

Bylaw 27-24

Jim Bryce <email correspondence>

To whom it may concern,

We are emailing to express our concerns regarding the city's plan to amend the Land Use Bylaw 17-21 by redesignating 1.66 hectares of land (lot 3, Block 9, Plan 181 0640) from Agriculture and Land Holdings District to Neighbourhood Core District. Specifically, we are concerned about the development of D'Arcy Phase 14.

The redesignation of the area in question makes sense. It's the plan to build more high-density housing on this land that concerns the people in our neighbourhood. With the numerous condominiums currently under construction along Avens Way, it's hard to imagine the negative impact more condensed housing will bring to our neighbourhood. This plan is in stark contrast to the Vision, Principles and Goals as detailed in the city's Municipal Development Plan:

VISION, PRINCIPLES AND GOALS

*The Town of Okotoks is resilient, where people, businesses, ideas and sense of community thrive. Grounded by the Sheep River valley and **supported by thoughtful planning and design**, a strong local economy and a vibrant civic culture, **Okotoks offers exceptional quality of life at every stage of life. Respect for each other and the natural environment makes Okotoks home.***

Rather than hand this parcel of land over to developers, it would be in keeping with the City's Development plan to turn this area into parkland. This would support the notion of "thoughtful planning and design as well as exceptional quality of life".

At the very least, we strongly encourage you to hold off on Phase 14 in order to measure the impact that the current condo development has on the community before committing to several more condominium units.

Best Regards,

Jim & Sacha Bryce

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