



## Public Submission

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First name [required] **Karla**

Last name [required] **Williamson**

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What meeting do you wish to comment on? [required] **Council**

Date of meeting [required] **Sep 9, 2025**

What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published [here](#).)

[required] - max 75 characters **Naato'siyinnipi (Aurora) Area Structure Plan**

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

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Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback about the proposed Naato'siyinnipi (Aurora) Area Structure Plan.

I have used this area for personal recreation for 25 years. In the summer, I am out on the pathway system weekly. I've taken our girl guide units there many times. We have run geocaching events there as well. My family enjoys the area on foot, coming to see the prairie crocuses in the spring. I've recently participated in the Jane's walk there last month; it made me appreciate the area even more.

I've also had the opportunity to bike further upstream along the Creek, seeing the Country Hills golf course, Creekside shopping centre, and now Sage Hill that sits right along West Nose Creek. I will say they are all very close to the creek.

This proposed ASP covers a section of West Nose Creek that is mostly undeveloped up until now. But I do realize it is in city limits, and development is what happens as a city grows. But I feel that we do have an opportunity to try and save some of the wildness of this space with this proposed ASP, before development begins.

I really like how what's proposed is a mix of residential, transit, green space. It's not just industrial/commercial use. It is truly a multi use site. I really like how it will tie in to the future Green Line along Harvest Hills Blvd.

What I am still concerned about is how close the residential development gets to West Nose Creek on the southwest side of the development. (map 5 land use concept). Yes development limited to the top of the ridge, but it seems like the overall riparian setback is very small here. The ASP talks about "enhance the biodiversity and habitat connectivity...by retaining environmentally significant areas..."

I feel that building so close to the creek area will destroy habitat connectivity and increase fragmentation. In section 5.4.1 it says there should be an 18m building setback from the top of slope for all slopes greater than 15%. This seems too close. I read that St Albert has a 50m setback from Carrot Creek. Perhaps this would serve well here? Or more?

I also feel like this proposed ASP doesn't really identify where the historical resources actually are so they can be protected. Hopefully they can be identified before development begins.

I do hope we can conserve more of West Nose Creek ecology by having a larger riparian setback. And I do hope the City works closely with Indigenous Elders to identify important cultural resources in the area before development be

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# Concerns Regarding the Naato'siyinnipi (Aurora) Area Structure Plan

## Disappointment in Recent Approval

I am deeply disappointed by the recent approval of the Naato'siyinnipi (Aurora) Area Structure Plan (ASP) at the recent IPC meeting. This decision reinforces the perception that Ward 3 and the North Central area are often overlooked or ignored within our city. It appears that our councillor, city council, and administration are not attentive to the voices of their constituents.

As a resident of North Central Calgary (Coventry Hills) for over 25 years, I believe that this situation must change.

## Public Opposition and Need for Re-evaluation

Given the significant public opposition expressed during hearings and input sessions, I recommend that council listen to concerned residents, and I urge that on September 9th, you vote against advancing the Naato'siyinnipi (Aurora) ASP further in the development process, return the plan to administration for further improvement, and delay the final vote until after the municipal election this fall.

## Legacy and Council Responsibility

My request is rooted in the desire to avoid tying this decision to the legacy of our outgoing Ward 3 councillor. In October 2024, City Council unanimously supported Councillor Mian's Notice of Motion, directing Administration to create the Nose Creek Corridor Strategy, which is intended to guide regional park development and inform ASP processes. However, it remains unclear how this strategy has been applied in the current situation.

I, for one, do not wish to see development take over greenspace with little consideration to the communities' interests and wishes, like what occurred with the elimination of the Harvest Hills Golf Course, only to be replaced by a housing development.

## Infrastructure Challenges

The ASP was initially envisioned as a "transit-focused" community. With the cancellation of the North Central leg of the Green Line—and little likelihood of it serving the North Central part of the city in the foreseeable future—the administration now proposes a large community lacking not only adequate transit, but also essential infrastructure. The development replacing Harvest Hills Golf Course is another good example of building homes before consideration infrastructure needs.

## Concerns Over Studies and Indigenous Consultation

Although the plan claims that thorough ecological and historical studies have been completed, my experience attending two public meetings leaves me unconvinced. These studies should be finalized before the ASP receives approval. Renaming the plan to Naato'siyinnipi, while well-intended, may amount to little more than symbolic

recognition of the Piikani Nation. Have the Siksika and Kainai Nations—also members of the Blackfoot Confederacy—been consulted? It is imperative that we reassess the ecological and historical significance, and seek the support of the entire Blackfoot Confederacy, to prevent future apologies for the desecration of Indigenous spiritual lands like the one that occurred 2001 during the construction of 96th Ave and the Harvest Crossing Business Park area, which is/was all considered part of the Aurora Business Park at the time.

## A Call to Build Something Better

In conclusion, I am asking you to help transform past mistakes in Ward 3 and North Central Calgary into a positive legacy. Let's return to the planning stage and create a project that the North Central communities can take pride in.

Thank you for your attention and consideration regarding this important matter.