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First name [required] Virginia

Last name [required] Smith

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition

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The Bearspaw Marina is a vital and valuable business. It provides jobs which helps the economy, and it allows people to access nature and exercise. Using non-motorised watercraft in no way harms the environment and only helps people build relationships with nature and benefits their physical and mental health.

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Last name [required]	Albery
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This is a blatant attempt at further restricting access the the Bearspaw resevoir. It's for the rich residents in the area. If this was any other body of water outside of an elitist conclave with deep ties to government and industry there would be 0 chance of this being pushed for. The drinking water argument is a blatant misrepresentation of the sit-uation almost comically supported by an ever untrustable media. The same water merely 15 km upstream at ghost resevoir is covered in boats every day from ice off until freeze up every day of the year. This whole issue is bogus, it's always been bogus, and everyone knows it's bogus.

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Last name [required]Saint

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Public access to the reservoir has been restricted far too long. Select few have had full access for many years, actively working to restrict access, and regularly / flagrantly breaking the law by using motorized watercraft on the waterway.

It is really reprehensible that the Transalta corporate muscle has been deployed to try to continue to make this public asset a play area for the wealthy only. Do not allow this!

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First name [required] Travis

Last name [required] Smith

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What meeting do you wish to comment on? [required] Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure and Planning

Date of meeting [required] May 6, 2025

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[required] - max 75 characters Land use redesignation - LOC2025-0052

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I think closing this road would be a shame, a loss for folks wanting to use the outdoors, and as unnecessary as instructions on a bottle of water.

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Bearspaw Marina is a wonderful, safe way to access the Bow River in the summer and provides inexpensive recreation for families. Local home owners have been accessing the reservoir for decades, and even use motorized boats on it, therefore safety and pollution arguments for closing public access do not make sense, especially when people access the Bow River and recreate on it all the way from Lake Louise to Calgary. If public access is denied will the city also restrict homeowner use? It would be hard to justify to the public if this is not the case.

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The road access to the marina on Bearspaw dam needs to remain open, this is public water and accessing it should remain public

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I am OPPOSED to the road closure of the public access road to Bearspaw Marina

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Last name [required] Saquet

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I would like the road access to stay open to the bearspaw reservoir.

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Transalta is trying to restrict public access to a recreational waterway

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Calgarians deserve access to public land and resources. Waterways inclusive, and as they are under federal jurisdiction, all Canadians should have the right to use of our waterways. For years, it has been an ongoing battle with land owners, specifically transalta, who have used various different “excuses” for restricting access to a public body of water. If the last public access point to the bearspaw reservoir is closed, Calgarians lose an opportunity for outdoor recreation and enjoyment in our own backyard. If we can no longer use this access point, a new access point should be built so the beauty of our country can be shared by all, and is accessible to every demographic of user, regardless of their financial well being. As it stands, access to the bearspaw reservoir for any form of recreation is limited to the rich, and is prohibited to middle class working people. Our tax dollars constructed and maintain the dam that built the reservoir, but the people are not allowed to access it, and thereby are restricted from using it for any purpose. It has essentially created a private lake community that is funded by everyday tax payers that don’t live in the community.

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We should be promoting the outdoor use of this reservoir for families in our area. Not everyone can afford driving to Banff or Kananaskis and paying for the pass to get in. Let's utilize these great spaces.

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It is absolutely NOT OK that the city is trying to do this!! Smarten up and stop trying to control every little thing.

NOT OK.

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This is a wonderful addition to the community and I am looking forward to going and having easy and safe use of the water. Should be for all to enjoy.

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In opposition



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Support river access! Keep access to the lower takeout of the Cochrane to Bearspaw reservoir section accessible. It's a beautiful beginner family float with no additional hazard than the other stretches through Calgary and Glenmore reservoir which have been managed effectively by the public. TransAlta has systematically removed river user access to many rivers and sections of river in recent years including the Kananaskis and upstream bow river sections to the detriment of the general public and businesses. Do not allow them to do this again.

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I have been paddle boarding here for years and have never seen a safety issue on the road. The water, yes, lifejackets area good thing - wear them. Please keep the road accessible to the public.

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I am in opposition to the proposal by Transalta to close the public access road to Bear-spaw Marina. This is a “PUBLIC ACCESS ROAD” and should be open to the public for access to kayaking and other water sports. Transalta has no interest in public safety, they only want to have private control of a public place.
Please do not allow them this control. The people should still be able to enjoy this space.



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The Bearspaw Marina brings joy and healthy living to many Calgary's families and people of all ages and ethnicities. It is possible to canoe/kayak all the way from Cochrane onto the Reservoir so why is it not allowed to access the Reservoir directly? The boats are in excellent condition, equipped with life jackets, the company sends patrol boats for surveillance. Much safer than many other lakes and rivers in Alberta and BC where you go on your own, with no backup service and monitoring. There is no danger and the service provided is great, especially for people who do not have the opportunity to travel to lakes further away. By allowing the Marina to continue its operations, the City offers a wonderful new recreational opportunity to Calgary's.

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Position: "In opposition"

If safety and environmental concerns are the main factor for closing this road allowance, then why are other springbank and bearspaw private residence able to use the reservoir? How do I explain/justify to my children they cannot use this reservoir for recreation when it's clearly used for other affluent families where TransAlta doesn't own the shoreline.

I've personally used ghost lake reservoir to kayak and boat which can operate water levels between 1185m to 1191m for the flood protection. That's 6m or approximately 18 feet water level fluctuation. Safety is not a concern there. And there are many families kayaking and boating on this lake all during the fluctuating water levels. What is the fluctuating water levels at Bears paw. Why can't Transalta put up safety barriers around the dam like at Ghost?

Recently, the planning committee recommended approving new NW communities of Westview and Haskayne. More population will put more pressure on existing parks and the Bowness park lagoon. If council closes this road allowance as they deem it not appropriate access then I challenge Sonya Sharp (current ward 1 councillor) and other councillors to create a plan to then provide appropriate facility/infrastructure to allow public access. This is an opportunity to come up with a plan to provide public access as it's clear there will be more demand for this type of recreation going forward. Thank you!

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The bears paw Marina is an asset to the surrounding communities.

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Last name [required] Bourgeault

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Date of meeting [required] May 6, 2025

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[required] - max 75 characters Bears paw public dock being taken away

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Keep the public access to bearspaw marina!

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First name [required] Rachelle

Last name [required] Cook

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I am AGAINST taking away access to Bearspaw Marina and water access available there.

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In favour

ATTACHMENT_01_FILENAME	Hrudey - Preclude Recreational Use of Drinking Water Reservoirs.pdf
ATTACHMENT_02_FILENAME	Hrudey bio April 2025.pdf
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	As my attachments will outline, I am absolutely in favour of closing the referenced road in support of protecting the safety of the water in Bearspaw Reservoir which serves as the source water for the City of Calgary drinking water supply

Dr. Steve E. Hrudey, CM, AOE, FRSC, FSRA, IWAF, FCAE, FEC, FGC (Hon), DSc(Hon), PhD, DSc(Eng), P.Eng.

Dr. Hrudey is Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Alberta. He chaired the 2022 Royal Society of Canada Expert Panel on Wastewater Surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 in Canada. Among 30 expert panels over his career, he served from 2000 to 2002 on the Research Advisory Panel to Justice Dennis O'Connor's Walkerton Inquiry into a fatal drinking water outbreak; on the Expert Panel for federal Minister Jim Prentice on Safe Drinking Water for First Nations in 2006; Chair of the international expert panel on bladder cancer and chlorination DBPs in 2014 – 2015 for the Water Research Foundation, Denver, Chair of an expert panel review of proposed regulatory initiatives for *Taumata Arowai* (2020), the new national drinking water regulator for New Zealand created following a 2016 fatal drinking water disease outbreak in Havelock North; Chair, Technical Advisory Committee to the BC Minister of Health, on Turbidity & Microbial Risk in Drinking Water (2007-2008); and Chair of an international expert review of drinking water quality in Edmonton (1985-1986).

His research is reflected in over 200 refereed journal publications, 12 books (4 explicitly on safe drinking water and risk) and 30 book chapters focused on public health, environmental risk and ensuring safe drinking water. He has given dozens of workshops on ensuring safe drinking water for front line personnel in Canada, Australia, the UK and the US. Among a number of professional recognitions he received the top research award of the American Water Works Association, the A.P. Black Award in 2012. Dr. Hrudey was elected as a Member of the Order of Canada in 2019 and the Alberta Order of Excellence in 2017.

**Support for Road Closure and Land Use Amendment
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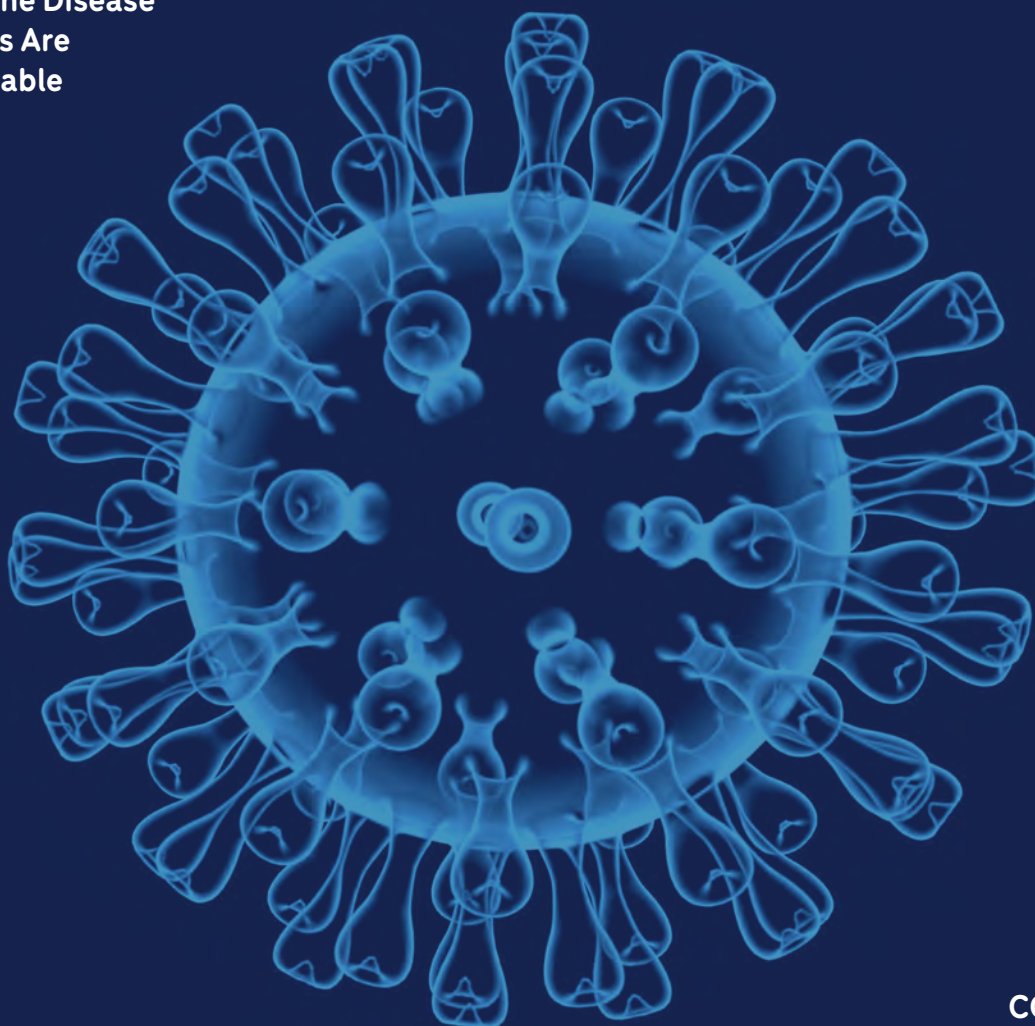
Calgary has a well-conceived and justified Source Water Protection Policy CP2020-04. A fundamental axiom of risk management to ensure safe drinking water is to ensure that source water to be treated for drinking water is protected to the maximum degree possible. I have worked extensively internationally on all matters related to safe drinking water and well-informed jurisdictions will prohibit the use of drinking water reservoirs for recreational purposes. Noteworthy, I was invited to testify before the Legislative Council, Western Australian Parliamentary Review about Recreational Access to Drinking Water Catchments and Storages, Perth, Australia, in 2009. I mention this example because Australia is the driest continent on earth and there is consistent advocacy from recreational groups to access water bodies including drinking water reservoirs. That Parliamentary review accepted the considerable scientific and technical evidence that allowing human recreational access to a drinking water reservoir presents an unjustifiable risk to the consumers of drinking water.

