

AnnLisa Jensen

From: Steve Krein ·
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 10:33 PM
To: AnnLisa Jensen
Subject: Spruce Grove Gun Club

Re: [September 12 2017](#) Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

My name is Steven W. Krein and I am a resident of Parkland County and also a member of the Spruce Grove Gun Club. My family and I have used the Club for recreational shooting. I want to see the SGGC operate. It is a safe, educational, family oriented facility. It provides many benefits to the people in Parkland County and surrounding communities. Please include my opinion for the Public Hearing regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment [on](#)

[September 12, 2017.](#)

Sincerely

Steven W Krein

Spruce Grove AB

Hello my name is Laurie Foisy, this is Jody Singer,

We would like to thank the Mayor for tabling this Bylaw. We would also like to thank counsel and administration for all their work on changing this proposed Bylaw coming from a family that has six generations living in this area and residing within a half mile of the existing gun range that has operated for the last 40 plus years has been to say at the least, very trying. To put it simply it is not compatible with country residential, even the SDBA, two court of Queen bench judges have stated this. The time for change has come. We fully support Mr Gamble's presentation from Sept 5th and the information you were provided with. We strongly feel there should never be a gun range in country residential anywhere we would not like any other property owners to go through what we have had to endure, just to enjoy our homes. Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns,

THANKS Jody Singer

Sept. 11/2017

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Attention:

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Mr. Rod Shaigec, Parkland County Mayor
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Dear Sirs/Madams:

Re: Spruce Grove Gun Club (“SGGC”)

I am writing to express my concern regarding the Parkland County Land Use Bylaw amendment that would exclude outdoor gun ranges from the definition of “outdoor participation recreation and services” in areas zoned for country residential development.

This is unfair, as Parkland County rezoned the area where the Spruce Grove Gun Club (SGGC) is located in 2009, almost 40 years after the club was established.

This affects me personally and it negatively impacts the community.

CFO (Chief Firearms Officer) approved ranges, like the SGGC are, without doubt, the safest places to discharge firearms. The County should consider all safety measures implemented by the SGGC to make up their outdoor gun range. The exclusion of federally regulated outdoor gun ranges only takes away the ability to have a safe place to shoot.

Safety

We share our neighbours’ concerns about safety and stray bullets in the area. Over the last few years we have seen dozens of road signs that have been shot and from the damage caused – clearly shot by firearms that are off-range. The bylaws at present allow landowners or anyone given permission by the landowner to discharge a firearm more or less at will. These conditions present safety concerns because of their “lack of regulation.”

However, an organized shooting range that fully complies with all the recommendations of the CFO and that has all the safety measures in place provides the safest place in the province to discharge a firearm. In fact, SGGC exceeds mandated requirements in many areas. For example, the height of the berms on the outdoor ranges is nearly four times higher than what is required. Couple this with the fact that people who attend the range are schooled in the correct and safe way to handle firearms means that a well-run range contributes immensely to overall safety of the outdoors.

Noise

The SGGC commissioned professional services to conduct noise evaluations and confirmed they meet county

bylaws. Coupled with that is the frustration that some noise complaints were made when the shooting range wasn't even in operation. It's not our neighbours' fault – it's the safety issue noted above with people shooting guns off-range.

Community

The SGGC is a well-established part of the community having been in the same location for 45 years and a petition organized to campaign to keep the range open has so far garnered over 5,000 signatures of support. As part of the community a number of youth groups from areas both in Parkland County, Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, St. Albert, Edmonton and the wider region use the classroom and shooting ranges. These groups include the 4H club, Junior Forest Wardens and Alberta Fish and Game youth program, Edmonton Police Cadets, Royal Canadian Army Cadets, Royal Canadian Air Force Cadets, and the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets, to name but a few.

The range also forms an integral part of the training and practice of those very people that we as citizens rely on to keep us safe, namely the RCMP, Edmonton Police, The Alberta Sheriffs branch, Brinks, all of whom rely on the range to both train and re-certify when necessary.

The range represents a well-run recreational facility that serves a wide community, so forcing its closure through this bylaw amendment would remove one of a limited number of recreational facilities that are provided and run at no cost to the municipal authorities or to tax payers. Rather than allowing such facilities to close, municipal and county authorities should be promoting groups such as SGGC to provide facilities such as these to the community as they are a win /win situation (a win to the community and a win to the municipal budget).

From a personal note, myself and my partner moved to Spruce Grove almost 2 years ago and shortly after the decision was made to close the range. This upset me as I had hoped that moving to Spruce Grove would allow me more opportunity to practise a hobby. I enjoy benchrest target shooting and moving to where we did as the convenience to access a range nearby was a part of our decision. The time I get to spend at home is minimal due to working in the trades in oil and gas, and even saving almost an hour total driving is much appreciated. The next closest range in the area is the Wabamum Club and Stony Plain Fish and Game Association, which I have been a member of for 3 years. Had the SGGC range not been closed I would have pursued a membership with it.

