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To: [Legislative and Intergovernmental Services](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - BYLAW 8139-2021
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I am writing this email on behalf of my husband and I. We **oppose** this application to close the 3.91 acre portion of undeveloped road allowance of Range Road 53 between SE-9-28-5-W5M and SW-10-28-5-W5M for purposes of consolidation. We believe road allowance should be left as public use land. We enjoy the freedom to ride our horses, hike or bike on it because it is so close to our place. Currently there is a gate at the entrance of this road allowance, which deters the public and community members from using it. Can you confirm if this is a County gate?

I also wonder if closing this road allowance would land lock some of the properties, for current and future owners.

In our opinion Road Allowance(Public Land) should stay that way.

Sincerely
Jacqueline and Garrett Brink
53097 Grand Valley Road

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Rocky View County
262075 Rocky View Point
Rocky View County, AB
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March 11th 2023

Dear Rocky View Council

Re: Application Number PL20210010

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed closure of the south side of the road allowance on range road 53, and Bylaw C-8139-2021.

First I see no logical reason to close the road allowance. All three of the land parcels involved have extensive legal access along the Grand Valley Road. If the argument is for security, let me point out that any break in in the past have occurred through the front gate.

Second, the road allowance is used extensively by hikers and bird watchers. While I am not much of a bird watcher I believe the public has a right to access public land. Road allowances were prescribed in this province to ensure legal access to everyone not just to the people on either side.

Third, to the south and west on the next road allowance there is a half section of conservation land donated to the province specifically for public use. Any restriction to this area is in my opinion is not warranted.

Cumana Geoconsulting Inc.

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March 18, 2023

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RE: BYLAW C-8139-2021 – Road Closure and Consolidation

This letter is to inform the Rocky View County that the undersigned is opposed to the Road Closure and Consolidation proposed by the above referenced Bylaw.

I am a co-owner of that portion of the SW10-28-5-W5M located on the East side of the Grand Valley Road. My land is directly across that road from the applicants' lands, which are the remainder of the ¼ section on the West side of the Grand Valley Road, plus the 80 acre parcel in SE9 on the West side of the road allowance proposed to be closed.

Back in the 1960's and 1970's my mother was the owner of the entire SW10 ¼ section (apart from that portion of the Grand Valley Road which cuts through it). At that time she applied for closure and consolidation of the same undeveloped road allowance as the current application, no doubt on the same logic that it would never be needed for road development, as the Grand Valley Road obviated any such need. Her application was rejected by the Rocky View council at that time. I now appreciate the wisdom of such a rejection and wish the council to maintain this previous policy and not reverse its position of keeping this land fully accessible to the public, regardless of the unlikelihood of it being needed for development for motor vehicle traffic.

Since that earlier rejection of the privatization of this road allowance, the Grand Valley Road has become a through road connecting to multiple through roads to the North in addition to its multiple connections to other through roads to the South. There have also been many subdivisions in the immediate area, creating

multiple smaller holdings. The result has been a substantial increase in the population of the area, significantly higher traffic on the Grand Valley Road, and increasingly restricted opportunities for foot and horse traffic to travel through natural and undeveloped land, whether public or private, away from motor vehicles.

Opportunities to enjoy such recreation are becoming increasingly rare, and, as populations continue to grow, will become increasingly more valuable. Permission to ride or hike through private lands is ever more difficult to obtain, due to the amount of subdivision and development. I submit that it is very much in the public interest to preserve the possibility of foot and horse traffic through natural areas and away from high volumes of vehicle traffic into the future, and particularly so for this specific road allowance named in the application due to its unique location.

The NW corner of the parcel of which I am a co-owner, lies at the intersection of the Grand Valley Road and Range Road 53. This intersection is at the North end of the portion of undeveloped road allowance sought to be closed. To the South of the portion of Road Allowance sought to be closed is an area of undeveloped road allowances, and developed dead-end roads which serve only the local landholders. There is only one exit from this area to the South for vehicle traffic, being the intersection of Township Road 280 and the Grand Valley Road (i.e. the 4-way stop). The result is a quiet area providing opportunities for recreational foot and horse traffic. Closing this road allowance will permanently close a direct foot and horse path through a natural area, away from vehicle traffic, which links my land through to the quieter road and undeveloped road allowance network which lies to the South. If closed, to access that area and return to my land, I would need to add over 4 miles of travel or along the ditches or roadside of the Grand Valley Road subjecting myself to the high volumes of vehicle traffic with its attendant risks and hazards.

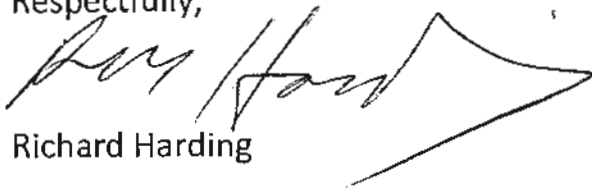
It is not only just my land that would be affected and denied this possibility. To the North of the portion sought to be closed, Range Road 53 is also a quiet local road serving only local landowners. Its intersection with the Grand Valley Road serves as the only exit for those local landholders. The application would also foreclose all opportunities those landholder's have for quiet, safe foot and horse traffic to the roads and undeveloped road allowances to the South, as well as the opportunities for those to the South to have a quiet, natural area through which to access the quiet roads, road allowances, and crown lands located to the North.

Currently there is a natural, undeveloped network of public land which links these two quiet areas together, away from the hazards of vehicle traffic. The closure being sought would serve to permanently eliminate this natural link connecting these two quiet areas. I submit that forcing any linkage to entail an additional 2 miles plus of foot or horse travel on the Grand Valley Road each way, will serve only to increase the hazard and risks of such recreation, limit and discourage its use, and represent the loss of a valuable public amenity forever.

As the local population continues to grow, public green space will become ever more valuable. To permanently eliminate the potential for the Rocky View County to develop a recreational pathway system for future foot, cycle and horse traffic that serves the whole of the local area, independent of the Grand Valley Road right of way would be a significant loss, forever limit, restrict and discourage a valuable form of enjoyment of public lands.

Accordingly, I urge the Rocky View Council to reject BYLAW C-8319-2021 and preserve the option for public foot and horse traffic in the area in perpetuity.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rich Harding', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Richard Harding

Legal Land Description: SW10-28-5-W5M

Address: 52238 Grand Valley Road