Without wading into all of this evidence, the reality is that the greatest risk of contamination of drinking water that can adversely affect the health of consumers is from microbial pathogens (viruses, bacteria or protozoa). Humans are inevitably a primary source of such infective pathogens. Allowing human recreational access to drinking water reservoirs is simply an avoidable risk that must be avoided in the interests of protecting the health of Calgary's drinking water consumers. The fact that source water is well treated by Calgary's water treatment plants does not justify adding recreational use of source water as an avoidable risk for the benefit of those seeking recreational activities. Water treatment technology, like any technology, can suffer from technological malfunctions that justifies commitment to the so-called "*multiple barrier process*" that maintains sequential treatment barriers to maximize the security of the overall contaminant removal processes. Source water protection is the first barrier to be implemented for protecting the health of drinking water consumers.

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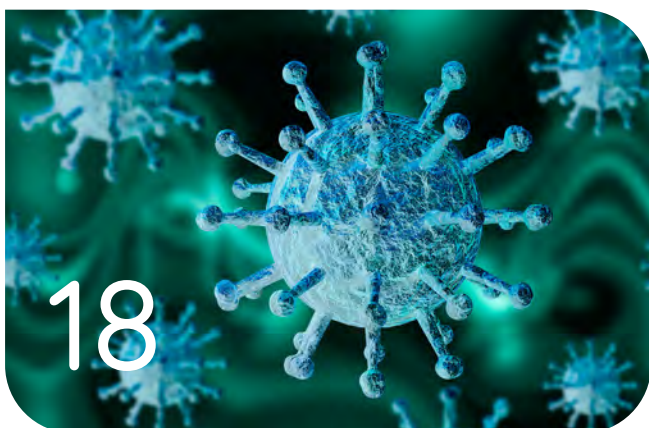
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WATERBORNE DISEASE OUTBREAKS ARE UNACCEPTABLE

Ensuring Safe Drinking Water While Emerging from a Pandemic

COVID-19 has been the biggest public health disaster the world has experienced in a century. The disruptions to what is normal life have been profound. Beliefs and attitudes that we could take for granted in managing risks to drinking water may have become undermined by the growing politicisation of public health protection. Would any of us have predicted that a global pandemic that has killed more than 4 million people worldwide (as of July 2021) would coincide with any significant opposition to sensible public health measures? Yet, a substantial proportion of the public believes that the COVID-19 pandemic is a hoax and that vaccination against COVID-19, which has shown remarkable effectiveness in protecting against serious illness or death, is opposed by a consequential proportion of the population in a nation that has achieved unrestricted, free access to vaccination.¹ The extent of this misinformation has prompted the US Surgeon General to issue a public health advisory warning.²

The title chosen for this feature article seems to reflect something so obvious as to be redundant for the informed audience of Health Stream. Yet, given the current popularity of misinformation about scientific evidence, readers need to prepare for the likelihood that affluent societies appear to be heading back into an information dark age, accelerated by social media. Those readers who are committed to their personal responsibility to ensure that the water they provide to consumers is safe to drink should be prepared for this “epidemic” of misinformation about scientific evidence. This epidemic may allow some individuals with personal agendas to question why resources need to be devoted to managing drinking water risks to achieve negligible likelihood of failure. Regardless of personal motivations, such advocates are effectively gambling that they will avoid experiencing a disastrous outbreak and, in any case, may not be held accountable for contributing to such a fundamental failure. Committed water professionals need to recognise such negative scenarios as a potentially growing risk to the safety of drinking water supplies.

¹ June 30, 2021 US Public opinion survey about willingness to receive the COVID-19 vaccine finds that: 14% will definitely not; 6% will only take it if required and another 10% will wait and see. Among the “definitely not” category: 42% were 30 to 49 years old; 23% had a college degree or more and overall, vaccine opponents were strongly split by political affiliation: 58% Republican vs. 18% Democrat. <https://www.kff.org/coronavirus-covid-19/dashboard/kff-covid-19-vaccine-monitor-dashboard/>

² July 15, 2021 – Confronting Health Misinformation: The U.S. Surgeon General’s Advisory on Building a Healthy Information Environment. <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/surgeon-general-misinformation-advisory.pdf>



Risk Management and Recent Experience with Waterborne Outbreaks – the Evidence

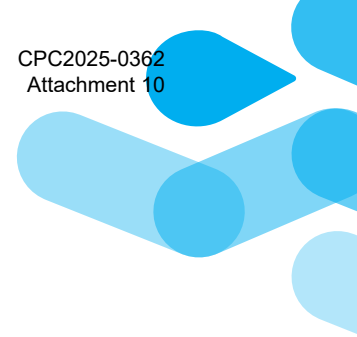
HS101 featured a review of 25 years of progress on better management of drinking water risk, an impressive record of progress and achievement that should be self-evident. Yet, given the misinformation epidemic outlined above, those achievements may no longer be something we can assume to be recognised as progress across society. Given that concern, it is worthwhile to revisit the wisdom, expressed as Guiding Principles, that was first captured in the 2004 edition of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG):

1. The greatest risks to consumers of drinking water are pathogenic microorganisms. Protection of water sources and treatment are of paramount importance and must never be compromised.
2. The drinking water system must have, and continuously maintain, robust multiple barriers appropriate to the level of potential contamination facing the raw water supply.
3. Any sudden or extreme change in water quality, flow or environmental conditions (e.g. extreme rainfall or flooding) should arouse suspicion that drinking water might become contaminated.
4. System operators must be able to respond quickly and effectively to adverse monitoring signals.
5. System operators must maintain a personal sense of responsibility and dedication to providing consumers with safe water, and should never ignore a consumer complaint about water quality.
6. Ensuring drinking water safety and quality requires the application of a considered risk management approach.

The fundamental merits of these guiding principles have withstood the test of time. Failures to honour and operationalise these principles can be demonstrated as outlined in the following review of experience with drinking water disease outbreaks over the past decade.

In August 2016 there was a fatal drinking water disease outbreak in Havelock North, New Zealand (see HS83, 84, 86, 88, 95, 100) which gained international attention, and resulted in a major Government of New Zealand Inquiry, producing two reports (Government of New Zealand 2017). The outbreak experience and the Inquiry's reports have led to major reforms to water governance in New Zealand (see News Items, HS101).

A particularly stunning revelation about the mindset of those who should have prevented this public health disaster from occurring appeared in the First Report of the Havelock North Inquiry (at p.62, para.[262]). In referring to deficiencies in addressing public health risks associated with aquifer contamination, the report notes: *"the District Council in its 2008 Water Safety Plan rated the probability of the risk occurring as 'unlikely', and the consequences of such risk as 'moderate'."* This remarkable claim drawn from the 2008 Water Safety Plan (WSP) was made despite Havelock North having experienced an outbreak of campylobacteriosis in 1998 without the causes of that outbreak ever having been resolved before the 2008 WSP was prepared and signed off. Even more remarkable was the rating of the consequences of such a public health risk as being *"moderate"*, given that any informed, rational understanding of such consequences is that they would include a waterborne outbreak, which could result in serious, and potentially fatal, illness. If the consequences of allowing a disease outbreak to occur can be judged to



be merely “moderate”, what would have to happen to a drinking water system for consequences to be rated as “high” or “severe”? This revelation about the mindset of those who should have been responsible for ensuring safe drinking water to Havelock North suggests an enormous failure to comprehend the true responsibilities that rest with both drinking water providers and drinking water regulators to ensure the safety of their consumers. Confusing or misappropriating risks concerning the status of assets with risks of making consumers ill needs to be explicitly confronted and challenged. The fact that serious water supply failures keep happening in jurisdictions that do have the economic and professional resources to ensure delivery of safe drinking water indicates that serious misunderstandings about the risks of waterborne disease outbreaks still persist.

Graham (2020) summarised the main findings of the 2017 Government Inquiry about the 2016 Havelock North, New Zealand outbreak of campylobacteriosis that made 5,500 consumers ill, hospitalised 45 and caused 4 deaths. Overall, Graham (2020) noted that the raw groundwater supply was not treated, but it complied with the New Zealand drinking water standards as they existed at that time. The key failure arose with the criteria in those standards governing untreated supplies. For the New Zealand water sector as a whole, flaws exposed by the Inquiry included: too many small water suppliers, poor governance, inadequate funding, issues with staff recruitment and retention, deferred maintenance, and under investment.

Regarding the need for a multibarrier approach that is the second Guiding Principle of the ADWG, Graham (2020) summarised flaws that included: the environmental regulator did not meet legal responsibilities to protect the aquifer, the water supplier did not meet necessary standards of care, the water supplier’s consultants did not accurately assess supply risks, and the drinking water regulators did not meet regulatory responsibilities. The premise of providing multiple barriers should be an easy concept to understand, yet the failure to provide

even a single effective barrier is evident in many cases documented in Table 1 which summarises 23 reported (published) drinking water disease outbreaks over the past decade in advanced economies. Anyone with experience in providing drinking water to the public should recognise that the flaws Graham (2020) lists are certainly not unique to Havelock North. Many, if not most, of these flaws could likely be found to have contributed to most, if not all, the outbreaks summarised in Table 1. Most of these certainly applied in some manner to the Walkerton, Ontario, Canada outbreak (Hrudey & Hrudey 2014) from 21 years ago that made over 2,300 consumers ill, hospitalised 65 and caused the deaths of 7.

The number of 23 outbreaks summarised in Table 1 is most certainly an underestimate of the total number of failure incidents because such incidents are likely under-reported. The true extent of under-reporting cannot be known for any jurisdiction, but Majowicz et al. (2005) estimated that in Ontario, Canada for gastrointestinal disease, the most common class of disease to be caused by waterborne pathogens, each reported case of illness represented a higher unreported total of between 105 and 1,389 cases (median = 285 cases, mean = 313 cases). Better reporting would be likely when large numbers of cases occur simultaneously as in a drinking water outbreak, but smaller outbreaks seem likely to often go undetected. Compulsory notification regulations will likely increase the reporting of waterborne disease outbreaks (Zacheus & Miettinen 2011). Regardless, for every outbreak reported, there are inevitably many more close call incidents that could be used for learning and improvement of practices, if only there was an organised program to capture the details of close call incidents and make them available, anonymously within the industry, for training purposes. The bottom line is that all drinking water disease outbreaks in developed economies are preventable, generally by the competent application of relatively simple measures like ensuring that disinfection processes are fully functional and that the integrity of the distribution of treated water is not compromised.

Table 1. Reported drinking water disease outbreaks over the last decade

Year / Location	Source & Treatment	Major Failures	Pathogens	C
2010 / Køge, Denmark	groundwater, NO chlorination	no explicit cause identified, occurred after heavy rain, but not verified	<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>	
2010 / Östersund, Sweden	lake, pre-ozone, sand filtration, chlorination	cross connection of sanitary sewer with storm drain contaminated a creek discharging 500 m up-current from drinking water intake	<i>Cryptosporidium hominis</i>	
2010 / Saratoga Springs, UT, USA	groundwater, not stated, but likely NO chlorination	not clear, but likely caused by plumbing connections in dwellings cross-connected to an irrigation system	<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>	
2010 / Öland, Sweden	groundwater, not stated, but likely NO chlorination	wells were cross-connected with stock watering source	Norovirus	
2011 / Skellfeteå, Sweden	river, sand filtration, chlorination	sewer contamination of water intake suspected	<i>Cryptosporidium hominis</i>	
2011 / not named southern Finland	groundwater, likely NO chlorination	contamination of well water by septic tank tile field seepage	Norovirus	
2011 / not named northern Finland	groundwater, likely NO chlorination	blocked sewer contaminated groundwater for wells serving 14 houses	Norovirus	
2011 / Agrigento, Sicily, Italy	well & spring water, chlorination 0.2 mg/L	outbreak followed heavy rains, suspected surface inflow to well water	Norovirus	
2012 / Kalundborg, Denmark	not identified	a water line located below a sewer broke, allowing reduced pressure, contamination	Norovirus	
2012 / Kilkis, Greece	public water system not described	outbreak in an elementary school but delayed sampling – cause not identified	not identified suspect viral	
2012 / Ellasona, Greece	mountain spring source / chlorination	chlorination level and monitoring of chlorine residual were inadequate	not identified maybe Rotavirus	
2012 / Vuorela, Finland	groundwater / UV disinfection only	repair of broken water main allowed contamination of distributed water	Sapovirus / <i>E. coli</i> (EPEC)	
2012 / Darfield, New Zealand	well & river source with bank infiltration / chlorination	well pump failure led to total reliance on river supply; chlorine tank empty, alarms disabled, monitors not calibrated	<i>Campylobacter</i> spp.	
2013 / Baker City, OR, USA	surface water / chlorination	cattle were found grazing adjacent to mountain streams providing source	<i>Cryptosporidium</i>	
2015 / Prague, Czech Republic	groundwater / chlorination & river bank infiltration / coagulation, filtration, ozonation	major water main repair with subsequent flushing resulted in a large crack in the main at a location below a leaking sewer	Norovirus	n
2015 / Chalkidiki, Greece	groundwater / minimal chlorination groundwater sample showed "high" levels of <i>Enterococci</i> and coliforms	most probable cause was likely sewage contamination of drinking water arising because of poor hygienic working practices following loss of pressure when repairing two water mains at the same time as sewers were leaking and observed to have overflowed	Norovirus	sev
2015 / Jeollabuk-do, South Korea	groundwater / faulty chlorination	pipe connecting drinking water tank to distribution system was found disconnected – contamination access	pathogenic <i>E. coli</i> – various	
2016 / Mascali, Sicily, Italy	groundwater / partial chlorination	complex resort distribution system allowed ingress of unchlorinated water & sewage	Norovirus	
2016 / Havelock North, New Zealand	groundwater / NO chlorination	shallow wells adjacent to sheep pastures and aquifer recharged with contaminated surface water	<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>	
2017 rural Pennsylvania, USA	groundwater / inadequate chlorination	an overloaded septic tank / tile field apparently contaminated an aquifer serving a camp kitchen well. A creek for recreational swimming was contaminated from unidentified faecal sources	Norovirus	
2018 / Town "X", QC, Canada	groundwater / NO chlorination	800 residents supplied by 5 wells and one reservoir implicated in outbreak	<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>	
2019 / Town "X", Greece	springs / inadequate chlorination	supply was common to neighbouring communities without an outbreak	Norovirus <i>Campylobacter</i> spp.	
2019 / Askøy, Norway	springs / NO chlorination	untreated water was stored in a mountain cavern that was subject to contamination; 70% assigned to horse manure, remainder to other zoonotic sources	<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>	

