

PUBLIC HEARING

August 22, 2023

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Hearing Held in Council Chambers and via Electronic
Communications

**Bylaw 1628/23 – Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17 – Redistricting
of a Portion of NW-6-57-23-W4M (Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1722474)**

VERBAL SUBMISSIONS

1.	Trevor Stelmaschuk	In Favour
2.	Mark Thomson	In Favour
3.	Kelly Briggs	In Favour
4.	Rick Creusot	Opposed
5.	Samantha Stelmaschuk	In Favour
6.	Jason Boutilier	Opposed
7.	Victoria Padno	Opposed
8.	Matt Agostini	Opposed
9.	Archie Schneider	Opposed
10.	Julie Creusot	Opposed
11.	Will Schultz	In Favour
12.	Ken LeLacheur	In Favour
13.	Tim Plamondon	In Favour

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

1.	Adam Watt	In Favour
2.	Brad Whittle	In Favour
3.	Jeremy Power	In Favour
4.	Shane Hartling	In Favour
5.	Kevin Baluk	In Favour
6.	Teri Hong	In Favour
7.	William Schultz	In Favour
8.	Lucas Bell	In Favour

9.	Lisa Weishar	In Favour
10.	Tim Quakenbush	In Favour
11.	Janice Watt	In Favour
12.	Sam McColman	In Favour
13.	Jonas Stoll-Pott	In Favour
14.	Tim Plamondon	In Favour
15.	Brent Baker	In Favour
16.	Callum Ryhanen	In Favour
17.	Ross McTaggart	In Favour
18.	Mark Thomson	In Favour
19.	Paul Graff	In Favour
20.	Donna Thomson	In Favour
21.	Parker Kary	In Favour
22.	Morgan Thomson	In Favour
23.	Glenn Innis	In Favour
24.	Jim and Nicole Roe	Opposed
25.	Duncan Campbell	In Favour
26.	Grayson Lautt	In Favour
27.	Stacey and Matt Gislaeson	In Favour
28.	Danielle Umrysh	In Favour
29.	Amos Jensen	In Favour
30.	Nicole Paproski	In Favour
31.	Kristin Swirles	In Favour
32.	Chris Boisvert	In Favour
33.	Patrick Walter	In Favour
34.	Cheryl Gerlock & Fred Fibi	Opposed
35.	Darrell Ouellette	Opposed
36.	Aaron Davies	In Favour
37.	Don Klein	Opposed
38.	Lisa Pino	Opposed
39.	Kelly Briggs	In Favour
40.	Matt Agostini	Opposed
41.	Liam Auger	In Favour
42.	Wally Ovalle	In Favour
43.	Kyle Warren	In Favour
44.	Daniel Humeniuk	In Favour
45.	Judy McLay	Opposed

46.	Leah David	In Favour
47.	Jack Olsen	In Favour
48.	Scott Koppers	In Favour
49.	Simon Deacon	In Favour
50.	Brent Ireland	In Favour
51.	Lili Chmeit	In Favour
52.	Ted and Laurie McAllister	Opposed
53.	Lindsay Monderman	In Favour
54.	Todd Proudfoot	In Favour

From: [Adam Watt](#)
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I am reaching out to convey my support of Bylaw 1628/23.

My name is Adam Watt and I play disc golf at Wildman several times a year. This course allows people of all abilities and ages to enjoy some exercise, socialize, and explore the woods of Sturgeon County. It's a space where families can have an affordable activity, local schools can go to for field trips, and seniors can enjoy a walk in the woods. Everyone can use Wildman.

When I go to Wildman, I normally stop in Gibbons for lunch or dinner. I know this is true of most other users of the course as well, meaning that Wildman is directly contributing to local economic activity.

It is also a very quiet activity as the course is in the woods- blocking the sound from carrying to neighbours. One of the things I love about Wildman is the ability to play disc golf in peace and quiet.

Finally, I strongly support the entrepreneurial spirit that was needed to launch Wildman. Isn't that what living in Alberta is all about? Wildman disc golf fills a need in the community. If this bylaw is not supported, what message does that send to other entrepreneurs that want to take a risk to enhance the Sturgeon County community?

Support Bylaw 1628/23.

Please feel free to reach out to me anytime if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Adam Watt

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To whom it may concern

I am writing in support of bi-law 1628/23. My name is Brad Whittle, and I am a resident of Gibbons. The area that Matt is trying to get developed will not bring in large amounts of traffic to local roads, it wouldn't be the next parie gardens. The noise levels would not be of any concern to anyone around the area. Disk golf is based on the same rule/understanding as normal golf! Respect for their fellow players and their surroundings.

This land is a perfect place to build this course, as it has no use for agricultural profit or residential development! Matt has already shown great interest in giving back to the area as he has already had school classes out there to promote the sport and good old outdoor activities, as we all know are lacking these days.

Having this course out there will also be a benefit in the dry months as where we remove all the lower deadfall, which is a major contributor to the wildfires in this area. Myself personally am a certified arborist, who has done the majority of the tree removals on the land.

This sport is very cost-efficient and would be great for the county, I strongly would appreciate your support and consideration in this matter. I have added a few pictures to show the course to allow a better understanding!

Thank you.

Brad Whittle
Gibbons Ab

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Melodie Steele

From: Jeremy Power
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Good Afternoon,

My name is Jeremy Power. I started disc golfing in the fall of 2021. I am in my 40's and was looking for a low impact, cost effective sport that I could play. After playing 2-3 rounds of disc golf with my wife in St Albert I realized that disc golf was the sport I was looking for. I purchased some discs and joined the Edmonton Disc Golf Association(EDGA) in 2022. I played in a league and met many new friends. In 2023 I joined EDGA again and the Professional Disc Golf Association(PDGA). I started competing in tournaments. This has resulted in me meeting more friends, getting physically fit and being active on a regular basis.

Many cities in the Edmonton area have disc golf courses located in parks. These courses are good for developing the basic skills you need to play disc golf. What these courses lack is the challenges needed to develop your game to the next level. City courses are usually shared use spaces where a disc golf course has been added as opposed to a place where a disc golf course has been created. For disc golf to continue to grow and for players to develop their skills, we need more private courses created specifically for disc golf. Wildman Disc Golf is one of the courses that meets these requirements.

Wildman Disc Golf would allow player development, provide a venue for higher quality tournaments and allow more players access to the sport.

I recently attended a PDGA B Tier tournament called the Edmonton Open at Bailey's Crossing near Devon, AB. It is a private course and is similar to Wildman Disc Golf. The tournament was amazing. The course was top notch and it attracted professional disc golfers. It brought more attention to the sport and allowed players to interact with professionals. This brought business dollars to Devon as people ate, camped, and stayed in hotels in the region. It brought people in from out of province as well. This is what Wildman Disc Golf could do for Sturgeon County.

Disc golf is a low impact activity. There are no motorized vehicles on courses, no loud music and disc golfers pack out what they pack in.

I am in support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23

My interest in the matter is as a resident of St Albert and avid disc golfer who is looking for great quality courses to be available in Edmonton and surrounding area.

Jeremy Power

St. Albert, AB T8N 6L3

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Good afternoon, I'm writing this email in support of disc golf course, im a new player and have played a few courses in Edmonton and St Albert, which are far away from me. I live in close proximity to the course out by lily lake so this one is closer, the game is very fun and cost effective.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely Shane Hartling.

From: [Kevin Baluk](#)
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Cc: [Matthew LeLacheur](#)
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I am writing to show my support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23.

I'm from St. Albert and I regularly play disc golf at the Wildman Disc golf course. Disc golf is an environmentally friendly sport that has minimal impacts on neighbours and the land. It can be enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels. It's a great cost-effective alternative for our kids when compared to many of the other options while allowing them to enjoy the outdoors. I feel the Wildman disc golf course will provide many benefits to the kids and adults of the community such as increased physical activity, social interaction, and economic benefits while having minimal impact on the neighbours or the land.

Kevin Baluk

From: [Teri hong](#)
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To whom it may concern,

Good day! I am writing to express my thoughts on wildman discgolf and how he has impacted the community for all of us in various positive ways!

For those of you who don't already know Matt..... He is one of the most generous and kind human beings I have met since moving to the Edmonton area in 2021! His passion to grow the sport of discgolf and to keep all parties happy and respected has been a main reason why I continue to support Wildman Discgolf.

The events that have already been held by Wildman Discgolf have been extremely organized, fully supported by the entire discgolf community, and he still finds ways to make things extremely welcoming and fun while following all guidelines of the law!

Discgolf has truly been an amazing cure for most people who have experienced COVID's shutdown in 2020. This sport has brought so many individuals together and has given us purpose to keep moving outside and to keep active through tough times.

If you've ever played a disc golf round.. you would also understand how absolutely beautiful the community is and how welcoming everyone can be. When the experienced players run into beginners, often more times than not, free lessons are given as well as free discs to help them with their journey into the sport!

I have met so many new players who have spoken very highly of Matt and Wildman Discgolf for welcoming them into the sport with encouraging words, invites to play, discs to play with, etc.

I hope you find it in your hearts to approve Matt's wildman discgolf course so we can continue to come together as a community and do what we love most.... throw plastic in nature and enjoy what mother earth's beautiful hikes and scenery have to offer <3

Thank you for hearing me out =]



Teri Hong

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To Sturgeon County Council

RE: Support for Wildman Disc Golf Rezoning--Bylaw 1628/23

To whom it may concern:

My name is Will Schultz; I am a university professor living in north Edmonton, and am a long-time friend of Matt Lelecheur as well as an avid disc golfer. I write today in support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23.

I have known Mr. Lelecheur for nearly 10 years. We met through a volunteering organization called Start2Finish Canada, a program that operates after-school running and reading programs for inner-city children across Canada. Matt led the program for John A. McDougall school in Edmonton, and his work was instrumental in helping to improve physical and intellectual literacy for at-risk children at this school. I provide this story as an example of Matt's character: he is a community-minded citizen, and is deeply invested in volunteering and helping to make his community a better place.

