

I'm a resident of Haysboro and I worked with Council as an employee in the City Clerks Dept. as a bylaw clerk and then attending meetings doing minutes for Council and Committees. I then went on to practice law and later became a Senior Contracts Analyst. I understand the issues that Council and committees must deal with for the betterment of the City overall, however, I am greatly concerned by the lack of transparency and accountability we are seeing from the City's process.

I am completely opposed to the disposition of parkland at Glenmore Landing. But since I have only 5 minutes, I wish to address the City's process for public input which is flawed as the public has not been made aware of all the information RioCan has provided the city. There is a clear lack of transparency from both parties. I personally encountered this when attending RioCan's open houses both in-person and online and when trying to obtain a copy of the Preliminary Environmental Natural Site Assessment submitted to the City by RioCan.

I attended RioCan's open house on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 2023. You had to register and show up with your ticket. Everyone was given wristbands to wear and you needed to immediately leave once your 45 mins was up. If your wristband was the wrong colour, then they would kick you out. Within that 45 mins, residents were to review RioCan's proposal, speak to representatives, and fill out comment cards. This was certainly not adequate time for the community to fully comprehend a development of this size and scale. It lacked adequate engagement with the community from both city admin and RioCan representatives.

I was beyond disappointed by the lack information both RioCan and the City could provide. Many participant's questions went unanswered as well as they were disappointed to see the presence of security at the open house which was not required. We are interested in a collaborative, dynamic and transparent process for the duration of this application to create an overall better development and reach a positive outcome. The process needs to be a thoughtful one and done in a logical manner, taking existing residents and users into account.

I also attended the online open house on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> where you could only see the question you had asked, not those of other participants. RioCan read out particular questions later apparently from the group, but did not provide names and it became clear quite soon that all the questions were to their benefit, none of the questions that expressed concerns were included.

On Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, I had submitted a request for a copy of the Preliminary Environmental Natural Site Assessment reports for the parkland at Glenmore Landing Area.

I received an Acknowledgement from the City Clerk's office on Nov 13<sup>th</sup>. A month later on December 11, I received notice from the City Clerk's office he would be granting an extension to allow for consultation with third parties. I asked if that was RioCan but he said they couldn't reveal that and referred me to sections of FOIP legislation. He stated and I understand after reviewing the legislation, that extension can be granted if it could impact a third party financially. I have to assume this would apply to RioCan's proposed purchase and development on the parkland.

The date for release he gave was January 12<sup>th</sup>, which conveniently for RioCan, is 2 days after today's meeting, meaning the report is not available for any review and input by the public today. This is not acceptable. It leaves people with the impression that responses are left to the deadlines so that the sale can be made before input can be provided.



It's important for the committee to understand that Calgarians concerned over this issue are not against densification, but believe that it should be on a location that is not eliminating parkland and tree canopy. It's important to note that it's Calgarians living all over this City who have expressed their concerns about the disposition of the parkland.

I would add that we are told by our Councillor for Ward 11, Kourtney Penner, the strip of grass on the east side of 14 Street in Haysboro (it's about 8 feet wide in certain areas) between a sound wall and a sidewalk is part of our community parks but the 5.6 acres of parkland across 14th St isn't.

Haysboro community does not have community parkland that isn't designated for schools or playgrounds, where you can take your family and friends to gather at a table or seating area. Haysboro residents rely on Glenmore Reservoir as our community park. If there's construction for 15 years, we'll be unable to enjoy that benefit. If you were able to revegetate and invest in the 5.6 acres of parkland at along part of 14th St and 90th Ave, this would mean my community would have access to park amenities like a fitness playground and enjoy access to benches and gathering spots. This parkland is extremely important to Calgary!!

Thank you for your time!