ases confirm / est.	Hospital Admissions	Deaths	Comments	Reference
61	>400	-	town of ~20,000 decided not to chlorinate; concern for health risk, "environmental impact"; cost	Gubbels et al. (2012)
>29 / 27,000	57 reported, 270 est.	-	naïve belief that lake water was pristine, treatment not adequate to handle chlorine-resistant pathogen	Hrudey & Hrudey (2014); Health Stream 60, 61, 65
17 / 628	2	-	contamination was assumed to be faecal , but a definitive source was not identified	UT County Health Dep. (2010), Hilborn et al. (2013)
not reported / 200	not reported	-	historical practices that were intended to be protected by backflow valves that failed	Hallin (2012)
not reported / 18,500	not reported	-	drinking water treatment was not capable of removing pathogen	Bjelkmar et al. (2017)
17	not reported	-	a small scale outbreak reveals a common rural risk scenario	Kauppinen et al. (2018)
10	not reported	-	small scale outbreak reveals a common rural risk scenario	Kauppinen et al. (2018)
not reported / 156	not reported	-	found Norovirus contamination of waters – suspect sewage source	Giammanco et al. (2014)
not reported / >130	not reported	-	a vulnerable situation for untreated groundwater	van Alphen et al. (2014)
53 primary 26 secondary	not reported	-	small outbreak presumed waterborne based on epidemiology	Mellou et al. (2013)
394 / 3,600	not reported	-	livestock and / or human faecal contamination of spring suspected but not documented	Mellou et al. (2014)
not reported / ~800	1 130 medical attention	-	lack of any disinfection in the distribution system allowed outbreak	Jalava et al. (2014)
29 / 828-1987	46 sought medical attention	-	outbreak after heavy rain with chlorination inoperative, source vulnerable - livestock contamination	Bartholomew et al. (2014)
23 / 2,780	not reported	-	source not protected from livestock, no barrier for this pathogen	DeSilva et al. (2015)
not reported / 11,000 to 12,000	5,150 sought medical attention, 33 hospitalised	-	largest outbreak in Prague since 1959 resulted from complicated circumstances following water main repair of aged mains vulnerable to sewage infiltration	Kozisek (2016) Health Stream 80
108 / veral hundred estimated	not reported	-	The outbreak affected approximately ¼ of the town's 1,079 residents. Water reported to be turbid, discolored, and odorous. A few days after outbreak chlorine residuals found to be low (0.13 to 0.15 mg/L)	Tryfinopoulou et al. (2019)
188	not reported	-	investigation after the incident was left to speculate on failures	Park et al. (2018)
not reported / 24	12	-	investigation of this resort system provided limited insight	Giammanco et al. (2018)
252 / 5,500	45	4	classified as a secure supply that did not require chlorination but groundwater supply was NOT secure as specified in the NZ Drinking Water Standards	Government of New Zealand (2017) Gilpin et al. (2020)
179	not reported	-	this outbreak at a camp facility serving the public was only able to attribute Norovirus infection to camp kitchen drinking water and / or swimming in a contaminated creek	Mattioli et al. (2021)
9 / 150 - 400	2	-	specific failure not identified, dry period followed by heavy rain	Soto et al. (2020) Health Stream 101
not reported / >638	not reported	-	faecal contamination of water storage likely but not proven	Tzani et al. (2021)
181 / >2,000 est.	76	2	this large, recent outbreak happened in a European country 2nd only to Switzerland in GDP per capita because drinking water was supplied, untreated to consumers	Hyllestad et al. 2020 Paruch et al. (2020) Mortensen et al. (2021)



A few common themes are evident from a review of the outbreaks summarised in Table 1:

- Several of these outbreaks have occurred in systems providing no disinfection (i.e., chlorination or other primary disinfection process) of the delivered drinking water supplies.
- Outbreaks are caused most commonly by the microbial pathogens *Campylobacter* and Norovirus that are eminently manageable by disinfection, including chlorination. The few outbreaks of cryptosporidiosis can be dealt with by known management and treatment techniques, provided that the risk of contamination by *Cryptosporidium* are properly characterised.
- The first Guiding Principle of the ADWG clearly states that pathogens pose the greatest risk to drinking water safety. Infective pathogens (except for the emerging concerns about OPPPs) are found in human and animal faecal wastes, so they pose a risk wherever such matter is found, i.e., essentially everywhere! The sources of pathogens are a known and prevalent risk for any drinking water supply which needs to be appropriately managed.
- Failure to provide multiple barriers (or even a single functional barrier in some cases), as required by the second Guiding Principle of the ADWG, is a recurring theme in many of the outbreaks summarised in Table 1.
- Tourist resorts and camps have experienced outbreaks that should be a concern for community water providers because such failures can undermine consumer confidence in their community systems. The water sector should consider how it can raise the performance of such commercial systems in consultation with health regulators.
- Ignoring recurring causes of outbreaks in developed economies, based on the faulty assumption that such failures only happen within clearly inadequate systems, or accepting that repeated low-level detections of indicator organisms in treated drinking water are not

significant, or tolerating underperforming treatment processes, are all means by which managers of systems that have any level of treatment mistakenly believe that they face no pathogen risks.

- Having effective and operational treatment and risk management systems clearly reduces the likelihood of failure, but all responsible managers need to recognise that the pathogens present in human and animal faecal wastes are an inherently pervasive risk, making pathogen contamination an ever-present challenge for any drinking water system. Any doubters of this truth need to read about the 2008 Northampton, England outbreak (HS51, Hrudehy & Hrudehy 2014).³

Considering the experience of the past decade that is summarised in Table 1, it is reasonable to ask whether the lessons available from these public health failures are being learned sufficiently by the water providers and regulators. Reading about the Askøy, Norway outbreak (see review in [From the Literature](#) in HS101) of June, 2019 that made more than 2,000 consumers ill, hospitalised 76 and caused 2 deaths, including a 1 year-old infant, surely raises questions about how well lessons are being learned. Notably, Norway has a GDP per capita⁴ that ranks highest among all EU member countries, and is higher than Australia and all G7 economies, including the USA, UK and Canada. Clearly, limits on financial capacity of societies to ensure safe drinking water do not provide an adequate explanation for the recurrence of such serious public health failures.

There are many complexities involved in failure to ensure safe drinking water, but a fundamental aspect appears to include ignorance of the consequences of allowing a waterborne disease outbreak to occur. Surely it should be unimaginable that any professional working as a water provider or as a regulator would knowingly wish to allow her/himself to be a party to a drinking water failure causing death or serious health injury. Apparently, the severity of the consequences of drinking water outbreaks may not yet be sufficiently understood and ingrained among all drinking water personnel from operations to the board room.

³ Anglian Water (England) operated the Pitsford Water Treatment Works serving a population of 270,000 that drew from a high water quality, low risk reservoir and provided ozone pre-oxidation, coagulation, clarification, granular media filtration, ozonation, chlorination and granular activated carbon adsorption, yet it suffered an outbreak of cryptosporidiosis causing 422 cases because a single infected rabbit had accessed a treatment tank. The epidemic was only limited to this extent because Anglian was monitoring treated water **continuously** for oocysts and management took immediate action upon the first sign of contamination.

⁴ <https://www.worldometers.info/gdp/gdp-per-capita/>



Consequences of Drinking Water Outbreaks

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The illness and death that can be caused by a drinking water disease outbreak should be sufficient grounds for understanding that the consequences of such a public health failure must be regarded as severe, even if limited to a small community and a limited population of consumers. If community drinking water cannot be assured of being safe for human consumption, i.e., will not cause disease, what performance measure does a drinking water provider regard to be more important? Despite this obvious reality, there may be some who believe that a drinking water disease outbreak is a transient, short term event and fail to understand that there are also long term health consequences. Unfortunately, such long term consequences have been studied in comparatively few cases.

Before examining longer term health studies, it is worthwhile to review the short term consequences of the most recent serious drinking waterborne disease outbreak that occurred in June 2019 in Askøy, Norway (Table 1), causing more than 2,000 cases of campylobacteriosis, 76 hospitalisations and 2 deaths. Mortensen *et al.* (2021) reported on 67 of those who were hospitalised, summarising their study cohort as 50 adults and 17 children with 14 below the age of 4. Two additional adults and one child were not included because they withdrew informed consent to participate in the study. Diarrhoea

was the most commonly reported symptom (99%), with 9% of patients reporting bloody diarrhoea. Adults had a high proportion (68%) of co-morbidities including cardiovascular disease, pre-existing gastrointestinal disease or chronic renal failure, and they experienced greater severity than children, including longer duration of hospitalisation. Among children, 47% had co-morbidities that were dominated by pulmonary and gastrointestinal diseases. These findings reveal the reality that drinking water consumers who have existing health conditions are likely to be vulnerable to more serious consequences of a drinking water disease outbreak.

An economic impact study commissioned by New Zealand Health (Moore *et al* 2017) for the Government Inquiry also provided some summary comments on health impacts of campylobacteriosis. They reported that New Zealand research on campylobacteriosis from all causes indicates that only 0.77% of cases require hospitalisation, and the fatality rate is only 0.001%, although those with compromised immune systems may experience a serious life-threatening condition if the infection spreads to the blood. A small fraction of cases (2.86% of cases, 95% CI: 1.40% to 5.61%) develops reactive arthritis which causes joint pain. Higher proportions of serious consequences from campylobacteriosis have been observed in drinking water outbreaks. Among the North Havelock outbreak victims who participated in a telephone survey, 82 reported one or more symptoms consistent with reactive

arthritis. Estimates of those who experienced reactive arthritis ranged from 6.8% to 23.2% among confirmed cases. There is also a rare occurrence of Guillan-Barré syndrome, an auto-immune response that results in paralysis that lasts several weeks and normally requires intensive care. Three cases of Guillan-Barré syndrome, one severe, were identified from those infected in the outbreak. Ultimately, all cases recovered and were discharged from hospital.

Because of the severity of the waterborne outbreak for the Walkerton community, the Ontario government funded a long term follow-up study, the Walkerton Health Study (WHS), to determine the presence of lasting adverse health impacts from the May 2000 outbreak (Garg et al. 2005a, 2006). Garg et al. (2005b) reported on a cohort of 1958 adults with no known history of hypertension or kidney disease before the outbreak. Of these, 675 were asymptomatic during the outbreak, 909 had moderate symptoms and 374 had severe symptoms needing medical attention. The follow-up study (mean period of 3.7 years) diagnosed hypertension in 27.0% of asymptomatic individuals, 32.3 % of individuals who had experienced moderate disease symptoms during the outbreak and 35.9% of individuals who had experienced severe disease symptoms during the outbreak. These findings showed a significant relative risk of hypertension of 1.28 (95% CI: 1.04 to 1.56). Clark et al. (2010) reported on the eight-year follow-up of an eligible population of 1977 participants and found that the adjusted hazard ratios⁵ among those who had experienced acute gastroenteritis for measured hypertension was 1.33 (95% CI: 1.14 to 1.54). For self-reported physician-diagnosed cardiovascular disease, the finding was 2.13 (95% CI: 1.03 to 4.43). The adjusted hazard ratio for the presence of either of two indicators of renal impairment was 1.15 (95% CI: 0.97 to 1.35), but was 3.41 (95% CI: 1.51 to 7.71) for the presence of both indicators.