Matt has been discussing his dreams about creating a disc golf space for many years now. His vision has always been toward creating a community space, a fun place where people can enjoy nature and learn how to play disc golf. In my experience, disc golf is an extremely welcoming sport, and newcomers are warmly greeted and helped by experienced players. Matt wants to make Wildman into a place where community members from across Sturgeon County and northern Alberta can come and play disc golf and enjoy the outdoors.

Disc golf is a low-impact sport, something I really want to make clear: most disc golf courses are housed in city parks, alongside nature and other park users, and operate with minimal conflict or disruption (outside of baskets installed in parts of the park). Matt's proposal for this property will be less disruptive than almost any other form of development: for instance, disc golf involves significantly less noise and less dust than a construction project for a new house would produce. Likewise, turning this property into a disc golf course will remove the potential of animal escapes onto other properties or country roads, something that I am familiar with from growing up on a cattle farm near Camrose. In other words, I believe that allowing this disc golf course to move forward will ensure that this property is less disruptive to any sort of neighbours or neighbouring community than would occur if it remained zoned for agriculture. .

Overall, I know that Matt is sincere in his efforts to use this place as a community gathering space. This is not a covert effort to create a "party" zone, nor is it an effort to covertly open a

business in an inappropriate spot. Matt specifically chose this location based on the extraordinary natural beauty of the space, and has no desire to make any major changes to the property. Rather, he hopes to use disc golf to help people experience the outdoors in a healthy and accessible way.

In my experience volunteering with Matt, I know that he has the organizational skills and community mindset to turn Wildman Disc Golf into a community hub in a beneficial and non-disruptive way, benefiting both the Sturgeon County, as well as anyone who wishes to spend time outdoors. I hope you will support his efforts to improve your county.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. William J. Schultz

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Good morning,

I am in support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23

I believe that the rezoning of this land to recreational use will have a great benefit to the users of the facility and the residents of the county. Disc golf is a rapidly growing sport for people of all ages. There is minimal impact on the land and neighbours. This facility will help drive users to Sturgeon County and provide a benefit to residents who want to get into the sport near by.

I am not only a Sturgeon County resident myself but I also represent McEwen's Fuels & Fertilizers (an agricultural retailer who's head office is also located in Sturgeon County). We are in favour of this proposed bylaw!

Thank you for your time,

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Good morning,

I would like to reach out and show my support for the Disc Golf Course in my rural community. The disc golf course offers so much to Sturgeon County. It's cost effective, fun, brings people together and it's great for physical & mental health!!

I am a local real estate agent in Sturgeon County and I also live in Woodridge Subdivision. The disc golf course would be a great asset to our area!

Thank you for your time.....

Cheers,



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I am in support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23

As an older gentleman I find most sports are a little too physical and usually rushed, I have found the sport of disc golf to be one of the most fun sports I have come across in quite some time, and if you are not careful you could just get a little exercise as well. The beauty of a disc getting played with by the wind is a sight to behold and I would encourage anyone looking for an inexpensive, very inclusive and enjoyable sport to get yourself and any others i.e. grandchildren or just children into. The growth of this sport is wonderful to see as I have been playing for a very long time and still am excited to go and play at any chance. I would encourage you to watch some of the coverage of this sport on you-tube it won't take long before you see the intrigue of flight...

Thank you for your consideration on this bylaw

Tim Quakenbush

From: [Janice Watt](#)
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Good afternoon,

My name is Janice Watt. I am a resident of Edmonton, AB writing to express my support of proposed bylaw 1628/23

I have been to the Wildman Disc Golf property several times and enjoy the opportunity to not only to play disc golf but also to walk the property and enjoy escaping into the woods from the city.

Disc golf is a growing sport that is both affordable and accessible to all ages and income levels. It also has a minimal impact on the environment compared to the infrastructure required for other sports and activities.

Whenever we have driven out from Edmonton we make a stop in Bon Accord for lunch or snacks and gas which also supports the local community.

This Disc golf course would be an asset to the community with minimal impact to the land and surrounding properties.

Kindly,

Janice Watt

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I am in support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23. My name is Sam McColman and I'm a discgolfer from Grande Prairie AB. I grew up in Sturgeon County and my parents still live in St. Albert. For the past 2 years I've made a trip to visit the area specifically to play the Wildman Discgolf Tournament. This involves 70 or so individuals getting together on Matt's property to share some fun and compete on his beautiful course. It is very minimal use on the roads and land as we are all just driving in for 1-2 days, and many of us carpool, so probably 50 vehicles tops.

Seeing this course taken away would be very sad as the greater Edmonton area does not have many good courses, and this one is one of the best. Discgolf is extremely accessible for all people (low cost and low intensity). My dad has recently got into discgolf, mainly playing at the Langholm course in St. Albert, and he and his friends are excited to try out Wildman to "test their skills". Myself and about 7-8 others from Grande Prairie will continue to make the trip down for this tournament every year if it is allowed to keep happening, which I am highly in favour of.

Please take this as a strong vote for Wildman Discgolf to continue being allowed to host events and have a course on this beautiful property.

Sam

From: [Jonas Stoll-Pott](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#)
Cc: [Matt LeLacheur](#)
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I am in support of proposed bylaw 1628/23 for the support of the disc golf course known as wildman. Discgolf in an area such as the course has minimal impacts on the neighbours and allows access to a sport the is very inclusive and has a low cost barrier. I am a disc golfer that would be disappointed to see this course go seeing as how it is a staple in the disc golf community.

Sincerely,
Jonas Stoll-Pott

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Hello,

My name is Timothy Plamondon, I am a resident of Edmonton, Alberta, and I am the current President of the Edmonton Disc Golf Association.

I am writing today in support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23.

As the sport of disc golf continues to grow and take hold as an accessible activity, so too does the demand for destination disc golf courses. Disc Golf courses such as Bailey's Crossing and Wildman are not only an integral part of this sport's growth, but also provide communities with economic and recreational benefits.

As mentioned, disc golf is an incredibly accessible sport that suits families, beginners, aspiring athletes, and everyone in between. It is low impact, cost effective, environmentally responsible, and attracts people who care about community.

In specific to Wildman Disc Golf Course, there are zero downsides to supporting this Bylaw. Sturgeon County only stands to benefit from standing behind this recreation service.

In specific to Matthew LeLacheur, you will find an individual who genuinely cares about the community around him and the sport. Matt is a person of integrity who wants to work with everyone to overcome barriers the right way, as opposed to putting up barriers and circumventing the due process.

This initiative is a significant positive for everyone and should be supported in kind.

Thank you for your time,

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Tim Plamondon
President, Edmonton Disc Golf Association

From:
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Subject: Please Save this Course Proposed Bylaw 1628/23
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Dear Council Members,

I Brent Baker am writing to you today to express my support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23 the proposed disc golf course at Wildman Disc golf Bon Accord Ab. I have been playing disc golf for over 15 years, and I believe that it is a great sport that can benefit our community in many ways. This course is very close proximity to me within a 15 min Drive from Edmonton.

Disc golf is a low-impact sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. It is a great way to get outside and get some exercise, and it can also be a social activity. Disc golf courses are typically located in parks and open spaces, so they do not take up valuable land that could be used for other purposes. Additionally, disc golf courses are typically designed to be environmentally friendly.

In addition to the recreational benefits of disc golf, it can also have a positive economic impact on our community. Disc golf courses attract visitors from outside the area, which can help to boost local businesses.

I urge you to approve the proposed Bylaw 1628/23 disc golf course at Wildman disc golf Bon Accord. I believe that it would be a great addition to our community and would provide many benefits to our residents. Also I would like to add Matthew LeLacheur wants to preserve the surroundings and have more locals come out to try and learn the sport that so many of us Love and support.

Sincerely,
Brent Baker

Sent from my Galaxy

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To whom it may concern

I am writing this letter in support of the new Wildman Disc golf course. I have been playing disc golf now for roughly 4 years, and found the sport to be quite entertaining. While challenging at times, especially when looking for your disc in the bushes, I find the sport to offer more than a solo challenge. It brings people together, people of all age groups and skill levels, this sense of community is what I find to be the most satisfying. A low impact sport that takes me outside, able to meet new people, or meet up with some familiar faces, all for a very reasonable cost of entry.

I currently live in Devon, AB and the local disc golf course is Bailey's Crossing Disc Golf Course. With the course built on private land, you cannot even tell that it is there, unless someone told you about it, or you were seeking it out. There has been very little in the way of a noticeable impact on the surrounding community as vehicle traffic is rather low, and any events that do occur, have ample parking to keep the vehicles clear of any municipal roadways.

I look forward to years of fun and challenging play out at the Wildman Disc golf course.

Cheers

Callum Ryhanen

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Good morning,

I am writing in support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23.

I currently reside at 6107-138 Ave NW Edmonton and commute daily to the shop/office at 54314 Range Rd 255, Sturgeon County.

Having the ability to leave work and know that I can avoid all the major traffic and within a half hour be at Wildman is a big part of allowing me to actually schedule in some physical and mental health time.

One of the big parts of why this disc golf layout is so appreciated is how it has worked to shape into the natural features existing on property. For some of us, the disc golf is an excuse to be able to be back in nature with friends. The group that comes to Wildman is a great group of individuals with a variety of backgrounds but a common respect for the land and the people around it and a high percentage have volunteered time to work on course maintenance.

I think the overall benefits of this development are positive to the community and at a level that should not impact the local neighbours.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Ross McTaggart

Severed in line with section 17 of the FOIP Act

16/08/2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in favour of proposed bylaw 1628/23 supporting the use of land for Wildman Disc golf course to be rezoned.

As a Canadian Military Veteran currently struggling with PTSD, having this Disc Golf course exist within close proximity to CFB Edmonton, as well as my current residence is an exceptional asset. Being able to use this course, and play disc golf since my diagnosis has brought purpose back to my life. Navigating life and the world we live in today is tough in general, never mind when you have to deal with Trauma on top of that. I know I'm not the only one out there, therefore, others would absolutely benefit from The Wildman Disc golf course exactly as I have.

Having a place where a group of people can explore nature, get exercise, appreciate the outdoors and enjoy each other's company for a few hours should be deemed essential in any community. And, it is still such a vulnerable time for people, we could all benefit from getting outside and I believe every county and community should be seriously looking into options such as this course to support these needs.

