
RECREATION, PARKS, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

TO: Recreation Governance Committee
DATE: December 1, 2020 **DIVISION:** 9
FILE: N/A **APPLICATION:** N/A
SUBJECT: Extreme Cowboy Alberta Association Request for Special Consideration

POLICY DIRECTION:

One of the functions of the Recreation Governance Committee (RGC) is to hear presentations from the public and stakeholder groups on matters affecting the recreational needs of the County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Representatives from the Extreme Cowboy Alberta Association (ECAA) will present to the RGC on the Ranchlands Horse Park project. They are requesting special consideration of their grant request as, per policy C-317, their application is ineligible unless they receive matching funding from the Town of Cochrane. They will be available for questions following the presentation.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

Extreme Cowboy Alberta is the largest Extreme Cowboy Racing Club in Canada and one of the largest in the World. Three years ago, County funding enabled ECAA to construct an outdoor obstacle course named Ranchlands Horse Park. This course is rated as one of the top courses in the World. ECAA has applied for funding to continue to expand and improve this course.

As per their grant application, the majority of ECAA members reside and pay taxes in Rocky View County, but due to the fact that the course is located within Cochrane town limits, Policy C-317 funding requirements state that ECAA needs to get matching funds from the Town of Cochrane.

The applicant stated that the Town of Cochrane currently has no mechanism in place to apply for matching funding, and they are concerned that they cannot access the funding opportunity from the County, thus affecting their ability to provide the same level of recreation services.

ECAA will continue to pursue Cochrane, Alberta Equestrian Federation, and other donors to provide funds to match grants and procure necessary equipment and services to improve the Ranchlands course.

A copy of the presentation has been included as Attachment 'A'.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

There are no budget implications at this time.

OPTIONS:

Option #1: THAT the Extreme Cowboy Alberta Association Request for Special Consideration presentation be received as information.

Option #2: THAT alternative direction be provided.

Administration Resources

Susan de Caen, Recreation, Parks & Community Support

Respectfully submitted,

“Theresa Cochran”

Executive Director
Community Development Services

Concurrence,

“Al Hoggan”

Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT ‘A’ – Presentation from the Extreme Cowboy Alberta Association