Reactive arthritis is known to be caused by *Campylobacter* spp. and to a much lesser extent by *E. coli* O157:H7. Garg et al. (2008) in a 4.5 year WHS follow-up, analysed a cohort of 2299 participants for evidence of reactive arthritis, consisting of 788 who were asymptomatic during the outbreak, 1034 who had moderate gastroenteritis

symptoms and 477 who had symptoms severe enough to seek medical attention. This study relied on self-reporting of a medical diagnosis, consistent across two interviews, of arthritis since the outbreak. With the asymptomatic patients as the reference group, those with moderate and severe symptoms of gastroenteritis had an adjusted relative risk of arthritis of 1.19 [95% CI: 0.99–1.43] and 1.33 (95% CI: 1.07–1.66), respectively.

Among the adverse health impacts of this outbreak, 19 Walkerton children who had recovered from haemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS), a serious kidney ailment that can lead to kidney failure and is caused by *E. coli* O157:H7, one of the faecal pathogens contributing to the Walkerton outbreak, were studied with an age and sex-matched control group of 38 healthy children (Garg et al. 2005c). These children were among 27 diagnosed cases of HUS caused by the outbreak. A three-year follow-up of the WHS, comparing with the control group those patients with HUS, demonstrated more microalbuminuria⁶, 32% vs. 5%, relative risk 4.8 (95% CI: 1.1 to 22.0). The longer term health implications of this finding were difficult to assess with the population under study, but continued health monitoring was indicated.

Ford et al. (2010) reported for the 8 year follow-up of the WHS that of 2597 eligible subjects, 1088 provided data useable for analysis, of which 706 had experienced acute gastroenteritis during the outbreak, the odd ratios for recurring indigestion (dyspepsia) at 8 years in exposed individuals using both a British and an American clinical definition were 2.09 (95% CI: 1.58–2.78) and 2.30 (95% CI: 1.63–3.26), respectively. Marshall et al. (2009) reported an evaluation of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), which is related to indigestion, for the WHS analysing 2451 participants who returned for the 8 year follow-up, out of the original 4561 eligible WHS participants. Of these, 1166 were eligible for the IBS study cohort. The prevalence of IBS among 742 eligible subjects who had suffered acute gastroenteritis during the outbreak declined from 28.3% 2–3 years after the outbreak to 15.4% after 8 years. IBS remained significantly increased compared with controls who did not have acute gastroenteritis (OR 3.12; 95% CI: 1.99 to 5.04), indicating

⁵ See Appendix Table for comparison of relative risk vs. odds ratio vs. hazard ratio (George et al. 2020)

⁶ Microalbuminuria is an appearance of elevated albumin in urine, an early sign of vascular damage and a marker of general vascular dysfunction

that the Walkerton outbreak had triggered irritable bowel syndrome that had persisted for 8 years post-outbreak.

The WHS results all have interpretive limitations because many of the reported recurring conditions are subjective and some of these conditions are acknowledged to potentially be caused by psychosomatic factors. Regardless, the WHS did establish that there were symptomatic health impacts on community residents for years after the outbreak.

Gargano et al. (2017) studied 13 pathogens or syndromes that can be transmitted by waterborne routes to estimate resulting mortality in the US for the period from 2003 to 2009. Of the pathogens they considered, *Campylobacter*, *Cryptosporidium* and *E. coli* are pathogens that have been implicated in drinking waterborne disease outbreaks.

They estimated that 7% (493 deaths) of total waterborne attributed deaths were transmitted by the conventional faecal-oral route that is associated with drinking water outbreaks. The majority of deaths estimated for this study were attributed to water system biofilm pathogens, including *Legionella*, nontuberculous *Mycobacteria* and *Pseudomonas*, suggesting that these topics are inevitably going to be a growing concern for the water industry. Collier et al. (2021) updated and expanded these illness estimates to 2014 for the US and added estimates for waterborne Norovirus infections. Their expanded estimates for annual waterborne infections, hospitalisations and deaths for campylobacteriosis were 171,000; 2,150; 27, cryptosporidiosis 322,000; 1,120; 24 and norovirus gastroenteritis 1,330,000; 4,780; 54, respectively. Unfortunately, Collier et al. (2021) made these estimates for all waterborne exposures, drinking water, recreational water and environment overall, but did not provide any breakdown among these categories.

Economic costs

Historically, the massive Milwaukee outbreak in 1993 has been among the most influential in drawing attention to the vulnerability of drinking water systems, even those with multiple treatment barriers, to allow severe waterborne disease outbreaks. Corso et al. (2003) estimated the total cost (in 1993 US\$ with cost estimates inflated to [2021US\$] according to the Consumer Price Index) at US\$96.2 million [US\$182 million] with US\$31.7 million [US\$60 million] in medical costs and US\$64.6

million [US\$122 million] in lost productivity. They estimated that the personal costs per individual for mild, moderate or severe illness at US\$116 [US\$219] for mild, US\$475 [\$898] for moderate and US\$7,808 [\$14,757] for severe illness.

The Walkerton Inquiry commissioned a study (Livernois 2002) to estimate the costs of that outbreak and it estimated total direct costs in 2000 at CAD\$64.5 million [2021 CAD\$96 million], including costs to Walkerton (population 4,800) households of CAD\$6.9 million [CAD\$10 million], to the municipality that operated the water system of CAD\$6.5 million [CAD\$9.7 million], to long term health care of CAD\$2.5 million [CAD\$3.7 million] and costs for water system remediation and repair CAD\$9.2 million [CAD\$13.7 million].

In February 2007, Galway, Ireland experienced an outbreak of cryptosporidiosis with 242 lab-confirmed cases, with a very conservative estimate that there were 498 additional unreported cases (Chyzheuskaya et al. 2017). This report estimated the 2007 economic costs [updated to 2021] for this outbreak were €19 million [€21 million], including: household costs of €4 million [€4.5 million] and local authority costs of €5.9 million [€6.5 million]. In November 2010, Östersund, Sweden experienced the largest recorded European outbreak of cryptosporidiosis with an estimated 27,000 cases (Hrudey & Hrudey 2014, Widerström et al. 2014). Ridderstadt et al. (2018) estimated the total number of sick leave days was 50,000 for adults and 20,700 for children, with an estimated direct 2010 cost [updated to 2021] of €7 million [€7.8 million] for employers. Sinclair and Hayes (2012, Health Stream 65) recounted a Swedish government agency report that had estimated the overall societal costs of this outbreak at about 220 million Swedish kroner (SEK) or about €22 million [€24 million].

The economic impact study commissioned for the Havelock North Government Inquiry (Moore et al. 2017) reported a total economic cost of NZD\$21 million, with NZD\$4.1 million assigned to local government and NZD\$12.4 million to individual households, a financial cost of NZD\$2,440 per affected household. The various estimates of economic costs of outbreaks reported in this section have each considered different elements of cost, but none of these studies have likely captured the entire economic consequences that have occurred in each outbreak.

Trust and reputation

Some skeptics may view the health and economic impacts listed above as comparatively small in relation to other tragedies in society. After the Walkerton outbreak in May 2000, some reports suggested that 7 deaths might only be equal to the death toll from motor vehicle fatalities from a bad long weekend in Ontario. While the absolute numbers of deaths could be comparable, the realities of these two tragedies are not equivalent. Consumers pay their local water utility to deliver water that is safe to drink, certainly not water that could kill them. Delivering water that makes consumers ill and, in the extreme, kills them, is surely the worst failure a water utility can allow. Consumers of unsafe water will inevitably lose trust in their water utility. They will be justified in being outraged about such a betrayal of trust as delivering unsafe drinking water. Trust is always challenging to build over time, but once trust is betrayed, it may never be regained. Water utilities need to be concerned about preventing such failures, even by others, because serious failures by any water utility will damage the reputation of all. There is a compelling case for water utilities to collaborate on ensuring the best risk management performance across the water sector that leaders should pursue as a priority. A tangible means to pursue effective collaboration would be a sector-wide cooperative to share anonymised close call case studies for personnel training purposes.

In closing, professional discussions about drinking water outbreaks may be too easy to review as technical failures without fully appreciating the human costs as they impact those affected. Justice Dennis O'Connor who served as Commissioner of the Walkerton Inquiry was awarded the 2003 American Water Works Association Award of Merit⁷ for his landmark reports from the Inquiry (O'Connor 2002a,b). In addition to substantial, insightful analysis of what happened and numerous recommendations for preventing future failures Justice O'Connor provided an effective, insightful human face to this tragedy in Chapter 2 of the Volume 1 report (O'Connor 2002a). Following is an excerpt of a quote from Walkerton mother, Tracy

Hammell, whose 2 year old son Kody was inflicted with the kidney ailment HUS caused by the drinking water contamination. Kody nearly died from becoming infected:

"Mrs. Hammell took Kody to the hospital, which was extremely busy. The Hammells persisted, however, and a hospital bed was found in Owen Sound. Kody was given a blood test, which confirmed that he was infected with E. coli O157:H7. One doctor told the family there was no treatment. 'All we can do is wait for him to get better,' he said, as recollected by Mrs. Hammell.

Eventually they were airlifted to London. In the helicopter, Mrs. Hammell asked the doctor whether her son might die. 'Yes, he could', the doctor replied. 'We hope to get him there in time.' Fortunately, Kody survived the trip and arrived at the hospital in London, where he was to be put on dialysis the following morning. Again, Mrs. Hammell was told there was a chance Kody wasn't going to make it. That night, he started to have heart failure and was put on dialysis. While at the hospital, he underwent surgery twice. Finally, Mrs. Hammell said, the doctors told her: 'We're sorry, but we've done all we can do ... It's up to prayer and the child's body to do the rest...'

The dialysis had at last taken hold. According to the doctors, Mrs. Hammell said, it was a 'pure miracle' that Kody had turned himself around and survived. Throughout the endeavour, Mrs. Hammell surprised herself at how strong she could be. But since then, she has occasionally come to the point where she has thought: 'Oh my goodness, why am I so depressed and how come I can't stop crying? ... It's scary just not knowing what's going to happen to him next.' She said she worries constantly for her son:

'I guess for the rest of his life I'm going to be scared if he gets a cold, and I hope it doesn't affect the fluid on his lungs and I hope it doesn't affect his heart ... Just every little virus I don't want him to get because, you know, it's harder on the rest of his organs.' "

⁷ An annual award to recognise achievement to those outside the water profession who have demonstrated outstanding service in support of the principles of AWWA in providing better water for people.

Concluding Thoughts

Although the messages that keep emerging from inquiries into major public health incidents about failing to deliver safe drinking water should now be clear enough, the recurring nature of these failures in jurisdictions that have the resources to prevent such failures should be a cause for concern for anyone engaged in delivering drinking water to consumers. This has been characterised as complacency, which seems like a logical explanation. However, an even greater concern, which cannot be overcome simply by communicating about the disastrous experiences of waterborne outbreaks, is indifference.

The most reliable self-test for all water professionals about whether they take the risk of an outbreak seriously enough is for them to ask whether they are willing to believe that such a failure could occur within their system. If they do not accept this possibility, given the many common factors documented as contributing to outbreaks, they are more vulnerable to failure than they need to be.

If Health Stream readers can recognise any relevance of the evidence summarised in this feature to their role for providing safe drinking water, asking the following questions may offer some understanding of where their own vulnerabilities may lie.

- Does your organisation have sufficiently robust governance and operational policies and processes in place to effectively prevent a waterborne disease outbreak?

- Does your health regulator have the expertise and capability to oversee drinking water providers in a constructive, preventive, not just a reactive manner?
- Do you and your immediate colleagues have sufficient expertise to foresee vulnerability to failures that can lead to a waterborne disease outbreak?
- If you recognise any deficiencies of expertise or lack of relevant knowledge, what means could be provided to overcome those deficiencies?
- Are you confident that all key decision-makers in your organisation fully understand the consequences of allowing a waterborne disease outbreak?
- Have you and your colleagues imagined yourselves being called to give evidence under oath at an inquiry into a drinking water contamination episode that causes serious illness?

If readers find, after considering this feature, that the evidence for preventing waterborne disease outbreaks is not compelling, before ultimately adopting that view, they should commit to speaking directly with survivors of a fatal waterborne disease outbreak who can recount personal experiences like those detailed by Mrs. Hammell.