Matthew is a very professional, passionate person looking to create something and build something he truly loves and wants to share with his community. I believe wholeheartedly his intention is not to create turmoil for the farmers and their surrounding land, but instead share his love for the sport and the outdoors.

Mark Thomson
Canadian Forces Veteran, and local Resident
Redwater, AB

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To: [Legislative Services](#)
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Subject: Bylaw 1628/23 Support for Public Hearing on August 22, 2023
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It is with great enthusiasm, that I, Paul Graff, a resident of St. Albert and competitive disc golfer (PDGA #169243); support the Bylaw 1628/23 that the portion of land within NW-06-57-W4M (Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1722474) be redistributed from AG - Agricultural to Direct Control District 23 and encourage the council to do the same.

Disc golf is the primary recreational activity that this land use change would support. Disc golf has been described as hiking with purpose as the object of the game is to throw a small disc into a basket within a set number of throws or "par" similar to the game of golf. Unlike the game of golf, it does not require the resources such as grass, water, etc to maintain well manicured fairways of grass and can be in the woods such as on the parcel of land in question here. Disc golf is also a very accessible sport, discs are fairly cheap and the whole family can play. It can be played year round. Furthermore, disc golf events are capped which limits the number of people there at one time and would have minimal impacts on neighbors - especially with the course being located in the woods on the back portion of the property.

I humbly suggest that the council ratifies this change to support the community with another location that promotes community fitness and health. Mr. Lalacheur, the owner of the land in question, has been a supporter of both junior and women's disc golf development in Alberta and would be able to continue these endeavours easily with your support of this land redistribution through disc golf events that could be hosted here.

Thank you,
Paul Graff

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16/08/2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in favour of proposed bylaw 1628/23 supporting the use of land for Wildman Disc golf course to be rezoned.

I am in full support of this land zone change as it will give the community a new sport to indulge in, a new sport to keep the younger generations busy and active. Disc golf is a sport where people meet and become friends, support each other's progress and self ref along the way.

My son started playing disc golf less than a year ago and has already taken to it very strongly. He has made new friends, gained a sport he loves and given him something to help cope with the struggles of mental health and PTSD in general.

This rezoning would not affect the people around this otherwise unused/unkept property in a negative way at all. If anything the work that Matthew and the disc golf community are putting into this course are helping the trees and plants flourish getting rid of all of the deadfall and brush around. This also helps minimize the chance wildfires in the area as the dead fall is looked after here and dealt with.

Again, I support this land use change and recommend all who doubt it to visit the property, go for a walk and enjoy what nature and the Wildman has to offer. It is a beautiful property looked after by a very caring and devoted gentlemen.

Thank you

Donna Thomson
Westlock County resident
Cylde, AB

From: [Parker Kary](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#)
Cc: [Matt LeLacheur](#)
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To Whom it May Concern,

I am in support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23.

My name is Parker Kary and I am a teacher at Legal School. I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the Wildman Disc Golf course in Sturgeon County. As a dedicated teacher and a strong advocate for enriching alternative educational experiences, I am convinced that this business will provide a multitude of benefits for our students and the residents in the entire area.

Over the past year, I had the privilege of organizing and accompanying numerous field trips for my students ranging from grades 4-9. These excursions have proven to be invaluable opportunities for hands-on learning and personal growth. One recent venture, in particular, stands out as a testament to the positive impact of the facility. The experience was nothing short of inspirational for our students. Beyond the sheer enjoyment of playing a new and engaging sport, the disc golf course provided additional educational and developmental advantages that align with our curriculum goals.

Physical Activity and Health: Disc golf encourages students to engage in physical activity while having fun. It promotes cardiovascular health, coordination, and teamwork, contributing to the overall well-being of our young learners.

Problem Solving and Strategy: Playing disc golf involves critical thinking, decision-making, and strategic planning. Students must assess the terrain, distance, wind conditions, and obstacles, fostering valuable problem-solving skills.

Environmental Education: The course provides an excellent platform to discuss topics such as ecology, conservation, and responsible land use. Students learn about the local ecosystem and gain a greater appreciation for nature.

Mathematics and Measurement: The sport inherently incorporates mathematics as players calculate distances, angles, and scores. These practical applications of math concepts bring classroom learning to life.

Social Interaction and Communication: Disc golf is a social game that encourages interaction and communication among players. Students learn to collaborate, share ideas, and communicate effectively with their peers.

Community Engagement: A disc golf course would become a community hub, attracting families, residents, and visitors alike. This sense of unity and engagement contributes to a vibrant local environment.

Character Development: Through friendly competition and challenges, students develop qualities such as patience, resilience, sportsmanship, and respect for others.

I firmly believe that the presence of a disc golf course in our county will extend these benefits to a wider audience of students. Such an asset will enhance our curriculum by providing an outdoor learning environment that complements our classroom teachings. Moreover, it will offer a safe and enjoyable recreational outlet for students, encouraging them to adopt healthier lifestyles and make positive life choices.

I wholeheartedly endorse the proposed disc golf course bylaw and respectfully urge you to consider its implementation. I am confident that this initiative will have a lasting and meaningful impact on our students, fostering their growth as well-rounded individuals. Thank you for your time and consideration.

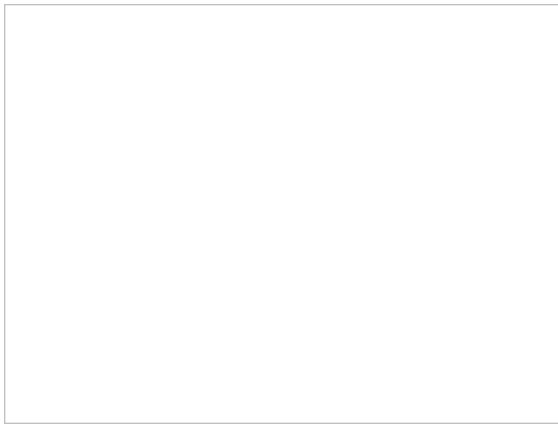
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August 16th 2023

Sturgeon County
Legislative Services

RE: Proposed Bylaw 1628/23

I, Morgan Thomson a local resident of Sturgeon County am writing to inform you of my support for proposed bylaw 1628/23.

Everyone has something they are passionate about. Disc Golf happens to be Matt's. Never have I seen someone so passionate about a single sport and therefore emanating the positive impact it can have on someone else. I have no doubt in my mind that the intention of this course is to provide a place for all to have fun, enjoy the outdoors and provide an accessible asset to the county.

I am confident your committee will respond positively to the existence of this facility.

Sincerely,

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Morgan Thomson

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16 August 2023

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing this letter to lend my support to Bylaw 1628/23, the proposed creation of the Wildman Disc Golf Course located one kilometer North of Township Road 570 on Range Road 240.

I believe establishing a Disc Golf Course would have a positive impact on the community. Disk golf continues to be a popular and growing sport across the country which can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. It's a cost-effective family outdoor activity which is fun for everyone. The rules of conventional golf are followed on the course, so noise levels are kept to a minimum.

The vegetation on the seventy acres of land consists of spruce, poplar, and pine trees, along with open grassy areas. The fact that the land will have to be groomed and maintained for the golf course will have a positive impact on fire prevention.

I believe the creation of the Wildman Disc Golf Course would only have a positive impact on the surrounding community and its residences. Traffic patterns would have minimal impact in the area. The only time there would be a moderate increase in local vehicle traffic would be during scheduled tournaments which would occur approximately six times throughout the year.

This is a positive entrepreneurial initiative which has the potential to have a very positive outcome for all those involved with the project.

Thank you for considering this creative initiative.

Glenn Innis

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From: [Nicole Roe](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#); [Rebecca Schapansky](#); [Deanna Stang](#); [Alanna Hnatiw](#); [Dan Derouin](#); [Kristin Toms](#); [Matthew McLennan](#); [Neal Comeau](#); [Jason Berry](#)
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Sturgeon County Council

Good day, we are residents of Sturgeon County and direct neighbours to the parcel of land ptNW-06-57-23-W4M and thus directly impacted by this land use change. We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed bylaw 1628/23. We are unable to attend the public meeting in person but we would like our concerns heard.

First, we would like to thank the council members who took our initial concerns seriously and advocated for us during the Sturgeon Council Meeting held on July 18th, 2023. As was mentioned at that meeting, we as neighbours have been frustrated by the way the applicant has chosen to proceed with his business without regard for his neighbours. We feel that lack of consideration has led to mistrust by many neighbours and worry about what future events will look like. We think it is very important to note that all neighbours directly impacted by this amendment are opposed to the changes. In reading the public hearing records of submission, those in favour do not reside in the area. Of the four submissions in favour, one lives in Sturgeon County, but miles away in Redwater. The other submissions are from people as far away as Lac La Biche. These people are not the ones who will be impacted, we as local residents will see the biggest impact to our daily lives.

We appreciate the administration's response to our concerns by changing the rezoning from Recreation to Direct Control District to limit activities but we still have concerns. In listening to the application presented at the July 18th Sturgeon County Council Meeting we continue to have concerns around traffic, camping, lack of services, and noise. The applicant hopes to deal with traffic and road maintenance by planning events during times that are not too wet or too dry in an attempt to mitigate dust and maintain road conditions. Currently, the applicant is accepting registrations for an event September 30- October 1st, sponsored by 4th Meridian Brewing. How will he know the weather conditions during this time? There is no plan in place, or expectations for dust suppression and road maintenance. Last year, when the applicant had a special event licence, part of the expectation was watering the road prior to and during the event to limit dust. We had to contact transportation prior to the start of the event because the road was not watered. The applicant showed no intent to follow the guidelines outlined in the permit.

The applicant also suggests he will put up "slow down" signs. How will this be enforced? Will they be posted for the 4 mile stretch North of Highway 28 on Rge Rd 240 as directions on the website indicate? Will these "slow down" signs be up all season? How fast is slow? Will there be consequences for people who do not slow down? This is not an effective way to deal with dust and road maintenance. The applicant must have a reasonable plan in place. At the July 18th meeting, Councillor Dan Derouin expressed his concern for this plan as well, he stated that the signs will not work to slow traffic down. He mentioned having a water truck on

site to deal with dust. Will this be for all season that the course is open? Will the road be watered daily if needed?

