

Applicant Submission

January 2020

Please accept this formal request submitted on behalf of Homes by Avi for the approval of the proposed community name of Osprey Hill.

Due to the abundance of natural area being protected as part of the outline plan application it is important for my client to have a community name that connects with nature.

Although hawks frequent the site, Hawkwood is already used as a community name. Another bird in the hawk family is the osprey which is a species of bird found in and around Calgary. Typically found near a sea, this species is still found throughout Alberta despite being a land locked province. It is a name that does not duplicate other community names in Calgary or surrounding municipalities which avoids concerns from emergency services, nor is it used in any current city road names. The osprey represents a regal bird that has majestic connotations and was the preferred naming choice of my client. Other bird names do not conjure up the same elegant image as an osprey. Using the name osprey educates the public and pays respect to this majestic bird of prey.

The reference of hill also provides a geographical reference that can be easily identified by anyone searching for the community.

Although concern over proximity to prime habitat along a watercourse was raised by the City, the property is still within 1 km of the Bow River. As future community development along the Bow River is limited, the opportunity to name future communities after osprey is highly unlikely. We feel that the exact location of the animal habitat should not dictate community names or restrict the opportunity to acknowledge an animal native to the area.

Osprey Hill celebrates and brings awareness to a magnificent species of local bird while the reference to hill is geographically appropriate. The name is not offensive, does not duplicate other community names or roads found either within the City or surrounding rural municipalities and therefore would not be problematic for dispatching of emergency services personnel. For these reasons we respectfully request the approval of Osprey Hill as a new community name.

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