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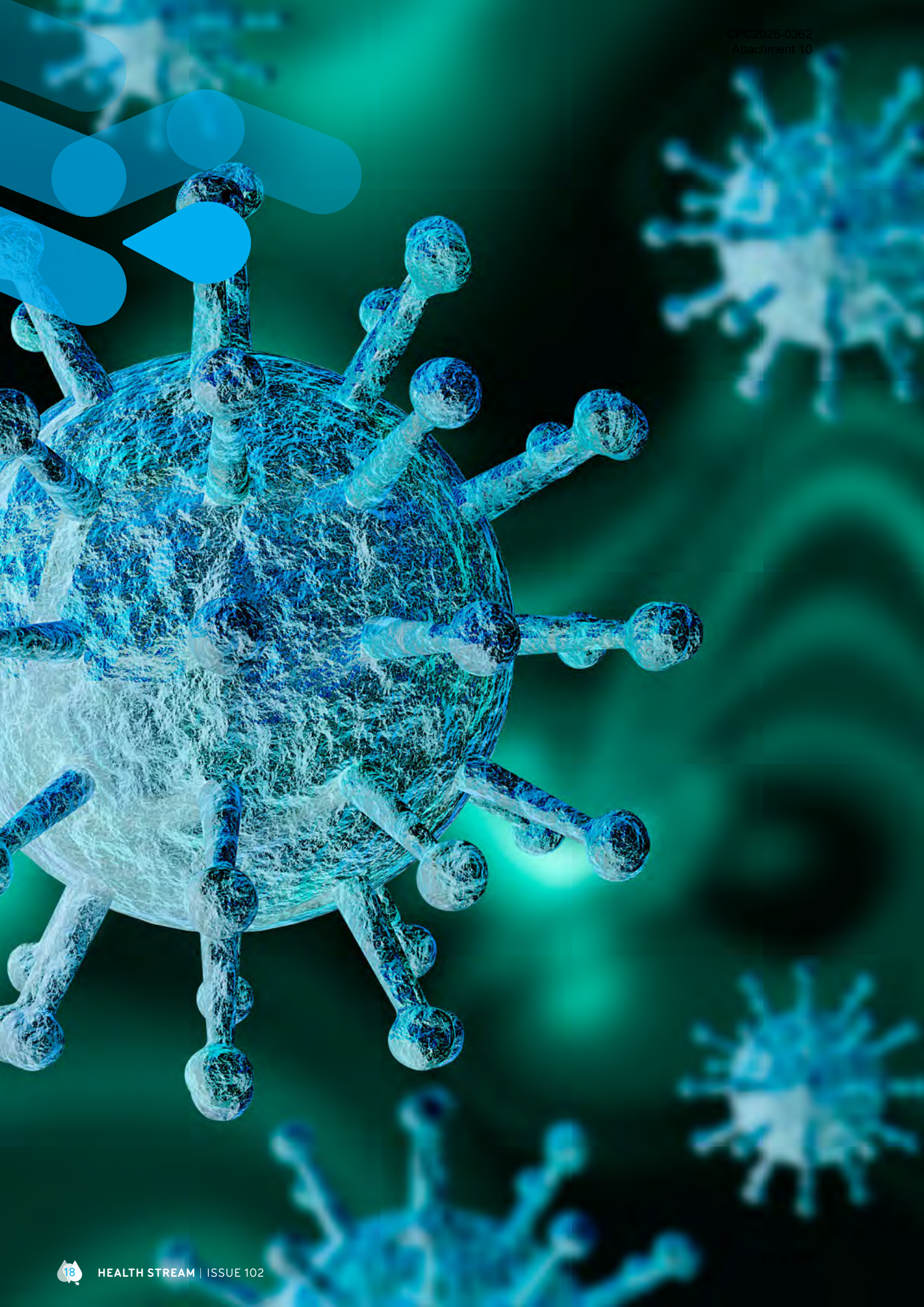
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Appendix Table

Relative risk (RR) vs. Odds Ratio (OR) vs. Hazard Ratio (HR) (George et al. 2020)

	RR – Risk Ratio, Relative Risk	OR – Odds Ratio	HR – Hazard Ratio
Goal	Determine relationship in risk status on some variable.	Determine association between two variables	Determine how one group changes relative to another.
Use	Tells us how an intervention changes risks.	Tells us if there is an association between an intervention and risk; estimates how this association applies	Tells us how an intervention changes the rate of experiencing an event.
Limitations	Only applicable if the study design is representative of the population. Cannot use on case-control studies.	Can generally be applied everywhere, but not always a useful statistic itself. Exaggerates risks.	To typically be useful, the rate of change within two groups should be relatively consistent.
Timeline	Static – does not consider rates. Summarises an overall study.	Static – does not consider rates. Summarises an overall study.	Based on rates. Provides information about the way a study progresses over time.



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No substantial evidence to support the alleged “safety concerns” by Transalta. The area in use is approx 2 miles from the Damn. The Bearspaw Marina is a safe and family friendly environment. It allows families to access a part of nature in a safe manner. The area is patrolled by trained staff in case of an emergency.

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I am in opposition of this road closure as the Bearspaw Marina offers water recreation to a city that is lacking in options for this type of recreation. Transalta and the city can surely spend some money to ensure the access is safe.

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In opposition



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I oppose this closure. PUBLIC access to this area is IMPORTANT!

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Last name [required] Hounslow

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition



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Opposed to the application.

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Date of meeting [required]	May 6, 2025
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[required] - max 75 characters	Application Number LOC 2025-0052 – 80th Avenue NW Road Allowance Closure
Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In opposition

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April 18, 2025

Re: Application Number LOC 2025–0052 – 80th Avenue NW Road Allowance Closure

I strongly oppose the proposed closure of the road allowance. This closure would eliminate the only legal, public route to the water and force the shutdown of the Bearspaw Marina, which is a community asset that offers non-motorized recreation opportunities to Calgarians.

The justification for this closure, citing “safety” and “environmental concerns,” does not hold up to scrutiny. The reservoir has been used safely for decades by residents, including nearby landowners who continue to boat and swim without incident. If the City genuinely cared about safety and water quality, it would support reasonable access infrastructure like sanitation facilities, instead of trying to cut the public off entirely.

Bearspaw Marina operates well within federal guidelines, and no credible evidence has been presented to suggest it poses any measurable risk to public safety or environmental integrity. This appears to be more about restricting public access and liability avoidance than protecting the land or water.

Haskayne Legacy Park was established with the intent of increasing public access to natural areas. Closing the road allowance undermines that goal, disregards community input, and damages trust in the City’s stewardship of public land.

Please preserve public access to the reservoir by keeping the road allowance open.

Markus Pistner

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If Transalta thinks the public access road is unsafe, The City should obligate them to do necessary repairs if Transalta would like to continue to have access to the Marina. The City does not work for Transalta, it works for the public. Act like it.



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Date of meeting [required]	May 6, 2025
What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published here .)	
[required] - max 75 characters	Continued public use of the Bearapaw Marina
Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In favour

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With increasing population and decreasing public access calgary citizens are losing easy access to public accessable waterways within reasonable travel distance forn- those with limited transportation and budget. Inurge you to keel these areas open to the public free of charge.

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In light of the increased cost of living making vacations and recreational activities unaffordable and In light of Canadians defending our sovereignty via staycations and supporting Canadian businesses... the road closure is a direct slight against hard working Canadians that want to do everything in their power to support Canada and its sovereignty, Our federal governments are doing everything they can to support Canada , why in the name of all that is good and decent would a municipal government go against the the "Elbows Up "spirit of all Canadians defending Canada. Please do not cripple a a" made in Canada by Canadians "facility that aims to improve the mental and physical health of those that use this wonderful and accessible resource , a tune to remind you of what is at stake " "this land is your land ... this land is my land ?

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For decades we have been able to go in and out of the marina and it astound's me that they would even think of closing that road. It is a place for families to enjoy each other, go for a paddle in a kayak or canoe, and come back and have a picnic. There is no safety concern; that is a bunch of BS and I want to go on record to say how vehemently opposed I am to the closing of this road. I think it is despicable of Transalta to even suggest it.

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Last name [required] Lanh

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Everyone should be able to have access to the water around bear's paw. How many people will be affected by this road closure from families trying to have a nice day on the water. And fisherman that want to fish the water. It is already hard enough to access water around bear's paw

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First name [required] Andrew

Last name [required] Freeman

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Stop disallowing access to the reservoir. Also why can the locals on the reservoir set up permanent wakeboard courses on the lake?



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Last name [required] Hernández

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Date of meeting [required]	Apr 20, 2025
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[required] - max 75 characters	Bears paw dam closure
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Public Submission

CC 968 (R2024-05)

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I oppose the closure of the road allowance. As this seems like pressure from Transalta and others to forbid public access. It's truly difficult to see the safety concerns, as people were paddling on the Spring Bank side before the stairs were removed.

Transalta has been difficult to deal with regarding flow hours to the Kananaskis River and access to the Bow River by the Ghost Dam. Why does the public interest need to suffer?

I'm an avid paddler have been to the reservoir and it is an opportunity for water recreation where other opportunities in Calgary are limited.

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In opposition



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Please do not close the access to Bearspaw marina. It is a great place for families to enjoy in the summer. Along with accessing Glenbow Provincial park.

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Date of meeting [required]	May 6, 2025
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I've been going here 10 years I've been in Calgary the place is a big attraction to everyone that does anything on the water paddle boarding-kayak-boating jet skis. It's close for people to get to well maintained- people are always respectful-clean up afterwards- no garbage-no loud party's -no drinking or drugs around peaceful place to send you days- weekends. There is already enough people going to Banff to kayak and they can't handle the people. Shut this down and you're shutting down a lot of people fun. And a safe place for others to enjoy. You shut down things like this what's left people to get drunk in bar- doing drugs ODing and dieing. Stoping active people from outdoor activities is the most damaging thing you can do

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Voicing my strong opposition to the proposed access road closure to Bearspaw Marina. As our city population expands, and more people are interested in healthy outdoor activities, opportunities like access to the reservoir are needed now more than ever, and it is an enhancement to the new city park. The City of Calgary should be ENCOURAGING this small, low impact eco-friendly business, instead of participating in the creation of what will become an essentially private lake for the wealthy few. If "safety" really was an issue, does this not also apply to access enjoyed by the residences on the other side of the lake? Vote in favour of the public, and deny this closure.

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This roadway and access to Bearspaw Dam needs to stay open.
The city has grown at an incredible pace and we are in desperate need of more outdoor recreation areas, especially access to water during the hot summer days.
All of the citys parks are bursting at the seams.
We allow access to glemore and Ghost dams so why not Bearspaw. It has quiet waters in which we can relax and unwind.
Canada is currently trying to support buy and invest in Canada and most people are planning to vacation in Canada or have stay cations. How can the city decide to shut down a small Canadian business that is acutally helping Canadians to vacation in Canada.
We need to keep this water access and this small business open

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The city needs more recreational areas for its growing population. The Glenmore Reservoir is so overcrowded that is it next to impossible to get access to on nice day. Floating on the Bow River from Bowness to the Zoo is more hazardous (bridge supports to navigate around). I personally used this Marina last year and spent hours on the Bearspaw Reservoir, and the water was calm and wonderful. Ghost Reservoir is downright dangerous for anyone on a non-powered watercraft. Our federal governments are doing everything they can to support Canada , why in the name of all that is good and decent would a municipal government go against the the "Elbows Up" spirit of all Canadians defending Canada. Please do not cripple a "made in Canada by Canadians" facility that aims to improve the mental and physical health of those that use this wonderful and accessible resource.

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Last name [required] Hurd

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We need more reasons for peoole to enjoy the outdoors in and around the city closing this access road while the city is growing in that direction will limit the public unnecessarily.

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Last name [required] McPhee

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I dont beleive in restricting access to any body of water as it is a public resource and all acess to it should be maintained and cherished. Resposible use and respect for pri-vate property is important but all public access to our waterways should be promoted and encouraged when ever possible. Calgarians love their rivers and ooen water and more access is always better than less.

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Please keep the road open to the public

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Last name [required] Harris

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Safe public access to nature is not a luxury, but rather an important aspect of a healthy, thriving community. Public access to the Bearspaw Marina enables people to connect with nature in meaningful ways such as spending time with friends and the physical and mental benefits of recreation. Urban accessibility is a key feature afforded by this road for those looking for water that is conducive to non-motorized craft that is closer to the city. The stretch of river at the Bearspaw Marina is much more conducive to this than launching in the city where the current is much swifter. Enjoyment of the river should not be reserved for the few with private access, but rather shared by all. Maintaining safe public access to the river is not just a matter of convenience, it's a reflection of our values - inclusion, community wellbeing and respect for the natural world. I add my voice to others who value this road access, please do not close this roadway.

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Last name [required] Leonard

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I am in opposition to TransAlta blocking public access to BearsPaw Marina. It is our waterways, our public land and should be accessible by everyone, not limited to corporate powers.
This Council needs to support Calgarians fully and not support corporate interests over the public interests.

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Last name [required] Noble

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Date of meeting [required] May 6, 2025

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[required] - max 75 characters Closure of road access to Bearspaw Marina

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I am against the proposed closure of the marina which is well outlet for healthy outdoor activity and family events in an area that has been publicly accessible for over 70 yrs, I believe that by providing an easy access point the Marina is increasing public safety as people and emergent services have a safe place to access the reservoir. Closing it down will just make people seek out less safe access points - which they will do. Please do not close down the roads and make access to the reservoir by the public more difficult.
Also allow them to install the bathroom facilities they have been requesting

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition

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It is with disbelief that the City of Calgary would stoop so low to accommodate weak claims of danger by Trans Alta. People in the area have been swimming and navigating the waters of Bearspaw Lake since the dam was created. I have worked on the farm for 18 years after retiring my career in Fish And Wildlife. Many types of watercraft use the lake including a Slalom Course for professional ski boats, kayaks, canoes and fishing boats aplenty. All the users of the lake enjoyed swimming as part of the recreation. The ecstatic enthusiasm of about 98% of our visitors saying that they finally got to go onto the lake after living next to it for so many years was encouraging to us. Please do not refuse the public access to this Gem that is so close to Calgary.