In the application, the applicant estimates daily weekday traffic to be 5 vehicles per day, weekend traffic 10 cars, and holiday traffic 20 cars. We mentioned an upcoming advertised event at the site on September 30-October 1, currently there are spots for 72 individual registrants for the 2 day event. Will these 72 individuals travel in 20 cars? As neighbours, we feel that from the beginning, we were never given the full story behind plans for the site. There are many inconsistencies with what is proposed and what actually happens. I know from past experiences that the traffic for these large events is much more than 20 vehicles and a few slow down signs will do nothing to deal with dust and road maintenance.

Another concern we have is the camping permitted on site. The application states that no buildings or services will be provided, simply a gravel parking lot to support a small number of vehicles. What about potable water, washroom facilities or garbage removal services? Will there be a limit on the number of campers? If the upcoming event draws 72 private members for two days, will they all camp at the site? Is there a plan in place for emergency services to be on site? Can the site support that many campers without any services? Now we are not only considering vehicle traffic but recreational vehicle traffic as well. Will the applicant be responsible for garbage clean up, noise reduction, and fire safety? Who is responsible for monitoring these large events? At the meeting, Councillor Berry mentioned that perhaps camping for private members was okay. We are wondering if anyone on council would like to have 72 people camping next door to them without proper services in place?

The applicant also mentions that the course will be leased to a non-profit organization. If this is the case, are they responsible for conditions that will be outlined in the development permit? In considering this lease to a non-profit organization, we are wondering if the applicant can possibly work with the county to find an alternative location to set up the disc golf course. Perhaps the non-profit group can use a location such as Cardiff Park to set up disc golf? This location has washrooms available, can be accessed easily on pavement, and has lots of parking available.

The application also states that two Sturgeon County policies, 3.1.2 and 4.1.10 are relevant to this application. Policy 3.1.2 aims to establish a partnership with neighbours to reflect a need in the community. In this case, all local community members are opposed to the development of the disc golf course. Those in support of the course do not reside in our community, it is therefore not a need for our community.

We were unable to attend the open house held at the disc golf course as there was a conflict with our annual community Harvest Days that we help to organize. The open house was planned for the same time as Harvest Days events.

We appreciate council taking our concerns into consideration and understanding our past experiences, we feel that there are too many areas of concern to approve this amendment at this time.

Thank-you for your time,
Jim and Nicole Roe
57007 Range Road 240
Sturgeon County

From: [Duncan Campbell](#)
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Sherwood Park, AB

Attn: Sturgeon County Legislative Services

Subject: Support for proposed Bylaw 1628/23

I am writing to express my strong support for proposed Bylaw 1628/23, for rezoning to accommodate the establishment of a disc golf course. This initiative presents a unique opportunity for area residents to enjoy a recreational facility at no cost to the local taxpayers, while simultaneously promoting community engagement, physical activity, and environmental stewardship.

Disc golf is an emerging and eco-friendly sport that continues to gain popularity across Alberta and beyond. A disc golf course in the area would bring numerous benefits to the community, making it an ideal addition to the local recreational infrastructure. Some of the reasons why a disc golf course would be of great value to the area include:

1. **Health and Wellness:** Disc golf is a low-impact sport that encourages physical activity, making it accessible to people of all ages and fitness levels. Establishing a disc golf course would provide our residents with an opportunity to engage in outdoor recreation, fostering healthier lifestyles and improving overall well-being.
2. **Community Engagement:** The course will serve as a gathering place for both residents and visitors, promoting social interaction and community cohesion. Local tournaments and events can be organized, encouraging friendly competition, and strengthening community bonds.
3. **Economic Impact:** The establishment of a disc golf course can have a positive economic impact on our community. It will attract players from neighboring areas, boosting tourism and patronage of local businesses such as restaurants, accommodations, and retail establishments.
4. **Environmental Considerations:** Disc golf courses can be designed and maintained in

harmony with the natural surroundings, preserving the ecological integrity of the land.

The proposal to establish a disc golf course through a non-profit organization is a fantastic opportunity for our community. Many other municipalities across Alberta have recently invested taxpayer money in creating disc golf courses for their residents to enjoy. In this case, we have the privilege of having this amenity provided at no cost to sturgeon county's taxpayers. The non-profit organization's mission is solely to promote and grow disc golf, ensuring that residents can enjoy this recreational activity without any financial burden on the community.

I've been a member of the local disc golf community for the past 20 years and in that time I've seen the immense positive impact this game has had on many lives. For many its benefits go far beyond physical health or recreation. For some disc golf is time alone in nature when they need a break. For some it's where they spend time with their friends. For lots of us it's where we have met most of the friends we've made in our adult lives. I've seen the community lift up countless people who without disc golf likely would not have anything like this in their lives. It is an amazing community that enriches the lives of everyone who plays.

I've known Matthew LeLachur, who has purchased this land and will be the president of the non-profit operating this disc golf course my entire life. I cannot think of a single person who would be more ideal to fill this role. Matthew is a conscientious, considerate, and respectful member of every community he engages with. He is someone I'm sure will work with the community to address any concerns and ensure that the course exists in harmony with the neighbors.

In conclusion, the establishment of a non-profit disc golf course would be a tremendous asset to the community. It offers significant health, social, and economic benefits, aligns with responsible environmental practices, and comes at no expense to the taxpayers. I wholeheartedly urge the municipal government to consider the rezoning request positively, recognizing the immense value it would bring to the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am available to provide any additional information or participate in any discussions that may arise in support of this proposal. Please feel free to reach me at

Sincerely,

Duncan Campbell

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Dear Sturgeon County Council,

I would like to voice my support for the proposed rezoning of the Wildman disc golf course (bylaw 1628/23.) I began playing disc golf about 3 years ago and it greatly improved my life. Before that I wasted most of my spare time playing video games. Since starting, I've lost 25 pounds and am healthier than I have been since high school. The low impact exercise, mixed with walking up and down hills has also helped lower my cholesterol. My girlfriend's Apple Watch counts 18 holes of disc golf at Wildman as about 12-15000 steps and 17 flights of stairs of walking. When playing it's normal to see young children, people in their 60's or even 70's and everyone in between playing.

Now I play disc golf two or three times a week at various courses. Despite how often I play, I am only able to make the trip out to Wildman once every week or two. I know some neighbours are concerned about traffic, but in my experience very few people come out on weekdays and only about 10-12 on Saturdays and Sundays at most. The course offers a wonderful opportunity for people young and old to enjoy the beautiful landscape in your county. Edmonton already has several courses that are very wide open at Rundle and Hermitage Parks. Wildman is unique because of how forested the course is. Existing paths and trails have been used wherever possible and this heavy forest cover is a feature that will need to be preserved for the course to be what it is. Disc golfers universally love the outdoors and environment, and do a very good job of cleaning up after themselves, especially on private land where those who are allowed in, will have to be invited. Allowing Matt to run the Wildman course will have a great deal of benefit to a very wide variety of people. The actual drawbacks are almost non-existent, despite a small vocal minority feeling otherwise.

For the above reasons and many more, I support Bylaw 1628/23

Sincerely,

Grayson Lautt

Edmonton, AB T5T4B1

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To: [Legislative Services](#)
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To whom it may concern,

I live on range road 240 just south of wildman disc golf. I think it's great that someone is using the land in the area for sports and recreation. I haven't noticed any increased traffic on my road even though I'm just south of the course. My friend and coworker who plays disc golf talked about the health benefits of the game. My husband and I would be interested in trying the sport sometime and having a quality recreation facility nearby would help us be healthier. I support bylaw 1628/23.

Sincerely,

Stacey and Matt Gislason
56332 RR 240

From:
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Dear Sturgeon County Council,

I understand that Council requests public input on proposed bylaw 1628/23. This bylaw proposes to redistrict a portion of NW-06-57-23-W4M (Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1722474) from "AG – Agriculture" to "Direct Control District 23" for the purpose of operating a disc golf facility.

My name is Danielle Umrysh and I live at 169, 25100 TWP RD 554, Sturgeon County, Alberta (across the street from Cardiff Park). I was really pleased to hear that someone is trying to build a disc golf course in our area. I think this would be a great addition to Sturgeon County's myriad of activities that friends and family could enjoy without having to travel through busy cities like St. Albert and Edmonton to get there.

I am a member of Cardiff Golf Course and love golf. The fact that you can now play golf using a disc is very intriguing to me. I'm told it is an inexpensive and accessible to people of all ages. I'm in support of any sport that encourages people to get out and enjoy the outdoors and physical activity. I love that they use the trees as their course and don't have to cut them all down like you would to build a regular golf course. My nephew thinks very highly of disc golf and tells me it is a fun game with a relaxed and friendly player base, always willing to help new players. I would love to see this disc golf course built so that I can get out there to see his skills and to let him help me learn how to play.

I love being across from Cardiff Park and seeing all of the public that it draws to do a myriad of activities it offers (fishing, golfing, baseball, soccer, kayaking, etc). I'm quite certain that having a disc golf course in one's neighbourhood would draw a really great, respectable crowd, similar to what we see at Cardiff Park. There are many beautiful areas in Sturgeon County and it would be

wonderful to add this disc golf course to the list of activities that we could encourage others to come and enjoy.

Please accept this email as my support of bylaw 1628/23.

Thank you for your time,

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Danielle Umrysh
169, 25100 TWP RD 554
Sturgeon County, AB T8R 2G5

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I am writing this letter to support Wildman disc golf. Our family has been enjoying this place all summer, we have been looking for something in the community for us to get out side and get some exercise.

We live in RR 240 not far north from here. The local traffic has little to no change since this place open, people get to enjoy this place instead of going to the city for it.

I would be very disappointed in the county if Wildman disc golf was unable to operate. We need more places like this for the community.

The land is still full of wildlife and vegetation and is not effected negative by having this course here

Our family looks forward to the use of this place for years to come.

