County for the proximity to the GC
 - Shotgun ranges – short-range, pellets cannot escape
 - > \$110 K equipment not being used, important for elite competitors in the region and the country
14. For – resident, ½ m South of the GC (at 1:03:50)
- Family 100 years on land
 - People in safety zone, on hill/facing valley → should have not been put there in the first place
 - 1970s – 13 neighbours, now 300 families (~ 22 % increase and still growing)
 - End reclamation plan required 2014
 - Closed 18 months – no reclamation started
 - If located elsewhere – do environmental, prevent this situation from happening again
 - It is time to remove GC from all CR zoned areas
15. Against – GC (at 1:06:30)
- Family operations
 - Few places where he could bond with his step daughter, the GC was the only place
 - Competitive shooter and has used many shooting facilities elsewhere
 - One of safest/quietest ranges
16. For – lawyer (representing resident SW) (at 1:08:52)
- In favour of amendment
 - GC is redundant
 - Parkland County expanded residential base
 - More people, more danger
 - Quality of life disturbed
 - Safety is the issue, urge council to stay the course
17. Against – GC (at 1:11:23)
- Wanted to provide a handout, but council is not accepting written submissions
 - Training of officers, important facility and there are new requirements for training
 - Mayer Thorpe (RCMP) – limited gun power/training
 - Counties are responsible for training RCMP
 - Parkland County should find out what their position is with their police departments – how are they going to get 'carbine' training
 - 300 yard range (only one that has)
 - GC bargaining chip – will use SG to train officers and not train elsewhere for more \$\$
 - If knew GC there when buying home, expect gun shots

- The gun ranges should be allowed to use silencers (but that is federally regulated)
18. For – resident (at 1:19:30)
- Not about money or knowledge of guns
 - Residents not against that
 - Issue in area
 - Is this compatible with today?
 - Has been answered, multiple times, why again
19. Against – GC (at 1:21:37)
- Now live in Millet because SG shut down didn't buy property in P/C
20. Against - GC (at 1:23:29)
- VP of the GC
 - Resident of the County
 - Sad to see facility cannot be used, good & safe facility
 - Room for Parkland County, GC + residents to work together
21. Against – GC, resident St Albert (at 1:24:29)
- Want safe place for kids to learn to shoot
 - Wife never used guns before and is interested in trying the sport
 - Detriment to closing
 - Prefer to see cooperation effort
 - Not arbitrary decision
 - Well-designed shooting area
 - Can prepare for hunting season