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition



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I oppose this road closure

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I am opposing road closure in Haskayne Park and in favor of keeping access to water and marina. We shouldn't limit the access to Bearspaw reservoir but instead provide more ways to access to water. Why rich homes on the opposite side of the reservoir have access to it, but most public is deliberately excluded. Instead of protecting interests of entitled homeowners the council should focus on equal access to the reservoir for everyone

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In opposition



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Do not close acces to the reservoir. It is a much needed waterway for recreation.

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stop taking land from the people for corporate greed. this is a natural, maintained, and safe recreational area. please do not ruin it. keep the road open.

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[required] - max 75 charactersRoad Closure & Land Use Amendment in Haskayne (Ward 1) at 9000 149 St.NW

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]In favour

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I support the City of Calgary closing two road allowances in Haskayne Legacy Park to ensure public safety and drinking water quality of the Bearspaw Reservoir and to protect the natural environment at Haskayne Legacy Park and undeveloped City of Calgary park land on the opposite shore.

This reservoir is susceptible to sudden high winds. Non-motorized boaters may start out in calm waters, then find themselves in strong winds and whitecaps, struggling to complete their journey or return to shore. Rockview County refers aquatic rescue to the City of Calgary Fire Department which acknowledged in their recent annual report that they have difficulty meeting the needs of the perimeter neighbourhoods in Calgary itself.

Also, the summer of 2024 water main break and restrictions in Calgary has highlighted the importance of water quality and access to both residents and businesses.

I am concerned about the escalation of the Bearspaw Marina business which dramatically altered City of Calgary and Trans Alta land to access the reservoir without permits, licenses or authorization. The marina business has expanded from a non-motorized operation to motorized with use of a power boat, e-bike rentals and the intention to shuttle clients from Cochrane to the marina. Is there risk of more motorized rentals being at this business such as jet-skis or powerboats?

Bearspaw Marina signage at Haskayne Legacy Park in 2024 mimicked the appearance of the City of Calgary Parks information signage but promoted the marina business. This misled the public and created confusion with conflicting information. Also, native grassland had been mowed from the marina to the park pathway to create a more direct access over public land which had been signed by the park since it opened, discouraging the public to step off the pathway.

More reservoir users may further disturb City of Calgary park land that has no services or infrastructure that's across the reservoir from Haskayne Legacy Park. Shoreline access would risk more environmental impact, accumulation of garbage and disturbance of owls nesting there.

There's risk of the marina fundamentally changing the character of Haskayne LEGACY Park and the Bearspaw reservoir without authorization or environmental mitigation.

I support the Planning Commission's and Trans Alta's recommendations to close the road allowances to protect the reservoir, City of Calgary property and park lands.



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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In opposition

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Area has been safely used for years there is no reason to close access.

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I am adamantly opposed to this proposed road closure. This road is used by the public to access Haskayne Legacy Park, Bearspaw Marina, and river walkways. All of these are valuable community resources.

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[required] - max 75 charactersApplication Number LOC 2025–0052 – 80th Avenue NW Road Allowance Closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]In opposition



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Claims suggesting that Bearspaw Reservoir is unsafe for boating are unfounded. The reservoir has significantly less current compared to many Alberta rivers commonly used for boating. Additionally, its banks are generally easy to climb, unlike the often steep and difficult riverbanks. This waterway should be accessible to the public. It appears to me that this issue is lakefront property owners aiming to maintain exclusive control over the lake and restrict public access. The City of Calgary should actively ensure that the public can access this valuable resource. Right now the only access is via this road - it is not in the public's interest to close this road. Please do not close it.



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This proposal to close these roads seems to be very clandestine! And I am very disheartened that there was a 9-0 vote in favour of doing so! The sole reason for closing the roads seems to be to prohibit public access to the Bearspaw 'lake'. This 'lake' is only there due to the dam on the Bow river, just as Glenmore reservoir is only there due to the dam on the Elbow river. These are federally controlled waterways that are owned by all Canadians. To think that a few selfishly interested parties might ban public use with weak excuses such as lack of emergency services is ludicrous. I kayaked in this area last summer and noted the power boats parked on the shore of the private homes. A couple of points here.....why are these power boats ok, and do we not care about emergency services for these people? It seems to me that there are a multitude of much more remote areas where Canadians are enjoying 'their great outdoors' where emergency services are much more unattainable! So.....lets have some transparency here.....what is the real issue and why are all 9 councillors in favour of it!

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I wrote previously, but came to realize that I said my agenda item was Bearspaw Marina which you may have disregarded. This whole procedure seems highly suspicious and underhanded and I'm not sure why. I have no faith in the opinions of these commissioners who appear to be highly biased. This does not bode well for public trust in city decisions!

The whole point of closing these roads seems to be to prevent public access to Bearspaw Marina and thus kayaking in the area with totally invalid reasons such as lack of emergency services and pollution to drinking water. The Bearspaw waterway, just like Glenmore Reservoir were both created by man building dams to collect the water for power and drinking. Kayaking and sailing are allowed on Glenmore Reservoir and we are drinking that water. Motor boats are not and yet people living by Bearspaw have motor boats! Emergency services are often not readily available to many 'wildlife' areas and yet people are encouraged to get out and enjoy them.

What is the real reason for this closure of which all 9 commissioners seem to be in on?

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In opposition



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Open the road and stop the bs thats going on in calgary the city need to wake tf up and stop all this nonsense closing roads takeing parks to build for construction annexing houses and property this is not right and calgary is better then this we need peolle in the systems to work for calgary not for there pockets and thats what this is all about it comes down to money calgary is money hungry how about u do things to help galgary

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Speaking on behalf of several long time Calgarian women who are aging gracefully by staying active in our own city. We believe the opportunity to access Bearspaw Marina to participate in walking (it's a healthy walk from parking lot to the marina), kayaking and observing the beauty nature provides while in this area is a gift of increasing our mental and physical health. We also kayak and walk at Glenmore Park. These are gifts of opportunity to access healthy lifestyle within our own city. We are grateful. The City of Calgary has many goals aimed at providing healthy, affordable activities. This is one that already exists. Try it! You'll agree it promotes the joy of living in our Blue Sky City of Calgary. Please don't take it away.

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Council meeting - Public hearing

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In opposition



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Subject: Support for Bearspaw Marina and Preservation of Public Access

Dear Members of Calgary Council,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed road closure that would restrict public access to the Bearspaw Marina—a cherished facility that embodies the values and spirit of Canadians. The decision to limit access jeopardizes not only the recreational opportunities of countless residents but also stands in stark opposition to the very principles that our nation holds dear: freedom, community, and collective well-being.

In an era where the rising cost of living has made vacations and recreational activities increasingly unattainable for many, Bearspaw Marina serves as an accessible oasis for hardworking Canadians. It provides families, individuals, and communities with a chance to enjoy affordable leisure close to home, fostering a renewed sense of connection to our land, to one another, and to our overall well-being. Closing access to this invaluable resource denies Canadians the ability to embrace staycations, support local businesses, and strengthen our national sovereignty through collective acts of solidarity and appreciation for homegrown initiatives.

Bearspaw Marina is more than just a facility; it is a "made in Canada by Canadians" testament to our resilience and commitment to health and well-being—both physical and mental. In a time when communities are grappling with rising stress, uncertainty, and costs, this marina offers a sanctuary where individuals can rejuvenate, find peace, and create lasting memories. Why, in the name of all that is good and decent, would a municipal government seek to undermine such a vital asset? It undermines Canadians' efforts to support local businesses, foster community spirit, and prioritize personal and physical well-being in their daily lives.

The proposed road closure also raises issues of fairness and transparency. While other launch points such as Ghost Lake and Glenmore Reservoir remain free to operate, Bearspaw Marina is being unfairly targeted. This inequity sends a troubling message about the inconsistency in policies affecting similar facilities. Additionally, the City of Calgary failed to properly notify Bearspaw Marina of this proposal, undermining public trust and transparency in the decision-making process.

The closure would also have profound economic and community impacts. Bearspaw Marina supports local jobs, businesses, and schools that benefit from its operations. Shutting down this facility would result in job losses and harm the local economy—an outcome that is particularly distressing during a time when communities need robust economic support. Furthermore, Bearspaw Marina provides affordable, non-motorized recreation that aligns with environmental stewardship, offering a unique, low-impact space for the community to enjoy.

Moreover, the historical and cultural significance of the marina cannot be overlooked. The Haskayne family generously gifted their land to the City of Calgary to ensure this area of natural beauty remains accessible to the public. This act of generosity reflects the spirit of stewardship and openness that defines our region. The Bearspaw Marina's owner, who also runs the neighboring Tree Farm, has demonstrated a commitment to enhancing the local environment and economy. It is worth noting that the Haskaynes themselves stand in support of the marina and strongly oppose the closure of road access to the reservoir.

Restricting access to Bearspaw Marina would not only diminish its value as a community resource but also send a troubling message about the priorities of the municipal government. To deprive residents of this area of beauty and recreation is to stifle the essence of the Canadian spirit. As the lyrics remind us: "This land is your land, this land is my land..." Let us uphold the promise that this land remains open and accessible to all.

I urge Calgary Council to reconsider the proposed road closure and take meaningful action to preserve public access to Bearspaw Marina. Together, let us honor the vision of the Haskaynes, support local businesses, and protect the physical and mental health of our communities. This is not merely about a marina; it is about safeguarding the freedoms and values that define us as Canadians.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust you will act in the interest of our shared public good.

Sincerely,

Concerned Calgarian

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Date of meeting [required] May 6, 2025

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[required] - max 75 characters Bears paw Marina

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition

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Our family and friends have used the Bearspaw Dam access this past year and has found it to be so wonderful. Close, clean, warm water and a safe environment. It is such a tremendous asset for the surrounding community. Why on earth would this be taken away. I have only see care and gratitude of those using the facility. It has been well ran and is just starting to become familiar to the community.
Other similar areas are used for recreational activities, why can't this one?



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Please don't close the access road to the Bearspaw Marina
The Marina offers fun water activities for families.
It would be a shame to take this away from our community.

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With regards to the proposed closure of the road allowance accessing the marina at Bearspaw Reservoir, I would like to comment upon how valuable access to the reservoir is, for the wider Calgary community. Given that aquatic recreational activities are available upstream at Ghost Lake, and in the south of the city at Glenmore Reservoir, I believe it is essential to support access to non-motorized water craft at Bearspaw Reservoir. The continuing growth of Calgary demands more opportunities for outdoor recreation, and quintessentially Canadian summer pursuits on the water are an invaluable experience for overall health and wellness. Physical and mental health is supported with more access to outdoor activities. Additionally, with the additional pressures facing young people today, and strains on resources in the education system, there is more importance than ever to create recreational opportunities for young people such as those found at Bearspaw Marina. Many schools can access the marina, as it is close to the city, and watercraft rental is low cost. This is appealing to many schools for classes in PE, outdoor education, and tourism and recreation, to name a few. Working at an independent special education school in the north west, I can vouch for this personally. Additionally, access to the marina is valuable to many families seeking low cost outdoor activities at weekends or evenings. The marina is also readily accessible to summer camps and weekend camps, providing children with important and meaningful experiences. The low impact recreation is only an asset to the area. There is minimal environmental harm begin caused, in an already developed area (already developed due to there being some surrounding residences and the fact that it is a dammed reservoir). There are no obvious, objective reasons as to why access to Bearspaw Marina is being closed. The facility only brings health, wellness and happiness to the users, and is a huge asset with great potential for all residents of Calgary.

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[required] - max 75 characters Bears paw Marina

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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I'm not at all supportive of the approach this entity took to make their business happen. They trespassed multiple properties to build their marina, and didn't obtain required provincial or municipal approvals. Maybe this could have been a reasonable debate, but you can't build and ask for approval later. They knew full well what they were doing and should bear the financial impact of their decision.

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Date of meeting [required] May 5, 2025

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[required] - max 75 characters My family and I are against closing the Brearspaw Marina.

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition



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[required] - max 75 characters	Closing access to the Bearspaw marina access
Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In opposition



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Do not close the public access to the Bearspaw Marina.

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First name [required] Natalie

Last name [required] Schmidt

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[required] - max 75 characters Opposition to closing 200 meters of road allowance to bearspaw reservoir

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition

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Because it cuts off the only public access to the reservoir that I enjoyed so much last year. This is something that makes Bearspaw special.



