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From: Bouchard, Iris [Iris.Bouchard@encana.com]
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 7:51 AM
To: City Clerk; Iris Bouchard
Subject: LAND USE REDESIGNATION (LOC2015-0016) HASKAYNE PARK OBJECTION
Attachments: OBJECTION LETTER.pdf

Please accept this as my formal written comments and objection to the above noted redesignation for the upcoming council meeting.

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City Clerk, #8007,
The City of Calgary
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Your Worship and Members of Council,

RE: Proposed Land Use Redesignation (LOC2015-0016) for the Haskayne Legacy Park OBJECTION

We, Roger and Iris Bouchard, being the authorized owner of 1109 Bearspaw Village Lane located adjacent to the proposed Haskayne Legacy Park, are writing this letter to **oppose** the Proposed Land Use Redesignation (LOC2015-0016).

Below outlines some of our specific concerns and objections around the proposed land-use redesignation:

As an adjacent landowners and existing community resident to the proposed land-use redesignation, we were not consulted on the land-use redesignation and there was no Public Open House to invite adjacent landowners to solicit input or feedback on this proposal.

We did not receive any notification by either the Applicant or The City of Calgary when the land-use redesignation application was allegedly circulated to adjacent landowners.

We have concerns regarding future development of the Park, since we were never provided any details nor consulted.

We are concerned about the security and safety of this Park, as we already have issues with individuals riding their dirt-bikes down in the Park and others trespassing across private property by foot (and on occasions by vehicle) to gain access to the Park area.

If the land-use redesignation is approved by Council, there is nothing stopping the Applicant from changing their development concept or plans in the future, which could negatively impact the use and enjoyment of my property and neighborhood.

The Applicant has not provided any information regarding the activities or hours of operations of the proposed Park.

How and where will people cross the Railway tracks after the pathway is extended from the Glenbow Provincial Park?

Will this land-use redesignation application create a similar situation to what has occurred in Golden, BC, whereby Canadian Pacific Railway has locked and gated railway crossings along rivers to prevent rafters (i.e. floating down the Bow River from Cochrane) and general public from crossing at the private railway crossings.

Where do the pathways go and where do they connect?

Will this proposal respect the Interface Area 1 requirement for naturalized park space buffer from the active/programmed park spaces of the Haskayne Legacy Park?

Will there be a public pathway behind or next to my neighborhood inviting the general public to park in front of our houses and walk down to the Park?

We are concerned about the increase in people down at the park and the amount of garbage, wastewater, and noise that they will create.

Having a large Park with only one entrance/exit is unsafe from a fire response and emergency evacuation standpoint. Has additional access been discussed and if so where. What other properties would be directly impacted by this access, increased traffic, and undesirables having access to quiet neighborhoods.

We are particularly concerned about the potential for grass fires in this area, since this area gets very little precipitation and we experience a lot of wind that whips through the river valley. As a result, the grassland is especially dry and sensitive to being ignited from sparks from the trains passing through the area and individuals who do not dispose of their cigarette butts properly.

We are also concerned about the impact that increased foot traffic will have along the escarpment and natural areas that are susceptible to damage.

A large portion of the Park area is fenced and has been used for over a century for cattle grazing operations. Will the cattle continue to have access to these lands after the land use redesignation?

In conclusion, we are opposed to the proposed Land-Use Redesignation application. We feel the entire initiative has been poorly conceived by an Applicant that has not taken the time to consult the adjacent neighbour and is more concerned about implementing their own vision/concept and wanting to build a legacy at the expense of the surrounding community.

We want to be clear, we are not opposed to a Park, however we do take issue with the fact that there was no public consultation and we were not consulted or notified in any way.

Thank You.

Sincerely

Roger Bouchard and

Iris Bouchard 1109 Bearspaw Village Lane 403-338-1714

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From: Esther [efa29@telus.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 9:14 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Proposed Land Use Redesignation (LOC2015-00160 for the Haskayne Legacy Park

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Your Worship and Members of Council:

RE: PROPOSED LAND USE REDESIGNATION (LOC2015-0016) for the Haskayne Legacy Park

We, IRWIN and ESTHER AICHELE, being the authorized owners of SE-13-25-03-05, Lot 20 Block 2 Plan 7410769 located adjacent to the proposed Haskayne Legacy Park, are writing this letter to OPPOSE the Proposed Land Use Redesignation (LOC2015-0016)).

These are our specific concerns:

- The situation which is of the most concern to us is that the name of the particular Proposal is "Redesignation & Road Closure" but nowhere is there any information regarding a "road closure". The City of Calgary Website, under the Topic "**Land Use Redesignation (Zoning) and How to Redesignate your Land Use**" specifically states – and we copy: "**Neighbours:** The opinions of the neighbours on an application is important to City Council. They may be consulted through the Community Association or they may respond to the newspaper ads or notification letter. A wise applicant will have contacted all the directly affected neighbours and discussed the proposal with them. Neighbours may, consciously or unconsciously, exaggerate the impact that a new development will have on them. City Council recognizes this but expects an applicant to do everything possible to mitigate real impacts."

We as neighbours do not know anything about a road closure because we have not been notified or consulted regarding this land-use redesignation. We are in the dark regarding the specifics of what is planned for this property. There have been Open Houses regarding the Area Structure Plan, but, regarding this specific redesignation and what it will mean for us, there has been no communication from either the Applicant or The City of Calgary.

- Further, if the redesignation is approved by the Council, this allows the Applicant, without any consultation with neighbors, to make future changes to their development concept which could negatively impact the use and enjoyment of my property.
- How and where will people cross the railway tracks after the pathway is extended from the Glenbow Provincial Park?

- Where do pathways go and where do they connect?
- Where will Calgary residents who want to use the pathway system park their cars when they do not want to drive all the way to Glenbow Provincial Park to leave their car? Will they be parking in front of my house to walk down to the Haskayne Park?
- Will visitors who live in adjacent areas be walking or biking over natural areas that are susceptible to damage while attempting to access the pathway system? What will stop them from trying to access the pathways by crossing private and sensitive land?

In conclusion, we are not in opposition to the creation of Haskayne Legacy Park as we understand the benefits of a public park if it is well planned. However, we do oppose this redesignation at the moment because of the lack of information and consultation.

Sincerely,

Irwin and Esther Aichele