Thanks Amos jensen

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From: [Nicole Paproski](#)
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Good afternoon,

To whom it may concern,

My name is Nicole Paproski and I am a resident of Bon Accord and am writing to you about Wildman Disc Golf course that is located just outside of town.

It's so exciting to have a new course that is so close, as most courses are at least 20-30 minutes away if not further.

Disc golf is a great sport for all ages, from youngsters to old ages all well. It's a great way to spend a couple of hours outside in the fresh air and get some exercise as well.

It has minimal impact on others around the land as its not known to be a loud or wild sport either. It can be a family outing or a solo adventure which is awesome.

I am in support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23 and as a resident of Sturgeon County and Bon Accord, am thrilled that Wildmans is here for us to play at. My husband Kirk Paproski also plays and is in support. He can be reached at

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We also know of others in Bon Accord that love the sport of disc golf as well so it's great to have a place so close to home.

Sincerely,

Nicole Paproski

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Thursday June 15, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Kristin Swirles and I am writing in support of the Wildman Disc Golf Course in Bon Accord and the proposed bylaw 1628/23 to change the land to REC-Recreational District! I have been playing disc golf in Edmonton since 2016 and am heavily invested in our local community. For the last two years I have hosted a Women's Disc Golf Tournament called She's Up First that is a supportive and safe space for women to try out competitive play. Many of those women compete for their first time and go on to play in other tournaments throughout the province. Last year Wildman was gracious enough to host our small group for a women's practice day! The women had a blast! Wildman is building community. Matt is inclusive and welcoming of all players in the sport and being at his course feels fun, safe, and enjoyable.

As someone who has played for a while and also takes in the professional side of the sport as a consumer of the PDGA and Disc Golf Pro Tour it is exciting to have local people that want to help create top level courses so close to home. With the creation of Wildman as well as another private course West of the city I feel Edmonton could be in a position to one day (soon) host Nationals or bigger events like this. Wildman creates a destination spot for Edmontonian's and also folks outside of Edmonton. When fellow disc golfers come to town and ask where to play, Wildman is a spot that people suggest. Lunch is required after such a tough hike in the woods and wouldn't it be great if those out of towners could stop in Bon Accord and patronize the local businesses?

Disc Golf has a low environmental impact. It promotes a hike in nature, a hike with a purpose. The Disc Golf community here in Edmonton is revered across Alberta and even Canada as a welcoming, fun and warm group. I truly feel there are nothing but positives that come from having a course like Wildman in the area.

Thanks for all your work addressing the concerns of neighbours. I do hope they can come around to see these positives!

I would be happy to answer further questions regarding the disc golf community in Edmonton. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Kristin Swirles

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I am Chris Boisvert and I am in support of purposed Bylaw 1628/23.
I live at Range Road 20 Parkland County.

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Sturgeon county has something special in the Wildman disc golf course. It is a place where anyone with an interest in nature, hiking, or disc golf can go and spend time with friends or family away from the noise of the city. With the way our lifestyles are more focused on social media and faces trained on cell phones, Wildman disc golf course provides a chance to be present with people, friends or family. We are in dire need of these places now more than ever. Disc golf saved my life, the sport gave me a way to interact with people again and the people gave me purpose. Now all I want is to share that with anyone and everyone I meet.

Disc golf gives people a chance to be included, to make new friendships, to grow as a person that is part of something great.

Thank you

From: [Patrick Walter](#)
To: wildmandiscgolf@gmail.com; [Legislative Services](#)
Subject: I am in support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23
Date: August 20, 2023 11:03:37 AM

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To whom it may concern.

I Patrick walter am in support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23

I think this discgolf course could be a great addition to the community. As school's are able to get kids out their to enjoy a great source of recreation. And also enjoy nature while doing so. You would also have people from surrounding areas around to support local businesses bringing money into the community.

I have personally met so many people through this sport that have so many great stories on how this sport changed their lives. All the way from a way to get out and walk and get some exercise and loose a bunch of weight. To people that have had addictions and disc golf got them away from all that.

From what I have seen through this sport is 98% of the people that play disc golf are compassionate kind careing people who love to help other's out and support other communities.

This sport is very inexpensive to play and that's why it's very appealing for lots of people to try it out. It's also very easy to pick up. It's a good sport to play with family, friends, or solo.

I do honestly belive if this bylaw passes. That sturgeon county could have a really great thing for their community.

RE: Bylaw 1628/23 Public Hearing Aug 22/23 at 2:30pm Redistricting a Portion of NW-6-57-23-W4M (Lot1, Block 1, Plan 1722474)

POSITION: OPPOSED

As residents of Sturgeon County, we are strongly opposed to redistricting the above property. We are not directly affected as a neighbour, but we are very concerned about the precedent this could set.

Businesses bring with them increases in traffic, noise, garbage in the ditches, trespassers on neighbouring properties, and crime. Add to all that are the issues with hours of operation that consume evenings and weekends. These businesses completely disrupt our way of life and ability to enjoy our own properties. These are not possible outcomes, or assumptions of what may happen, these are factual results of businesses operating in otherwise rural areas. As neighbours, we should not be asked to tolerate these invasions to our own lifestyles.

In addition to the unacceptable and unreasonable stresses to the personal lives of neighbours and residents, the increased volumes of traffic and people tax our infrastructure, and put unnecessary pressures on our support services, potentially leaving residents at risk when help is needed.

We have read the County's vision of what Agritourism and Agribusiness will bring to the county, and this does not fit anywhere in the idea that is being promoted, but it is the reality of the types of requests being made. The answer needs to be a firm no. Council and Administration should be putting the needs of the bulk of the population of the county ahead of the desires of the few. Please stand up for the rights of the neighbours and the rest of the county residents. It is extremely frustrating that as residents we must continually fight to protect our way of life.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Gerlock & Fred Fibi
Residents, Sturgeon County

Written Submission for
Public Hearing – Bylaw 1628/23
(Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 1385/17)

Submitter: Darrell Ouellette

Interest in the matter: Sturgeon County resident directly affected by the proposed bylaw.

Proposed Bylaw: I am **opposed** to the proposed bylaw.

Sturgeon County Council,

For the second time I am opposed to the proposed bylaw 1628/23 for the following reasons. Many of these reasons have not changed since my first written submission for the re-zoning to REC.

I had the opportunity to meet Matthew LeLacheur (Matt) at his open house on August 11, 2023 to discuss his development plans for this property. I will get into the particulars of this discussion later in this letter, but when asked if his development plans have changed since the public opposition to the land being re-zoned to recreational, and his answer was no they have not changed. To this answer I asked why he is applying to have this zoned to Direct Control. His answer to this is that he did not initiate this re-zoning, and this was Sturgeon County's backup plan if the rezoning to recreational was opposed. I asked Matt if Sturgeon County had addressed with him any of the public's concerns to the first public hearing, and he indicated no Sturgeon County did not.

1. Application Description

- a. I have listened intently to the video record for the meetings that took place on May 9, June 13, and July 18, 2023. I have listened to Rebecca repeat the application statements in every meeting. I disagree with the statements in the application.

b.

The front ±30 acres is partially drained, poor quality low-land soil, and only suitable for haying and is the area that is proposed to retain the current AG – Agriculture District. The applicant intends to lease the front half of the property for crop production. The ±40 acres at the back of the parcel is not suitable for farming as it is thickly forested and has steep slopes and is the proposed location of the disc golf course.

Disc golf is a low-impact environmental sport suitable for all ages. The narrow fairways and reduction of brush, dead fall, and dead standing trees help to create natural fire breaks.

I asked Matt who made these statements and he indicated that he provided the wording for the application. Personally, Matt does not strike me as an authority on farming or fire protection. So I will ask this question. Who(m) at Sturgeon County substantiated these claims? I find this absolutely absurd that these comments keep getting reiterated at every meeting, and I am sure they will be re-read at this next public meeting. What makes this land not suitable for farming? Thick forest and steep slopes? Perhaps Sturgeon County could confer with the farmers and ranchers that operate in the foothills of Alberta; they seem to make it work. And a natural fire break? Please, you only need to watch the current news about all the wildfires to know this property has no natural fire breaks. The highlighted comments above only serve to mislead council, and downplay the agricultural uses it can be (and was) used for.

2. Public Hearing June 13, 2023

- a. After watching/listening the video for the June 13 public hearing I would like to make note of my observations.
- b. First and foremost, all the public speakers (except for Matt) were neighbors to this property and residents of Sturgeon County. All were in opposition to the re-zoning to recreational, with 2 being neutral, and all had many concerns. With the current re-zoning to Direct Control, this does not address most of the resident's concerns which I will get into later.
- c. It was established that Wildman Disc Golf had not been operating this business on this property in 2023 because of the established need for proper zoning due to complaints from the previous year. Then it was mentioned that bylaw services had to visit his property because he was operating the business with disregard and in defiance of authority. In Matt's closing remarks he mentioned he had a school to come out and learn about disc golf. I did some searching and found that Gibbons School had attended this location in May 2023. <https://www.gibbonsschool.ca/calendars#/month/2023/05>
- d.

<p>10</p> <p>Grade 6 Outdoor Classroom Field Trip</p> <p>Junior High Animal Health Field Trip</p> <p>10:30 am</p> <p>Hockey Academy to Wildman Disc Golf</p> <p>10:45 am</p> <p>Internet Safety Presentation (Ages 14+)</p> <p>7:00 pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9C LA Field Test</p> <p>9:30 am</p> <p>K&E LA Field Test</p> <p>9:30 am</p> <p>H.A. Wildman Disc Golf Field Trip</p> <p>10:45 am</p> <p>Elementary Animal Health Field Trip</p> <p>11:30 am</p>
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This would explain the comment by one speaker that there were school buses at the property. This was done without a special permit and knowingly in bylaw defiance. How many chances is Sturgeon County going to give Wildman Disc Golf? He has repeatedly operated his company with no regard for Sturgeon County authorization. I get the impression that Wildman Disc Golf is being promoted from within the Sturgeon County organization; curious how a Sturgeon County School found out about this business.

- e. Matt's opening remarks was that he had the time and money to put into this venture, but in his closing remarks (which did not follow procedure but was honored) he required revenue from this business to implement the improvements required.