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[required] - max 75 characters Opportunities to closing 200 meters of road allowance to Bears paw Reservoir

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition



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This is restricting the only public access to the reservoir.

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In opposition



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It's wrong to have the only public access to the reservoir restricted to the public. I love this area and my family deeply values it. It needs to be a priority to keep it around for future generations.

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Opposition to closing 200 meters of road allowance to Bears paw Reservoir

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In opposition



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This reservoir is an invaluable community resource — not only for recreation, but also for mental and physical health, education, and connecting with nature. It would especially impact families, outdoor enthusiasts, and individuals who rely on accessible green spaces for recreation, well-being, and community gathering. Especially in a time when access to natural areas is more important than ever.



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[required] - max 75 characters	Opposition to closing 200 meters of road allowance to Bears paw Reservoir
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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In opposition



Public Submission

CC 968 (R2024-05)

ATTACHMENT_01_FILENAME	CRUA Opposition Haskayne Council Land Use Amendment 06May2025.pdf
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Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Calgary River Users Alliance opposed the road closure land use amendment as detailed in documents LOC 2025-052 and CPC2025-0363 until a public participation taskforce is convened to define the recreational access requirements to the Bow River and reservoir frontage adjacent to the Haskayne Legacy Park.

Date: 2025-04-28

To: Calgary City Council Meeting – 2025-05-06

Subject: Road Closure and Land Use Amendment in Haskayne (Ward 1) at 9000 – 149 Street NW, LOC2025-0052, CPC2025-0362

Proposed Land Use Redesignation – Description:

The Calgary Planning Commission recommendations to Council:

- The proposed closure of 2.49 hectares \pm (6.15 acres \pm) of road between sections NW ¼ 12 and SW ¼ 13, TWP 25, RGE 3, W5M, SW ¼ 13 and SE ¼ 14, TWP 25, RGE 3, W5M, portion of road plan 741 0769 adjacent to 9000 – 149 Street NW. **Figure 1.**
- It also proposes a bylaw change for the redesignation of 2.49 hectares \pm (6.15 acres \pm) of road between sections NW ¼ 12 and SW ¼ 13, TWP 25, RGE 3, W5M, SW ¼ 13 and SE ¼ 14, TWP 25, RGE 3, W5M, portion of road plan 741 0769 adjacent to 9000 – 149 Street NW (Plan 2510627, Areas A and B) from Undesignated Road Right-of-Way to Special Purpose – Urban Nature (S-UN) District.

CPC2025-0362
Attachment 1



Figure 1: Haskayne Legacy Park

Proposed Land Use Map

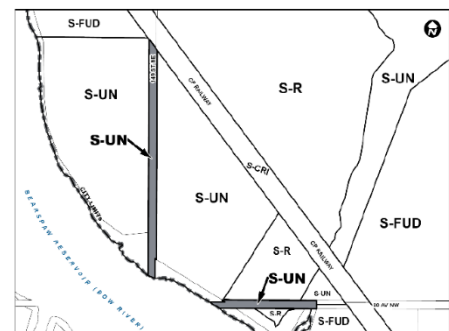


Figure 2: Land Use Designations

The road closure and land use redesignation areas are entirely within Haskayne Park. Surrounding parcels are designated Special Purpose – Urban Nature (S-UN) District and Special Purpose Recreation (S-R) District. A parcel designated as Special Purpose – Future Urban Development (S-FUD) District is located to the southeast. **Figure 2**

Closing the subject road rights-of-way and redesignation to Special Purpose – Urban Nature (S-UN) District will discourage informal and unsafe access to Bears paw Reservoir and limit disturbances to native grasslands.

Calgary River Users Alliance (CRUA) and our member organizations represent 18 Bow River recreational user groups. **CRUA opposes the proposed redesignation of road allowance to Special Purpose Urban Nature (S-UN) until further public engagement on the future development of Calgary’s Haskayne Legacy Park.**

The Rationale for CRUA's Opposition to the Redesignation:

The original conceptual design of the Haskayne Area Structure Plan (ASP) CPC2015-126 (June 2015) was prepared without public consultation of the vision for the future development of Haskayne Legacy Park as a focal point for both land-based and river recreation activities. Rather, the concept design aimed to develop the park as an extension of Glenmore Ranch Provincial Park, preserving the natural beauty and ecological diversity of the property. The Calgary Planning Commission (CPC) Report and Land Use Amendment of the ASP to Calgary City Council (July 2016) addressed the shortfall in public engagement of the development of the property, but recommended approval of the amendment without further public engagement.

The **Calgary River Access Strategy (CRAS)** was approved by the Calgary City Council in 2016 to develop a framework for river access infrastructure while protecting the ecology of each site within the city's jurisdiction. A total of 8 upgrades and new river access sites have been installed. Haskayne Legacy Park was designated for future development under CRAS, but river access considerations have not been discussed with stakeholders. It has been impossible to get any input into the future development plans for this Calgary Regional Park.

The development of Haskayne Legacy Park as a designated river/reservoir access site fits into the vision of the City of Calgary to enhance a rapidly expanding river recreation community, estimated to contribute more than \$ 120 million to the region's economy. The proposed redesignation of a road allowance across the park should not be undertaken until a full City public engagement has been completed on the future development priorities for the park.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Crowe-Swords, Director,

Calgary Rivers Users Alliance

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[required] - max 75 charactersThe closing of 220 meters of to access bears paw marina reservoir .

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]In opposition



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Disappointing that 200 meters of road is being taken away from this new initiative. The bears paw marina is a great addition to the air and provides a fabulous recreational area.

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Last summer, Bearspaw Reservoir was my escape — calm mornings on the water, peaceful time with family, the marina full of life. Now the City plans to close the only public access road. If they do, we lose all of that.

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Last name [required] Ewing

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We need more recreational opportunities for families in Calgary, not less. Why is the city trying to shut this down.



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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition



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Very sad and heartbreaking if the marina isn't saved. I love the reservoir in the summer and knowing that it'll cut the only public water access to that space would be upsetting.

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This cannot happen. It is a great place accessible place to teach my. children and others about watercraft safety, benefits of being active in nature. From a mother struggling to get her children interesting in physical activities, and they enjoy paddle boarding and canoeing. The access to the Marina has been a blessing during the summer creating a family tradition we can enjoy close to home!

With technology and devices being so distracting for our kids, we as a community need more accessible options for our children to encourage a balance and respect of nature and the benefits of continuing access far outweigh any consequences.

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[required] - max 75 charactersLOC 2025-0052 Closing down road access to the Bears paw Marina

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]In opposition

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We have loved having access to Bearspaw Marina, and another green space in the area. These types of spaces are invaluable to the community, and Calgary as a whole. We need more outdoor recreation, period. It is important for our overall health and wellness, and fostering appreciation for nature to the younger generations. Please consider the people versus company greed and the almighty \$!!!

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I oppose the closure of the Bearspaw Marina. The City of Calgary has eliminated far too many green spaces and recreational facilities. This is a beautiful facility that provides enjoyment for many residents. It is a natural space in the midst of a rapidly growing city. Keeping access to natural and recreational cities should remain a priority for the city.



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I oppose the closure of the access road to Bearspaw Reservoir. This access is important for the community and should be continued to supported.

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition



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First name [required] Emma

Last name [required] Lindsey

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[required] - max 75 characters I strongly oppose the closure access road to Bears paw Reservoir.

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition

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Comments on the Closure of the 200-Meter Access Road to Bearspaw Reservoir:

As a representative of the Bearspaw Chamber of Commerce, I am submitting my comments in opposition to the proposed closure of the 200-meter access road to Bearspaw Reservoir. This road provides essential public access to the reservoir and is a vital part of our community. The proposal to close this road will restrict the public's ability to enjoy this key natural space, which is detrimental to both the local economy and the quality of life for our residents.

Key Concerns:

Loss of Public Access: The access road is essential for residents and visitors who enjoy the recreational opportunities the reservoir provides. The closure will impact families, outdoor enthusiasts, and local businesses that rely on the Marina.

Inconsistent Environmental Policies: The City of Calgary's decision to close this access road, while simultaneously allowing the destruction of 2,000 meters of prairie grass for the construction of a bike path, is inconsistent and hypocritical. The city's actions undermine its commitment to environmental protection while limiting access to the reservoir.

Public Safety: We want to highlight that Bearspaw Marina has an excellent track record in safety, with trained staff, a rescue boat, and regular patrols. The Marina's operations are compliant with federal regulations and contribute to the overall safety and enjoyment of the reservoir. The city's claims regarding safety risks are unfounded and fail to recognize the proactive safety measures already in place.

Community Impact: The closure of this road will not only limit access to the reservoir, but also hurt the local economy. The Bearspaw Marina supports local businesses and provides recreational opportunities that are essential to the well-being of our community. The Chamber of Commerce strongly believes that the road should remain open to allow continued enjoyment of the reservoir by the public.

We ask the City of Calgary to reconsider this proposed closure and ensure that public access to Bearspaw Reservoir is preserved for all residents and future generations. It is critical that the City listens to the overwhelming opposition from the community and allows Bearspaw Marina to continue serving our families, businesses, and visitors.

Thank you for your consideration of these important matters.

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]In opposition



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This road provides essential access to the reservoir - we can't afford to lose this space!

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I do not support the closer of the public access to Bearspaw reservoir as it limits the enjoyment of the community and public.

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I oppose the closure of the 200-meter access road to Bearspaw Reservoir. Our community enjoys having the essential access to this road to take part in fun opportunities that this space has to offer. It would be a shame to lose this valuable access.

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Please don't close access to the Bearspaw Reservoir by closing the access road. This reservoir offers a great deal to our community. Thank you for your consideration.

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I oppose from the road making Bearspaw Reservoir accessible to the public. The community of Calgary deserves access to affordable rentals at the Marina.

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Last name [required] Law

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I dont want the road access to be closed by the city.

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The importance of affordable family activities is important to me. By closing this road you are impacting the accessibility of budget friendly activities to our community.

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Closing the road allowance would restrict public access to the waterfront, which is a valuable community resource for recreation and enjoyment. Why limit public access to the marina? I'm sure it would be in compliance with any rules set out for the reservoir and would provide families with a place to make long lasting memories.

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I just heard about this and had to comment. Closing down this marina is a mistake. The Bearspaw marina is an amazing family fun place. The access road is there for an obvious reason for people to enjoy the area. Please keep it open so we can enjoy it a build memories with our families.



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I am in opposition of this road closure. This is an amazing space that adds so much benefit to the city. It would be a shame to now allow Albertans to use this!

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I believe the Bearspaw Marina is a valuable recreational asset to the Bearspaw/ Cochrane area. The marina provides an opportunity for leisure activity in a rural environment, which many studies show is connected to a healthy lifestyle, positively affecting mental and physical health, social connections, and personal growth.

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I oppose the closure of the 200m access road to Bearspaw Reservoir. This road provides essential access to the reservoir and supports our community's enjoyment of the space. Please consider the communal bonding aspect that is at risk of being lost.



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I oppose the closure of the 200 metre access road to Bearspaw Reservoir. This road provides essential access to the reservoir and supports usage of the reservoir for Calgarians and other community members. This reservoir provides a much needed outdoor option for people to enjoy the reservoir with boating options.

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[required] - max 75 characters I oppose the closure as i want to use it.

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition



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I need this marina to use for leisure.

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I oppose the closure of the access road. The access allows the community the opportunity to enjoy the reservoir.



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First name [required] James

Last name [required] Wilson

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I oppose the closure of the road access to the Bearspaw Reservoir. I use this road regularly to enjoy the reservoir on my paddle board. We cannot afford to lose this access. There are far too many Calgarians that enjoy this space to shut it down.

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Road closure will affect the summer access to BP Reservoir, which is very import access for family enjoyment.

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I believe that closing the road to the Marina is putting a stop to something so positive. Closing the road to the Marina removes the only access to a beautiful space and reservoir that brings the community so much enjoyment.

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The closure of the 200-meter access road to Bearspaw Reservoir will be detrimental as it provides an accessible way for the community to get to the reservoir.

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First name [required] Jackie

Last name [required] Rivera

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[required] - max 75 charactersRoad allowance closure to Bearspaw Marina

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As a father of two 11 year old children I am very much opposed to the closure of the road allowance as it will effectively close the Bearspaw Marina. Trans-Alta is clearly pulling strings behind the scenes to get the road allowance closed rather than engage with the community and council in a transparent, honest and open discussion regarding what activities should be permitted on the Bearspaws reservoir. My own view is that risks posed by the Marina to the Bearspaw damn are overstated by Trans-Alta and that this would be clearly evident if an open discussion of this matter occurred. Council will do itself no favours by approving the road allowance closure without first engaging with the community in a meaningful way.

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This reservoir is an invaluable community resource — not only for recreation, but also for mental and physical health, education, and connecting with nature. It would especially impact families, outdoor enthusiasts, and individuals who rely on accessible green spaces for recreation, well-being, and community gathering. Especially in a time when access to natural areas is more important than ever, limiting public use sends the wrong message about our community’s priorities.