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Extreme Cowboy Alberta

Rocky View County

Recreation Grant Presentation

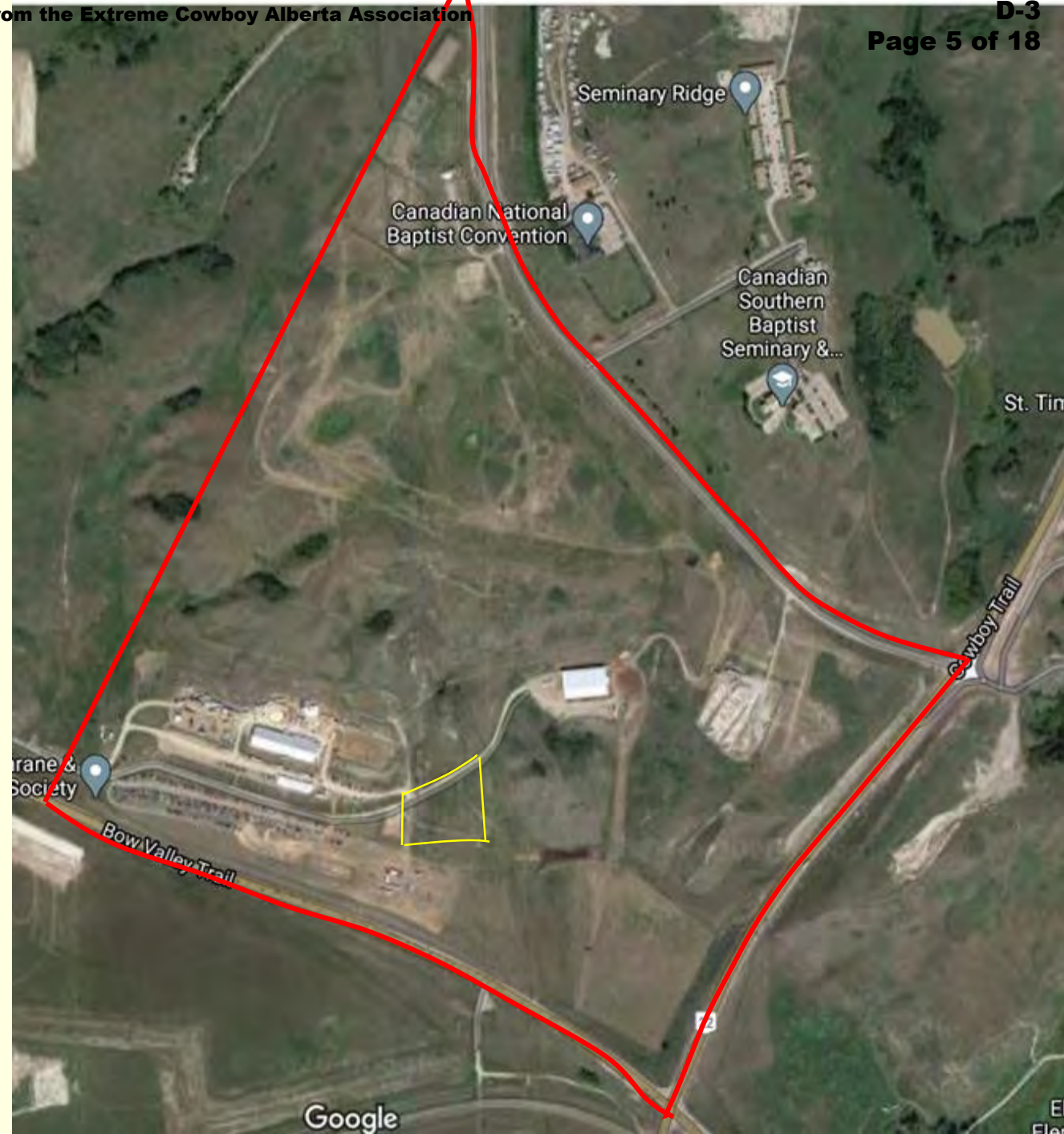
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Ranch Lands Signage 2017

- Depicting sponsorship from Rocky View County
- ECA course is one of the top courses in the world



The red line shows the Cochrane Ag Society land.
The yellow line shows the area of current Ranch Lands Horse Park.



Showing volunteers
working on the original
course during
construction

Picture taken looking
south west





Course in use, 2017
Picture taken from approximately same
angle

About ECA & Ranch Lands Horse Park

- Over the past 5 years numerous winners Extreme Cowboy Association World Champion have come from Extreme Cowboy Alberta (ECA)
- Calgary Stampede Cowboy Up Challenge invitees from ECA
- Ranch Lands Horse Park has contributed to these achievements by having world class course and obstacles
- Ranch Lands Horse Park is one of the best courses in the world for Extreme Cowboy racing, with the opportunity for expansion and development



Some of the obstacles built with money from our last grant.

Moveable Chuckwagon
Tunnel on solid raised
platform

Multi purpose pole
frame for hoisting a
weight with a pulley,
bell, and other
challenges as seen fit.

2018

More obstacles have been built built

The course is well utilized and hosted races with a large amount of competitors and spectators.



Video of one of our Youth Competitors racing on the course.

https://www.dropbox.com/s/vk01601sc88ltg4/IMG_1087.mov?dl=0



Yellow is the old
course
Red is the new
expansion and Flat
course
The area that
overlaps was not
touched by the
pipeline and can be
used right away



This fence is new

Showing old bleachers

The area to the right of the new fence to just past the end of the picture will be part of new flat course