3. Second Reading July 18, 2023

- a. One of the major concerns from the first public hearing was the topic of campground and camping, and the associated concerns with camping in the area. If I recall correctly most respondents are not in favor of camping. To address this concern the comment was made that camping on this land would be restricted to members only, and that they would have a key to the front gate. That really creates an uneasy feeling and a whole lot of security issues. After talking with Matt, his intention is to still have camping but said he did not want a campground. Personally, I do not see the difference between camping and campground.

DC23 – DIRECT CONTROL DISTRICT 23 – Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1722474



.1 General Purpose

To establish a Direct Control District that provides for the limited recreational uses provided for herein.

.2 District Boundaries

This district applies to part of the NW-6-57-23-W4M, Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1722474.

.3 Uses

Permitted Uses	Discretionary Uses
Accessory, building*	Private camp or club
Accessory dwelling unit	Recreation facility, outdoor
Accessory, use*	
Dwelling, single detached	
Private camp or club**	
Recreation facility, outdoor**	

**Refer to Paragraph 16.23.6(c) for further clarification

- b.
- c. The proposed DC23 does not address the camping issue. When I see Private camp, the word camp still indicates camping or campground.
- d. It appears to me that Sturgeon County is making things up as they go. Having Private camp or club, and Recreation facility, outdoor listed in both Permitted Uses and Discretionary Uses just adds to the confusion. I have requested the ** 16.23.6(c) clarification, but as I write this letter, I do not have this information. I have been on enough boards to know this is ambiguous and should only be one column or the other.

- e. For the purpose of this second public hearing, I can only assume that the land could potentially be used for any of the ambiguous permitted or discretionary uses in the future. The Direct Control use(s) will still affect neighbouring residents in a negative manner. None of my issues below have been addressed simply by changing the application from Recreational to Direct Control
 - i. Decreased property value.
 - 1. Neighbouring properties bordering this property, and the properties in close proximity, will see a reduction in property re-sale value if for example a campground was developed. In my opinion, real estate would view this as a degradation to country residential lifestyle and appeal. How do current property owners get compensated for that? There are at least 12 residential properties in very close proximity to this land.
 - ii. Increased traffic.
 - 1. Any new developments on this land would be to promote the Wildman Disc Golf business, which would result in an increase in traffic along the local roads currently being used primarily for agricultural and residential purposes.
 - 2. Road deterioration will be a major concern.
 - 3. Dust control will be a major concern.
 - 4. Public safety will be a major concern.
 - a. Many people reside in the country to raise a family in a rural setting. This means that there may be children playing close to on the roadways (bicycling).
 - b. For the most part country dwellers understand and know that children could be on or near roadways, and drive accordingly with caution. The clientele for Wildman Disc Golf would be primarily from urban areas (I would assume), and may not exhibit the same regard for safety.
 - 5. With increased traffic comes increased crime.
 - a. With rural crime on the rise, increased traffic could potentially increase, as the recreational use occupants have to opportunity to view/valuate properties along the way to this recreational area, and neighbouring properties.
 - 6. With increased traffic comes increased noise.
 - iii. Increased noise.
 - 1. If camping is allowed, this would increase the noise level for anyone in close proximity, and adversely affects their quality of life, and the life they have come to expect from rural living.
 - iv. Trespassing
 - 1. Direct Control zoning could include camping, and would undoubtedly involve campers/property users straying from the current land, and trespassing on private land. This would increase complaints, altercations, and policing. Zoning land as direct control does not stop

users from going onto private land for things like hiking, walking the dog, bicycling, exploring, using ATV's, etc.

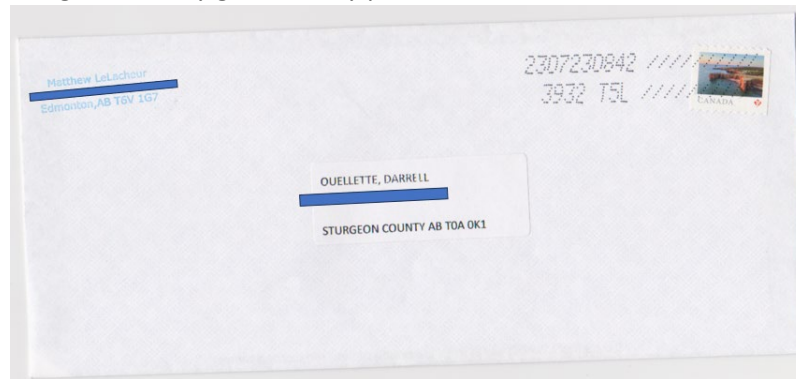
v. Quality of life for current property owners.

1. Any of the items listed above will negatively impact the quality of life that current property owners have come to expect from rural country living and farming efforts.

f. I feel as though Deanna Stang (Div 5 Councillor) was not treated with the respect she deserves. Deanna is representing the residents of division 5 (where this application resides) and requested the application be denied. After further discussion several councillors wanted another public hearing, and subsequently Deanna was pressured to retract her statement. I am sure this application weighs on her, and to not have the support from her colleagues also weighs heavily.

4. Wildman Disc Open House Letter

- a. I was alarmed when I received an open house invitation in the mail directly from Matt. I have never given out my mailing address or land location to anyone regarding this application, yet somehow Matt got my personal information. I was considering to lodge a complaint and request an investigation to Sturgeon County, as I could only assume Sturgeon County gave out my personal information.



- b.
- c. I never asked Matt directly, but he forwardly told me that he had to deliver self addressed stamped envelopes to Sturgeon County, who affixed the address labels and mailed out. The optics is still that Sturgeon County gave out my personal information which I assume is in violation of privacy policies. In the future to prevent any future concern, this should be in Sturgeon County envelopes on behalf of the sender.

Conclusion:

It is my position to strongly **oppose** this re-zoning application, and request that it be denied. This re-zoning application seems to be more out of necessity/reaction as opposed to due-diligence planning, lacks integrity, lacks transparency, and has no detail on future development/growth. I also feel as though a re-zoning of this land to direct control will cause more negative impacts and issues for area residents, land owners, and Sturgeon County, now and in the future. Just because this property is inappropriately being portrayed as low grade agricultural land, it does have great value in remaining agricultural. I understand that this business would bring diversification, but I also see very little growth and benefit for Sturgeon County to re-zone this land to direct control. There may be an increase in tax money, but very

little increase in local spending within Sturgeon County due to the close proximity to Edmonton, and the seasonal nature of this business.

Sturgeon Council, please do not take or make this decision lightly. This will directly affect neighboring residents and land owners who take pride and want to live in Sturgeon County.

Personally, the optics indicate this will be driven through to acceptance as though there is internal influence. I get the feeling Sturgeon County will do whatever it takes to make this happen, but who is Sturgeon County really representing; the applicant or the residents/neighbors.

I believe Joanne Tighe said it best at the first public hearing. What legacy do you want to leave?

A county that will do anything for business and alienate anyone opposed? I say alienate as there were many emotion-based speakers at the first hearing.

An elected council that represents the voting residents?

In the first public hearing, all but 2 Sturgeon County residents were opposed with none in favor. Curious to see what transpires. If there is another Direct Control application or third public hearing, I will know that answer.

Regards,

Darrell Ouellette

Sturgeon County Resident

From: [Aaron Davies](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#)
Subject: Bylaw 1628/23
Date: August 18, 2023 8:22:42 PM

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I am writing to express my support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23. In my previous letter of support, I described the benefits of disc golf and the positive impacts this course would have on the community. I was able to virtually attend the previous public hearing regarding this bylaw and was horrified at the fear mongering, misinformation and hypocrisy presented by local residents.

On my last visit to Wildman Disc Golf Course, I drove past a sign for a graduation party, and I believe it was at a property owned by one of the residents who was present to oppose this bylaw. Instead of snooping on this party (counting how many cars there were, seeing if they were making too much noise, seeing how much litter there was, checking to see which county bylaws were being disobeyed, seeing if they obtained a private event license etc.), I continued to drive on by and mind my own business. It is nice that these residents feel like they can enjoy these types of gatherings with impunity, as it is not pleasant to live in a community that does otherwise. How many of these residents organize and host family reunions, weddings, family garage sales etc. and how exactly are they different from a yearly or semi-yearly disc golf tournament that would attract the same number of people and result in the same amount of traffic?

The objections are simply fear mongering. One resident claimed that he "even saw school buses." Note that he didn't hear them, nor did he see anyone that was on them, as they were all likely playing disc golf in the forest. He just "saw" school buses in a place he had never seen them before. There was no meaningful impact on this person and there will be no meaningful impact on anyone in the vicinity of this course at any time. If there were, Matt would rectify the situation. Matt is one of the most responsible and ethical people in the disc golf community. Matt is a leader and volunteer. He would be a very positive addition to the local community and it is a terrible shame he was greeted the way he was.

There were also some concerns about environmental impact. I would also encourage local residents to consider their own environmental footprint on the local community, as pesticides, fertilizer and manure runoff much more significantly impact water quality than any hypothetical scenario that was presented at this hearing. Forest fires are no more likely to occur there than anywhere else. The open fairways are natural fire breaks. If anything, neighboring residents are *less* likely to be impacted by fire, as with the creation of the course, massive amounts of deadfall were removed. Note that the proper permits were acquired to lawfully burn these piles of deadfall.

Sturgeon County prides itself on "Community. Innovation. Ambition." When you consider this project and the opposition to it, which side best reflects these values? Sturgeon County also claims to pursue "global and domestic competitiveness in diverse business areas." I trust this represents genuine commitment rather than mere verbal affirmation. It is my hope that Sturgeon County allows this course to exist in some fashion, as it directly aligns with their established values and directives.

Aaron Davies
Plamondon, AB

From: [Deanna Stang](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#)
Subject: Fwd: Regarding zoning - Public Hearing on land on RR 240 North of Bon Accord]
Date: August 21, 2023 9:03:22 AM

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Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 8:58:51 AM
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Subject: Regarding zoning - Public Hearing on land on RR 240 North of Bon Accord]

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Greetings Deanna,

Please note that I am unable to attend today due to a long standing and necessary appointment for my Transport Canada Pilot medical. My concerns on this are even stronger after discussing with most people involved. This is no place for such a project that will be most disruptive in a rural setting with only narrow gravel road access. Due to fire hazard, it will also be extremely dangerous. Please see that my concerns are relayed to all council members.