I hope that you can see that the range is a significant asset to the local and wider community on a number of levels. To close a range that has been a staunch supporter of the local and community for 45 years and that caters to innumerable people who use the facilities, due to unsubstantiated claims and incorrect information, is the height of unfairness.

Please vote against this land-use bylaw amendment. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Cale Haack

Spruce Grove, AB

Feinan Long

From: Cale Haack <
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 3:34 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Re: September 12 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

I want to see the SGGC operate. It is a safe, educational, family oriented facility. It provides many benefits to the people in Parkland County and surrounding communities. Please include my opinion for the Public Hearing regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment on September 12, 2017.

Feinan Long

From: Terry <
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 3:15 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Re: September 12 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

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Terry Willis

Feinan Long

From: Craig Thomas
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 2:53 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: FW: Outdoor Gun Range Resident complaint.

Importance: High

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From: Laurie Conrad [mailto:
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 2:23 PM
To: Craig Thomas
Subject: Outdoor Gun Range Resident complaint.
Importance: High

Craig,
I live at ... 1 in Parkland County. Our Subdivision is full of small to teenage children that are always very active outside. I enjoy seeing the kids outside playing and not inside on a computer. Having an Outdoor Gun Range right behind our subdivision is very dangerous as well as loud and annoying to be outside. Living in the country should NOT be loud, dangerous and annoying!!!!!! Tomorrow (Sept 12, 2017) @ 9am in the Parkland County council Chambers, Council will hear final arguments before 2nd & 3rd reading and hopefully passing a Land Use Bylaw amendment that will finally put an end to the Outdoor Gun Range behind our houses!!

Laurie Conrad

Feinan Long

From: Bertsch Blaine <>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 2:34 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: September 12 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

To whom it may concern,

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Sincerely,

Blaine Bertsch

Feinan Long

From: Wayne Jackson <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 2:18 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Public Hearing on September 12th Regarding Land Use Amendment.

Importance: High

Dear sir/madam

I want to see the Spruce Grove Gun Club operate. It is a safe, educational, family oriented facility. It provides many benefits to the people in Parkland County and surrounding communities. Please include my opinion for the Public Hearing regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment on September 12, 2017.

Wayne Jackson
Safety Manager
NCSO



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Feinan Long

From: John & Debra Richards
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 2:13 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Public Hearing on September 12th Regarding Land Use Amendment.

To whom it may concern,

I want to see the Spruce Grove Gun Club continue to operate. It is a safe, educational, family oriented facility. It provides many benefits to the people in Parkland County and surrounding communities.

Please include my opinion for the Public Hearing regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment on September 12, 2017

Regards,

John Richards

Spruce Grove

Feinan Long

From: Stuart Krause < >
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 7:05 AM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: September 12 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Good Morning:

I want to see the SGGC operate. It is a safe, educational, family oriented facility. It provides many benefits to the people in Parkland County and surrounding communities. Please include my opinion for the Public Hearing regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment on September 12, 2017.

Thank-You,

"Sent via the Boracle"

S. W. (Stuart) Krause

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Feinan Long

From: Glen Dupras <
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 5:56 PM
To: Feinan Long; rangemanager
Subject: Public Hearing regarding The Land Use Bylaw Amendment

To whom it may concern,

The SGGC is important to myself, my family and friends. We enjoyed going to the facility very much and I took the RSO Course along side of other members because I enjoyed my time their being around others with the same interest. This has been a great disappointment this closure and I would like to see it re open very much. I'm a resident of Parkland County and the SGGC was something I was proud of the County for having. Please include my opinion for the Public Hearing regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment on September 12, 2017. Thank you. Glen Dupras

Feinan Long

From: Steve Krein <
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 5:53 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Spruce Grove Gun Club

Re: September 12 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

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Sincerely

Steven W Krein

Feinan Long

From: Quoc Nguyen <quocn@...>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 5:46 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Re: September 12, 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

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Regards,

Quoc Nguyen

Feinan Long

From: bpcennis <
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 5:02 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Public Hearing on September 12th Regarding Land Use Amendment.

Re: September 12 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

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Thanks you

Pat Ennis

Feinan Long

From: Marc Belanger <n>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 3:47 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Land use Bylaw Amendment

I really want to see the SGGC operate. It is a safe, educational, family oriented facility. It provides many benefits to the people in Parkland County and surrounding communities. Please include my opinion for the Public Hearing regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment on

Marc Belanger

Feinan Long

From: Bruce Jones <...@...>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 7:35 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Re: September 12 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

To whom it may concern,

I want to see the SGGC operate. It is a safe, educational, family oriented facility. It provides many benefits to the people in Parkland County and surrounding communities. Please include my opinion for the Public Hearing regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment on September 12, 2017.

Regards,

Bruce Jones

Feinan Long

From: Roland ·
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 7:05 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

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Signed

Roland Farris

Sent from my iPhone

Feinan Long

From: Josh Robillard <
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 6:32 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Re: September 12 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Good evening,

I want to see the SGGC operate. It is a safe, educational, family oriented facility. It provides many benefits to the people in Parkland County and surrounding communities. Please include my opinion for the Public Hearing regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment on September 12, 2017.

