

From: Jennifer Banda  
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2025  
To: BuildingParkland  
Subject: LUB Redesign – Glamping for Fun, Local Adventures

Dear Parkland County LUB Redesign Team,

As an Edmonton resident I am always looking for a way to escape the cramped city life and I'm hooked on the idea of glamping in Parkland County.

Platforms like Hipcamp and RV sites let travelers camp on farmlands, pitch tents at locals' homes, or stay near horse and alpaca farms-such cool adventures!

Your crown land trails and non-subdivision properties, so close to home, offer a mental break filled with camaraderie. The new Land Use Bylaw (Bylaw 2025-12) could make Parkland a hotspot for these stays, and I'd like to share ideas to bring them to life.

Locals say inflation's soaring costs make hosting tough, with permit fees threatening their ability to keep their homes. Glamping could spark tourism and support residents. I propose making "glamping tents" or "short-term rentals" a Permitted Use in Country Residential (CR) zoning for small setups (e.g., 4-6 guests, composting toilets, noise limits). This would:

Draw visitors to hike trails and spend at local markets, farms, and diners, boosting your economy.

Fit quiet properties, creating social, Airbnb-reviewed stays without neighbor complaints.

It would make Parkland a weekend playground for urbanites craving unique experiences.

Costly permit hurdles could block these Hipcamp gems, leaving me stuck in the city unable to enjoy what the land has to offer. Please cut the red tape to welcome such platforms. If Permitted isn't possible, list glamping tents as a Discretionary Use with simple, affordable rules to blend tourism with rural charm.

Thank you for listening. I'd love draft LUB updates and can't wait to book a Parkland glamping trip.

Sincerely,

A Weekend Escape Seeker

J.B.