Thanks, and all the best,
Don

Dear Council,

As a nearby resident I strongly object to the commercialization of said property as it will be disruptive to our farming community. The roads are gravel and the excess traffic will exacerbate an already dusty upheaval from same. Further, there is the extreme danger of fire as surrounding properties are heavily treed with large areas of grass. We are already in constant danger from such and have to be ever vigilant about same. Having a camping and party area with strangers constantly cruising our roads is not why we live where we do. The disruption and noise will undoubtedly be unacceptable.

My taxes are paid in full as of June 1st.

Sincerely,

Don Klein
NE12 57 24 W4
[REDACTED]

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From: [Lisa Pino](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#)
Subject: Written Submission Regarding Land Use Bylaw 1385/17
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Dear Sturgeon County Council,

I am a direct neighbour to the parcel of land NW-06-57-23-W4M and am directly impacted by this suggested rezoning and in complete opposition to the proposed bylaw 1628/23.

Although we appreciate the council's response to our communities' concerns by changing the rezoning from Recreation to Direct Control District, I do not feel this really addresses any of the issues from the initial hearing. All the concerns are just as relevant under Direct Control. He is still being given approval to operate an **Outdoor Recreational Facility, Campground, Clubhouse, and accessory buildings**. I would like to know what issues/concerns this proposed change to the rezoning has eliminated?

What is going to be done to address the constant traffic past our homes and schools and the damage that the range road is sure to sustain?

What about excess litter from campers or pollution from vehicles where there is 100+ cars in the parking lot for a tournament. How is this going to affect the Wildlife and surrounding wetlands?

What kind of plan is going to be put in place to address the alarming increase to risks of forest fires with a campground next door? This parcel of land is surrounded by people's homes and precious farmland that have been in their families for many generations. 2023 has proven that wildfires are becoming more of an issue with each year that passes, and now we must worry about living next door to a campground? How many fire pits will be permitted and what measures will be put in place to ensure they are operating safely?

I am not seeing where changing from Recreation to Direct Control District has addressed any of this.

I couldn't help but notice that the written submissions from the first hearing that are in favour of this rezoning, are from people who do not reside in the area, as a matter of fact they are not even from our county. Are favourable submissions from Lac La Biche and Edmonton truly being considered for this when they don't have to worry about any of the issues mentioned above? I would be interested to hear their stance if this was being proposed directly next door to their home.

A submission from Lac La Biche stated **"Unlike traditional golf courses, disc golf courses are designed with nature in mind. No fertilizers, weed killers or heavy equipment is used in creating or maintaining. Noise and traffic would most definitely be minimum, and this is ultimately no different than a series of hiking trails"**. As someone who actually resides in the area, and the direct neighbour of Wildman Disc Golf – I can state we have already sustained damage to our property from trees being cut down on our land, without our permission, to clean up the area for one of their holes. The constant sound of a chainsaw running has sadly become the new normal and to try to compare this to a hiking trail is asinine. This written submission also mentions that a disc golf course is **"all a part of urban planning"**. Well, I would like to state this is not an Urban area, this is a rural farming community. That is

what has brought people to the area and that is what has kept people in the area for decades.

I truly hope the people of this area are taken into consideration, it's very apparent that the only people in favour of this development are those who are in no way affected day to day like we all are.

Thank-you for your time and consideration!

Lisa Pino
57025 Rge Rd 240.
Sturgeon County

From: [Kelly Briggs](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#)
Subject: Re: Bylaw 1628/23 Wildman Disc Golf
Date: August 21, 2023 10:17:36 AM

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Dear Council Members,

I would like to introduce myself to you, I'm Kelly Briggs and one of the most avid disc golfers in North America. I would like to Support the proposed Bylaw 1628/23 pertaining to Wildman Disc Golf.

I have been involved with Matt LeLacheur and WildmanDisc Golf since day one. I met Matt approximately 3 years ago and we let the passion of Disc Golf, Nature & Friendship take this place where it is today. I have let this sport transform my life. I have lost almost 100 lbs and gained mental confidence like I have never realized. I cherish every round at Wildman Disc Golf as it has saved my life. This property is a complete asset to the community and should be enjoyed by all!

This is the Perfect property for Schools, Community and all ages of life to Enjoy the outdoors.

Every time I head to Matt's Property..... I'm in Utopia. Please consider Matt's request for re-zoning as this is one the most special places in the world.

If you have any questions please reach out to me.

I hope that each of you on council has had an opportunity to come to the property to understand the entire concept so you can make a solid and educated decision before you vote.

Thanks,
Kelly Briggs
[REDACTED]

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Thanks Kelly Briggs Phone: [REDACTED] Email: briggsypowersports@sturgeoncounty.ca [REDACTED]

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From: [Matt Agostini](#)
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Dear Sturgeon County Council,

I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns once again against the rezoning of NW-06-57-23-W4M. As I mentioned in the last hearing, my family and the surrounding residents are all opposed to this rezoning and development. Now, although the council has amended the permitted and discriminatory uses for this land, it still allows for all of the same development that this community refuses to live next to.

Instead of calling it recreational land, we're now calling it a direct control district, however under permitted uses it still lists "Outdoor Recreational Facility, Camping, Clubhouse, and accessory buildings." Outdoor Recreational Facility is the same vague language that is used to describe permitted uses under the Recreational zoning. I'm not exactly convinced that any actual guardrails are being put in place to protect our residents' interests.

There's an old trick that developers use to push a project through. When they want to build 5 houses in an area, that might upset the public, they don't apply to build 5 houses - they apply to build 50 houses. Then when the public gets upset, they pretend to compromise and say something along the lines of "After reviewing the concerns of the community we will agree to scale back the development to 5 houses only" The developers get exactly what they originally wanted, and the public is left thinking they landed some sort of win and are none the wiser. Forgive me, but this is beginning to sound a lot like one of those scenarios. We can not accept these terms, we do not want to live near a recreational resort of any kind.

The fact is that this amendment changes nothing as far as the people that live in this community are concerned. It will still result in a dramatic increase in weekly traffic including RVs and Holiday trailers down our range roads and past our children's school. The disc golf course has already been operating without proper zoning/permitting for two years and has already dwarfed the projected traffic numbers in the application. Sometimes by as much as ten-fold.

It will still bring more noise, more crime, and more pollution to the farms and waterways that we have depended on for decades. Furthermore, it will bring an increased risk of wildfires to our doorsteps. In Alberta more than **300 wildfires** are started every single year from campers, and now he wants us to live next to those campers? This whole idea is terrifying.

After the last hearing several of us from the community questioned Matt about this Non-Profit Organization that would be running the business. He told us, and I quote. "It's basically a way for my buddies and I to get money from the government." I find this abuse of the system to be disgusting. I know for a fact that the Lelacheur family is extremely wealthy. Now he's expecting us to pay for this development that we all despise, through our tax dollars? Far too often we hear of wealthy families with political influence pushing people around. I pray that the council will show us that this time is different.

The people of this community have spoken. Any support this project has received is from people not living in our community and in no way affected by all the issues I just outlined. If you approve this rezoning and subsequent development, it will negatively impact all the residents here, the tax paying voters, the members of this community. Please do not go against our wishes.

Denying this rezoning will ensure our continued support for each of you politically, our commitment to growing our community in a sustainable way, and provide you an opportunity to show the rest of Alberta that you are in fact committed to preserving agricultural land for generations to come as your website so proudly states.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Matt Agostini

57025 Rge Rd 240.

Sturgeon County

From: [Kristina Auger](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#)
Subject: Wildman disc golf course
Date: August 21, 2023 12:04:42 PM

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Hello! my name is Liam Auger and I am 10 year old Métis boy. Disc golfing has become a huge part of my life this summer. It is a way I can get out and spend time with my family walking and pointing out different species of animals and plants. The time spent in the fresh air clears our minds. I also have had the opportunity to go to a few tournaments around alberta these past couple months. they have taught me how to be positive in every situation no matter what I Place, and also how to have healthy competition with other kids ranging in ages from 10-17. I can't wait for the Wildman's tournament this fall!!!!

The adults in this sport have encouraged me and taught me the things they know passing on their knowledge freely. And now I pass on what I have learned to my younger peers.

Thank you for reading my letter and have a great day!

Sent from my iPhone

To: Legislative Services

Re: Public Hearing - Bylaw 1628/23

My name is Wally Ovalle from Edmonton and I wanted to show my support to allow the change of the land in question from Agricultural to Recreational district, the reason for my support of this change has many reasons.

1 – Allowing a recreational district in this area would open a lot of opportunities for the community to get active and introduce the rural community to the sport of disc golf and its benefits.

2 – The sport of disc golf has been around since the early 80's and has gained a lot of popularity due to the low cost to get into the sport plus allowing anyone of any age to learn and enjoy the sport.

3 – The benefits of the game are endless, but the most beneficial are helping people to get fit and the most important benefit is mental health, studies showed that especially during the pandemic disc golf was a great tool to maintain mental health during that time, and it continues to provide mental health benefits to thousands of people enjoying the sport every day. Feel free to read about mental health and disc golf in the following links.

<https://www.pdga.com/news/they-said-it-disc-golf-mental-health> <https://sabattusdiscgolf.com/en-ca/blogs/sdg-newsbytes/5-science-backed-reasons-why-disc-golf-is-good-for-your-mental-health>

I myself found disc golf in 2002 and fell in love with the game and the people, for the last 21 years I have volunteered with our local club and helped to grow the sport as well as installed a couple of courses in our community, I have also run several tournaments in that span and have made many great friends. The benefits of mental health that disc golf has provided me have made me into a happier and more productive person.

The sport of disc golf goes beyond the sport, it encourages people and communities to come together and be social, active and healthy, see the link below about the top 5 reasons why disc golf is right for your community.