Thank you,

sincerely,

Mr J.M Robillard

Feinan Long

From: Charlie St Dawkins <
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 6:19 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Land Use Bylaw Amendment

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Charlie

Feinan Long

From: John Williams <
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 6:15 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Sggc

I want to see the SGGC operate. It is a safe, educational, family oriented facility. It provides many benefits to the people in Parkland County and surrounding communities. Please include my opinion for the Public Hearing regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment on September 12, 2017.

I really miss shooting there, its the safest range in Alberta.

John Williams

Feinan Long

From: John <
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 8:18 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Re: September 12 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

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John Ness
Sent from my iPad

Feinan Long

From: Doug/Donna
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 8:11 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: sggc

Re: September 12 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

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Doug Cowan

Feinan Long

From: Murray Cowan < >
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 8:02 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Re: September 12 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

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Best Regards,
Murray Cowan
Stony Plain

Feinan Long

From:
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 7:56 PM
To: Feinan Long
Cc: Marc Belanger
Subject: Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment I want to see the SGGC operate.

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Mark van Bommel
Summit Services Group Ltd.

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Feinan Long

From: Thuy N
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 7:44 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

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Signed

Thuy Nguyen

Feinan Long

From: Pat <
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 9:59 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Re: September 12 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

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Patrick Burnett

Feinan Long

From: Tamara Porlier <
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 9:15 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: September 12 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

To Mayor and Council,

I want to see the SGGC operate. It is a safe, educational, family oriented facility. It provides many benefits to the people in Parkland County and surrounding communities. Please include my opinion for the Public Hearing regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment on September 12, 2017.

Tamara Dizy

Spruce Grove, Ab

Feinan Long

From: Sean Furey <
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 9:05 PM
To: Feinan Long
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thanks

Sean Furey

Feinan Long

From: Wayne Tellier
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 10:04 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: September 12, 2017 Public hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Re: September 12 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

My name is Wayne Tellier and I have been a resident in Parkland County since 1981. I have raised my family here, I've worked at Parkland County and considered it to be a good place to live. I pay my taxes and expect that when I have an issue my counsellor will be there to support me. This is not the case, instead I see bias and prejudice ruling common sense.

I see the needs of a few county residents being used to further a political agenda.

I am an active competitor shooter and having a facility like the Spruce Grove Gun Club in Parkland County is a good thing.

It promotes the safe use of firearms and educates people and is family friendly.

Over the years of operation many youth have been shown that firearms are tools and have a purpose. People are afraid of what they don't understand.

Parkland County is a rural community. This is where I moved to be able to enjoy my sport.

There is no facility in the Edmonton area that even comes close to the high safety standards set at the SGGC.

I want to see the SGGC operate. It is a safe, educational, family oriented facility. It provides many benefits to the people in Parkland County and surrounding communities. Please include my opinion for the Public Hearing regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment on September 12, 2017.

Thank you for this opportunity

Wayne Tellier

Parkland County
Sent using OWA for iPad

Feinan Long

From: Walter Cukavac <[www.parklandtx.gov](mailto:waltercukavac@parklandtx.gov)>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 6:52 AM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Re: September 12 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Hello,

I am a long time resident of Parkland County and want to see the SGGC operate. It is a safe, educational, family oriented facility. It provides many benefits to the people in Parkland County and surrounding communities. Please include my opinion for the Public Hearing regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment on September 12, 2017.

thank you,

Walter Cukavac

Feinan Long

From: Serge Larocque <
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 10:17 PM
To: Feinan Long
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I am a retired member of the RCMP and having been a Basic Firearms Instructor for over 22 years, I enjoyed spending time at that facility as a Range Safety Officer where I could use the skills gained during my service to assist other enthusiasts of this sport.

Sincerely,

Serge Larocque,

St. Albert, AB.

Feinan Long

From: Michael Smith <...>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 12:46 AM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Re: September 12 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

I want to see the SGGC operate. It is a safe, educational, family oriented facility. It provides many benefits to the people in Parkland County and surrounding communities. Please include my opinion for the Public Hearing regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment on September 12, 2017. As a former member of this range I would like to see it reopened as it is a first class facility and one of the few ranges within a reasonable drive from Edmonton.

Sincerely,

Michael Smith

Feinan Long

From: Greg Zederayko
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 10:59 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Public Hearing Input

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Thank you

Greg Zederayko
Panorama Heights
Parkland County

Feinan Long

From: Shelley Lindberg-Krein <
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 10:17 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: Spruce Grove Gun Club

Re: September 12 2017 Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment

My name is Shelley Lindberg-Krein and I am a resident of Parkland County and also a member of the Spruce Grove Gun Club. My family and I would use the Club for recreational shooting. I want to see the SGGC operate. It is a safe, educational, family oriented facility. It provides many benefits to the people in Parkland County and surrounding communities. Please include my opinion for the Public Hearing regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment

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Sincerely

Shelley Lindberg-Krein

Spruce Grove AB

Dr. Shelley Lindberg-Krein
City Centre Eye Care