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It is vital for communities, families, and residents to maintain free access to Calgary's recreational areas. The closure of the 200 meter access road to Bearspaw Reservoir impedes access to important nature areas around Haskayne Park, the Bearspaw Marina, and walking and cycling paths that don't have accessible alternatives in other parts of the city. The alternative Glenmore Reservoir marina does not provide enough access for regular users who are not part of private boating clubs and we need more easily accessible, affordable, and environmentally friendly options (Bearspaw Marina boats don't have motors) for water access in this city.

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I oppose the closure of the 200 m access route to bear spa reservoir. This road provides essential access to the reservoir and supports our communities enjoyment of the space. We cannot afford to lose this valuable access.

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The Bearspaw Marina finally provided the public access to this beautiful space. This is an essential place for the surrounding community and shouldn't be limited to just a few. I attached a couple comments from the Reddit thread titled "Bearspaw Marina at the risk of being shut down". It is full of comments from Calgarian's that share this sentiment.

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Attachment 10**MajorHoserr** • 1mo ago

I understand the owner skirted the law. But the people in bearspaw there are awful. I've tried to fish that reservoir so many times. Parked my truck on a public road, right near the shore and got towed. This has very little to do with the city and alot to do with bearspaw owners wanting to keep that entire lake private.



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Reply

**icemanice** • 1mo ago

Ding ding ding! We have a winner! 100



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**No-Web-7209** • 1mo ago

Actually the owner of the marina is a bearspaw resident and the one who wants the public on the lake as opposed to just the few entitled people with access otherwise



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**icemanice** • 1mo ago

Yeah.. one guy... and everyone else in Bears paw hates him and what he is trying to do.



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icemanice • 1mo ago • Edited 1mo ago

Absolutely infuriating! I took my floatie there last summer and it was sublime! I was so happy that there was finally public access to this stretch of water! This is so disgusting! Yeah... "protect the water supply"... from non-motorized craft... but the rich people ripping around on their motor boats and jet skis is fine! I'm sure they don't spew any oil into the reservoir at all! Gross... just gross.... The wealthy mansion owners around the reservoir have made sure to block off public access for decades. They don't want any peasants spoiling their view! 😡 🤢



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It's easier to go to the Marina from that road.

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The Bearspaw Reservoir is an integral part of the surrounding community's enjoyment and limiting the access to the reservoir harms the quality of life for the residents of the area. I am in strong opposition of the closure of the 200m access road as this would severely limit access and provide a massive barrier for residents to utilize the reservoir.



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I thoroughly enjoyed using the Marina last summer on a number of occasions with my family. All of the boats and life jackets supplied were all in great shape and it was great to learn that a local businessman had set this up for the benefit of the wider community and so I was very disappointed to hear about this application. I made a comment previously, and which I don't believe was ever published, that this application seems to be at odds with the intention for the Haskayne Park area for people to enjoy being outdoors. I have also seen a note that one of the city's objections was based on water pollution - seems odd given that all of the boats that I saw and used were all manually powered and so, whilst not an expert, I would imagine that these are causing far less pollution than some of the motor powered vessels using the reservoir.

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I would like to urge approval of the proposed road closure and land use amendment in Haskayne. While I recognize that discussion on this issue has largely focused on public safety, I would like to also draw your attention to the critical role of the Bearspaw Reservoir in ensuring water security—and associated public health, growth, and prosperity—in Calgary now and in the future. The attached letter details the rationale for this statement. I would be happy to answer questions in person at the Council meeting.



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28 April 2025

Re: Road Closure and Land Use Amendment in Haskayne (Ward 1) at 9000-149 Street NW, LOC2025-0052

Members of Calgary City Council,

I am writing to you as the Canada Research Chair in Water Science, Technology & Policy. I have worked on water security, water treatment, public health risk, and emergency response issues in Alberta for over 20 years. My family and I also effectively live in Alberta part-time. A significant amount of that time, both professionally and personally, is spent in Calgary.

I am writing to you to urge your approval of the proposed road closure and land use amendment in Haskayne. While I recognize that discussion on this issue has largely focused on public safety, I would like to also draw your attention to the critical role of the Bearspaw Reservoir in ensuring water security—and associated public health, growth, and prosperity—in Calgary now and in the future.

As you well know, the Bow River provides Calgary with exceptionally high-quality water that is subsequently treated at the Bearspaw Water Treatment Plant (WTP) so that it is safe for consumption. The Bow River (and the regions in or near the reservoir) will also provide water to the new WTP that will be built to sustain Calgary's growth. Thus, as the Elbow River is limited in the amount of water it can provide to the City, the Bow River is increasingly critical for ensuring reliable access to adequate amounts of safe water for the protection of public health, growth, and prosperity in Calgary.

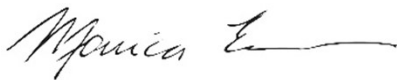
A recent study demonstrated that although Bow River water quality remains high, it is changing across the watershed. Even without human-caused disturbances, increases in weather extremes that lead to conditions such as heavy rains and associated erosion are key factors contributing to drinking water source quality changes that are undeniably being observed across North America and globally. Additional disturbances associated with all types of **unmanaged access can substantially deteriorate water quality and significantly increase the cost of required treatment**—this is also globally recognized. Scientific community consensus also overwhelmingly indicates that once water quality deteriorates in a watershed as a result of multiple land uses, this deterioration cannot be readily remediated at this scale.

As detailed in Calgary's Source Water Protection Plan (City of Calgary, 2018), maintaining high quality source water by limiting releases of contaminants like nutrients associated with soil erosion (that can promote harmful algal blooms), personal care products (e.g., pharmaceuticals, lotions containing microplastics and other contaminants, etc.), and other water quality contaminants like perfluorinated "forever chemicals" is critical because some of these compounds are not effectively removed by conventional drinking water treatment processes. I would like to underscore that potable standards for drinking water do *not* require it to be free from contaminants such as many of these known and suspected carcinogens. Fortunately, many of these compounds are not found in Calgary's water supply at present. **Unmanaged access and use of the Bearspaw Reservoir in the immediate or nearby vicinity of current and future intakes to the City's water supply will almost certainly lead to deteriorated drinking water source quality and associated increases in treatment costs—it's not a question of "if," but "when".**

While the technology to treat increasingly deteriorated source water quality to potable standards is available and would not preclude Calgary's ability to provide safe water, increased unmanaged access can and most likely would eventually eliminate Calgary's ability to describe Bow River water as a "high quality" source and significantly increase the cost of providing safe drinking water. I would like to underscore that potable standards for drinking water do not require it to be free from contaminants such as many of the known and suspected carcinogens that are not found in Calgary's source water at present. It is for these reasons that the proposed road closure and land use amendment in Haskayne represents a proactive protection of public health, growth, and prosperity in Calgary. This approach is not novel and directly aligns with globally recognized best practices in drinking water source protection (i.e., "source water protection"). It also directly reflects City of Calgary policy detailed in Calgary's Source Water Protection Plan (City of Calgary, 2018).

Given the issues raised above, I strongly recommend that City Administration approve the proposed road closure and land use amendment in Haskayne and in doing so, make a commitment to reducing the potential for unintentional—and likely costly or even irreversible—contamination of the City of Calgary's water supply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monica B. Emelko", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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I oppose the closure of the access road which provides access to Bearspaw Reservoir for the community. My kids loved the visit and this closure will hinder the enjoyment. Community need this access open. We need to keep this open so our new generation has the options to visit the reservoir and not glued to the phones.

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Re: Application Number LOC 2025–0052 – 80th Avenue NW Road Allowance Closure

Attention: Mr. Stuart Dagleish, C.O.O.

The City of Calgary’s attempt to close the historic road allowance through Haskayne Park is nothing more than a thinly veiled effort to cut off public access to Bears paw Reservoir under the guise of “safety” and “environmental protection.” The justifications provided are weak, misleading, and completely fail to stand up to scrutiny.

The City should abandon this ill-conceived plan for the following reasons:

1. The City’s Safety Claims Are Baseless

- The City claims the reservoir has strong currents, fluctuating water levels, cold temperatures, and steep banks—yet boaters have safely used it for 70 years without issue.
- Despite the City’s claims, there are no strong currents, and fluctuating water levels pose little to no safety risks.
- Cold water temperatures are no different from the volatile Bow River in the City of Calgary, where people kayak and raft daily.
- The few steep banks that do exist are not on the road allowance—so what exactly is the City trying to “protect” here?

2. Emergency Response Excuses Are a Smokescreen

- The City says it has no on-water emergency response capability, but it never needed one—because the reservoir isn’t in Calgary.
- Rocky View County, where the reservoir is actually located, doesn’t provide on-water response either, but that hasn’t stopped people from responsibly enjoying the reservoir for decades.
- The truth? This isn’t about safety—it’s about control.

3. The City’s Water Quality Argument Is Laughable

- Yes, the reservoir supplies 60% of Calgary’s drinking water—but that hasn’t stopped decades of recreational use on the reservoir.
- Those accessing the reservoir via the existing road allowance- patrons of Bears paw Marina and the estimated other 50% of people using their own watercraft operate without gas-powered boats, not affecting water quality.
- If the City actually cared about water cleanliness, why did it refuse the Marina’s request to provide a paid for portable washroom? Instead, it left up to 400 people a day with no choice but to relieve themselves in the very reservoir whose water quality they claim to be concerned with. That’s not just negligence—that’s hypocrisy.

4. TransAlta Has No Authority Over This Issue

- TransAlta, the reservoir's operator, pushed the City to close the road allowance. However;
 - TransAlta has zero responsibility for public safety on the road allowance.
 - TransAlta has zero authority over environmental policies—that falls under Alberta Environment.
 - The road allowance is outside of TransAlta's jurisdiction. Why is the City blindly doing TransAlta's bidding?

5. The City's Environmental Excuse Doesn't Hold Up .

- The City has already destroyed far more native grasslands than this small road allowance—paving over vast areas for parking lots, roads, and bike paths—all to make Haskayne Park accessible for the public to enjoy. This road serves the same purpose, and the City knows water access has made the park more desirable for residents. Claiming this tiny patch of grassland now needs “saving” after the damage they've already done to native grasslands is pure hypocrisy.
- The City argues that public access is damaging the native grasslands—but this access road has been in place for over 70 years
- If environmental protection is truly the goal, why not implement responsible access policies instead of banning people altogether?

6. The City Is Shutting Down Public Access to the reservoir for No Good Reason

- The road allowance is the only legal public access to the reservoir, and the City knows it.
- TransAlta isn't offering an alternative route, meaning once this access is gone, it's gone for good.
- The City just spent \$50 million on Haskayne Park which includes a 2-km bike path, but now it wants to prevent people from enjoying the lake—a much greater recreational asset.

What kind of City bans people from the very body of water the park was built around?

7. The City Deceived Bearspaw Treefarm

- The City knew Bearspaw Treefarm had an agreement allowing it to access its land via an access road and from there could use the road allowance to get to the Marina, yet conveniently “forgot” to mention it in their notice.
- The City ignored Bearspaw Treefarm's requests for information about improving the road allowance while secretly filing an application to close it.
- The City's shady tactics meant Bearspaw Treefarm only had 17 days to respond instead of the full 30-day comment period. This is nothing short of an underhanded maneuver to limit public opposition.

8. The Closure Will Kill a Local Business and Rip Off the Public

- If the City succeeds, Bearspaw Marina—an affordable, family-friendly recreation spot—will be forced out of business.
- Rentals at the Marina cost less than what the City charges at Bowness Park, making water recreation affordable to more Calgarians.
- Apparently, the City is fine with families getting priced out of enjoying the outdoors.

9. The Haskaynes Oppose This Plan and The Park is Named After Them

- Dick and Lois Haskayne, who dedicated millions of dollars to create this park, oppose closing the road allowance.
- They did not invest in this park just to see kids banned from the reservoir.
- The City's actions completely undermine the spirit of the park's creation.

Final Thoughts

If the proposed closure of the road allowance proceeds, public access to the river will be entirely dependent on the city's discretion. As shown on the map, the road allowance does not terminate directly at the river, meaning the city would retain control over granting access to the reservoir. However, this would strip the public of its current, guaranteed right to access the waterway, replacing it with uncertain, conditional permission. This is an unequivocally worse outcome than simply keeping the road allowance open to the water.

The City's reasoning for closing this road allowance is weak, misleading, and clearly driven by an agenda that has nothing to do with public safety or environmental protection. The real objective is clear: keep the public off Bearspaw Reservoir, regardless of whether it makes sense. The real impact? Making outdoor recreation less accessible for Calgarians.

I strongly urge the City to abandon this ill-conceived plan. The public deserves better.

Sincerely,



Rick Skauge

Owner of Bearspaw Tree Farm Inc.

CC: Mayor Gondek
Ward 1 Councillor Sharp