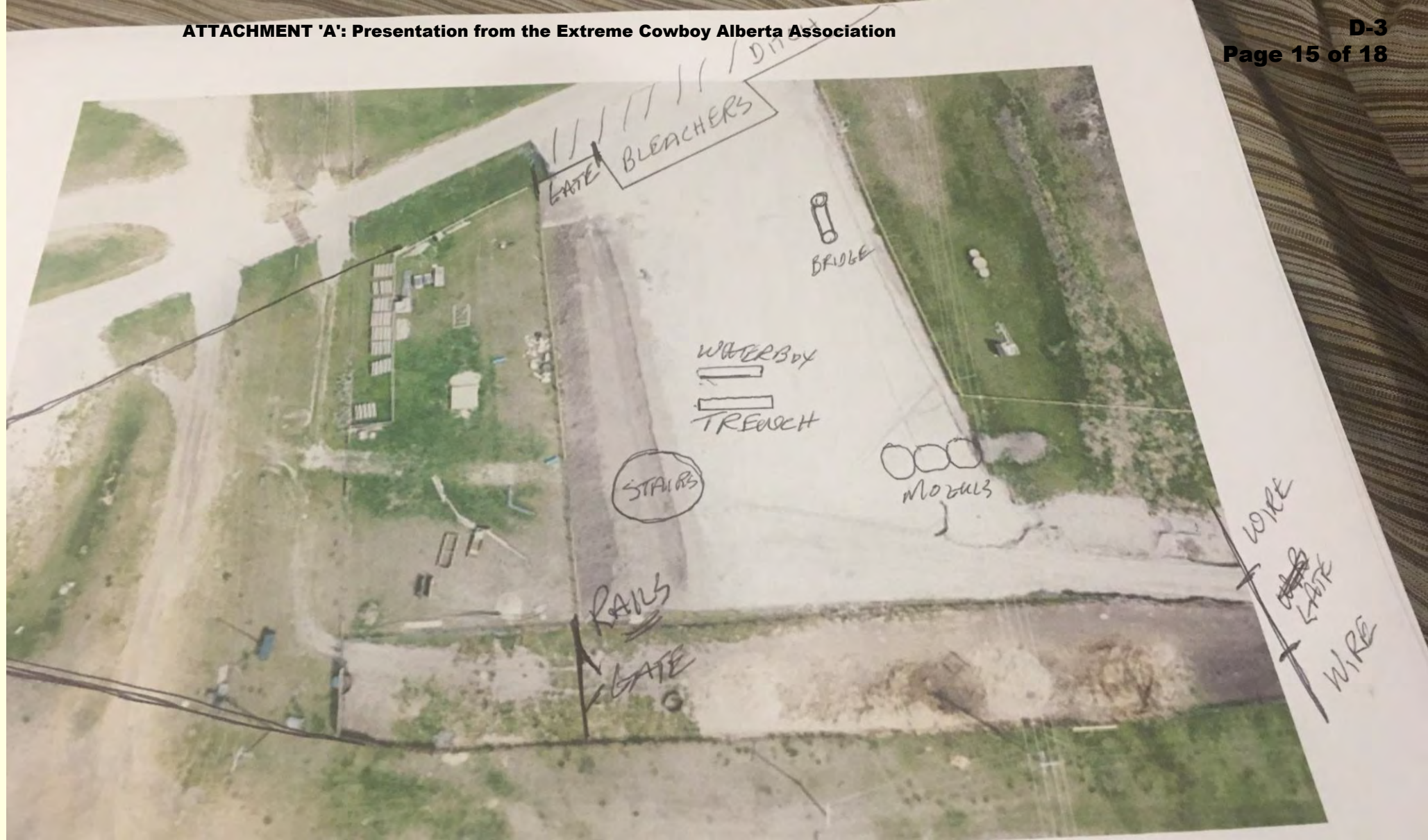
July 2020
Pipeline put in,
reclamation started

Course area
changed

This drone shot
shows pipeline took
over 1/3 of the
original course



Plan for design
of new Hill
Course
*bridge is
already built
and in place



Bridge being installed thanks
to TransCanada's machinery



Some of the reclaimed land
and fencing of the Hill Course

This is where the new
bleachers or our
storage/office Sea Can may go





Land ready and waiting for reclamation and new obstacles to be built and installed.