

Applicant Submission

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LOC Number (office use only):

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The City of Calgary is initiating the process of closing two historic road allowances through Haskayne Park to ensure public safety on/around Bearspaw Reservoir and to protect environmentally significant areas.

The City does not currently support on-water activities in the Bearspaw Reservoir as water conditions pose significant safety risks, including strong currents, fluctuating water levels, cold water temperatures, and steep embankments. The City of Calgary has no ability to provide on-water emergency response on the Reservoir, and The City understands that Rocky View County cannot provide on-water emergency response.

The Bearspaw reservoir provides 60 per cent of the city's drinking water. Safe and clean drinking water are a fundamental and critical service that The City provides to Calgarians and surrounding communities. Activities on the reservoir have the potential to pose contamination to the largest source of the city's drinking water.

TransAlta Corporation, the operator of the Bearspaw Dam and Reservoir and the owner of the lands directly adjacent to the Reservoir, has officially requested that The City take steps to close this unimproved road allowance in light of the public safety, environmental and operational risks associated with activities occurring along this road allowance.

Historically, reservoir users have caused damage to sensitive native grasslands in the road allowance and the adjacent environmentally significant park areas. The City is also accountable for preserving adjacent lands that were an ecological gift to The City, in keeping with the federal government ecogift policies. Closing these road allowances will limit disturbances to these native grasslands.

The proposed road closure areas are bounded by City of Calgary Parks land on either side, do not impact access to other private parcels, and the lands are proposed to be re-designated as S-UN, in keeping with the surrounding land use and nature conservation purposes.