<https://udisc.com/why-disc-golf>

Wildman disc golf has done so much work to provide another source and venue where people can come and enjoy the sport, being a private course, it limits the access to only players that are serious about the game and people that appreciate the amount of work it takes to build one of these, as stated before the benefits of disc golf should supersede the legalities and obstacles people have to overcome to enjoy the game and I feel that Wildman has done a lot to promote the game to so many people, he should be allowed to grow his land, his course and his spirit.

I appreciate you taking the time to hear my opinion and I hope that as a community minded legislature you will allow Wildman to continue to grow the sport and positivity.

Have a great day!

Wally Ovalle

From: [Kyle Warren](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#)
Cc: [Matthew LeLacheur](#)
Subject: Bylaw 1628/23
Date: August 21, 2023 6:58:31 PM

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Hello Council of Sturgeon County,

I am in support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23.

I enjoy the benefits of disc golf in the Bon Accord area and would like to see Bylaw 1628/23 allow for the Wildman disc golf course to continue its operations, with the minimal impacts on neighbours and the surrounding land.

Regards,
Kyle Warren
President - Wood Buffalo Disc Golf Association
1(780)885-1766
2023 Team Disc Store Member

From: [Daniel H](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#)
Subject: Fwd: Wildman Disc golf
Date: August 21, 2023 8:02:06 PM

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From: Daniel H
Date: Tue, Jun 6, 2023, 11:29 a.m.
Subject: Wildman Disc golf
To: <legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca>

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Good Morning!

I am writing to express my strong support for the bylaw proposal 1628/23. Plans to convert the agricultural land NW-06-57-23-W4M (Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1722474) into a recreational district. Having thoroughly examined the potential benefits of such a project, I believe that it would be a valuable addition to the county and provide numerous advantages to both residents and visitors alike.

First and foremost, a disc golf course would contribute significantly to both the physical and mental health of visitors. Disc golf is a fun and accessible sport that encourages physical activity, promotes a healthy lifestyle, and fosters a sense of camaraderie among participants. By offering a recreational space specifically designed for disc golf, we would be providing an affordable and inclusive opportunity for individuals of all ages and abilities to engage in outdoor activities.

Moreover, a disc golf course would enhance the overall recreational offerings within the county. With its low environmental impact and minimal infrastructure requirements, a disc golf course can be designed and maintained without compromising the natural beauty and integrity of the land. By redistricting this parcel of agricultural land for this purpose, we would be creating a unique recreational asset that complements existing facilities while diversifying the options available to residents and attracting visitors from neighboring communities.

In addition to the health benefits and recreational value, a disc golf course can also have positive economic impacts. Disc golf enthusiasts often travel to visit different courses and participate in tournaments, generating tourism revenue for the local businesses and boosting the local economy. The establishment of a well-maintained disc golf course in the county would undoubtedly attract players from near and far, stimulating spending in our restaurants, hotels, and other businesses.

Furthermore, a disc golf course can promote environmental stewardship and conservation efforts. Through proper course design and management, we can incorporate elements such as native plantings, wildlife habitats, and erosion control measures. By creating a harmonious

coexistence between the disc golf course and the natural surroundings, we can raise awareness about the importance of environmental preservation and educate visitors about sustainable practices.

I am confident that the conversion of this small portion of agricultural land into a recreational disc golf course aligns strongly with the county's vision of "Community, Innovation & Ambition". The project holds great potential to enrich the lives of residents, attract visitors, and bolster the local economy while promoting environmental sustainability.

I urge Sturgeon county to carefully consider this proposal and support the transformation of this piece of agricultural land into recreational land. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel Humeniuk

Edmonton, Alberta
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From: [Judy McLay](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#)
Subject: Wild man Disc golf course
Date: August 21, 2023 8:32:27 PM

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My name is Judy McLay, I live at 2-24518 Twp 551, my concerns regarding this development are, the property is zoned agricultural and owner took it upon himself to develop his property prior to contacting the county to see if it was allowed. This project was started at least two years ago. The county had full knowledge that it was being developed but yet let the owner continue without out the proper permits and rezoning in place. This seems to be the norm in Sturgeon County, build it and then ask for forgiveness, this sets a presidents for future developments in Sturgeon County, buy an agricultural zone piece of property and set up your business. Without your neighbours having a say on what is happening. We live on agricultural zoned land we expect to hear noises related to the agricultural industry, not noise from another source. I know this because I had the privilege of living next to the mountain range on RR 250, 15 years of listening to heavy equipment running seven days a week, at all hours of the day. Just saying, if it's zoned agricultural, then that's what it stays, if you want to develop it then go through the proper channels prior to your development, we've given up to many arable acres to these developments.

Kind Regards, Judy

8/21/2023

Leah David

Edmonton, AB T5J 2X5

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Sturgeon County
9613 100 Street
Morrinville, AB T9R 1L9

RE: Support of Bylaw 1628/23

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To: Sturgeon County Council

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of the proposed zoning of Wildman's Disc Golf in the Bon Accord area. **I am in support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23.** I believe that it will provide this community and its citizen a great opportunity to participate in an up and coming new recreational activity to promote health and wellness for all ages.

I started playing disc golf in 2020 during the pandemic and it has personally had a long lasting impact in my life. My boyfriend introduced disc golfing to me and it has helped with my own health journey. It enabled me to find a recreational activity that is low impact, helped me move and walk, as well as gain some muscles from throwing the discs. While I do not play disc golf as frequent as I would like, I have played it consistently and it is a contributing factor to improving my health. Since becoming more active, I have lost over 20lbs and continue to lose weight.

Going to Wildman's disc golf, is also a good contributor to my overall wellness and great mental health. It has enabled my boyfriend and I to get closer by doing something together consistently, and I was able to meet new friends and acquaintances that I would not normally been exposed to. Additionally, it has made me more appreciative of the outdoors and nurturing of the environment/nature.

From my observation, Wildman's disc golf has more than sufficient space for multiple people utilizing it without impacting the surrounding neighbourhoods. The people who disc golf are respectful of the community and nature; and grateful for the opportunity to have a location that promote nature and outdoor activities at the same time. In driving to Wildman's I see very little traffic it causes, and all those who attends are careful drivers and does not create disturbances on the roads. There is very little or minimal impact to traffic and the environment in the surrounding areas.

During the pandemic and post-pandemic, as an Emergency Social Services Officer, I have observed numerous impact to mental health and physical wellness of individuals throughout the various communities in Alberta. One of my duty as an ESS Officer is to assist communities before, during and after a time of disaster or emergency. Often one of the key support we provide to those in need are emotional support service to ensure that as individuals and communities move towards normalcy in the recovery phase, that they have continued support and become more resilient. The key to this resiliency is the in-person interaction and connection to the community. Disc golfing provides a space to make these connections. It is one avenue that both can assist and individual or groups of people a chance to have fun, exercise and make friendship and long-lasting connection.

I have personally experienced the benefits of disc golf, and in my opinion, is a great way to help promote a new way to be fit and healthy. It is my hope that you rezone and have Wildman Disc golf be part of the services in the county, leveraging the benefits and value this fitness activity brings to the citizens, and the overall community, with very little to no impact to the environment around it.

With Respect,

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Leah David

In support of Wildman Disc golf and Bylaw 1628/23

From: [Jack Olson](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#)
Cc: wildmandiscgolf@gmail.com
Subject: Bylaw 1628/23 hearing on Aug 22/2023
Date: August 22, 2023 12:27:10 AM

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To whom it may concern...

Jack Olson
45 Prospect place
Sturgeon, County, wildmanAb
T8R 1N8

I am writing to express my support for bylaw 1628/23

Wildman... Disc Golf re zoning

As an avid golfer... I have come to the realization... that golf can be an expensive sport.

Disc golf has been growing... over the last decade...

I believe may have the same type of benefits... that soccer had over Fastball/Baseball
Less expensive and more accessible to more people... at a younger age.

Disc golf...can be highly competitive... or play at your own level
IMO... this is a growing sport... and a positive addition to the county

Sincerely,
Jack Olson

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Scott Koppers](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#)
Cc: wildmandiscgolf@gmail.com
Subject: I am in support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23
Date: August 22, 2023 5:34:28 AM

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It would be a huge shame and loss if this bylaw is not passed. The amount of work that has gone into building this course and the benefit that disc golfing provides to the surrounding area and further would be hard to quantify as it provides so much good. I fully support this bylaw!

From: [Simon D](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#)
Cc: [Matt LeLacheur](#)
Subject: I support Bylaw 1628/23
Date: August 22, 2023 7:00:38 AM

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I am in support of proposed Bylaw 1628/23!

Although I may not be a resident of the County, I am only a half hour drive from Wildman Disc Golf (which is very close when you consider travel time to other limited course options in my area).

After the pandemic started and disc golf exploded as an affordable hobby, it became painfully apparent that the Edmonton area severely lacked adequate venues to support the growth of this sport. To be able to have a world class disc golf course only a half hour from my house is amazing and should be championed.

I would hope that people see the value in a low cost, low impact outdoor sport that is less invasive on an area than an actual golf course. Having a beautiful, professional grade course available in Bon Accord would, in my mind, be an absolute asset for the community as this sport continues to blossom in popularity.

Yours sincerely,
Simon Deacon

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From: [Brent Ireland](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#)
Subject: Fwd: The Wildman disc course
Date: August 22, 2023 9:03:26 AM

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From Brent Ireland

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From: **Brent Ireland**
Date: Tue, Aug 22, 2023 at 8:49 AM
Subject: The Wildman disc course
To: <legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca>

Hello

I am a senior citizen with friends, children and grandchildren who is in full support of this lovely piece of land that we hope will be used for years to come for disc golf.

I have been playing this wonderful sport now for about 10 years now and have enjoyed the experience of playing disc with many others,

Most of whom I have met while playing.

It's my experience that the people playing this sport are so welcoming and supportive of each other and that's what makes it so special.

This game is a great way to get exercise and make new friends. It also gives everyone who plays the game a feeling of accomplishment and a willingness to learn and get better. The owner of this land is a kind and sensitive person who is the perfect example of someone who cares for environment and shares his passion, which is infectious and shared by most everyone who plays there.

This is a quiet and serene activity that can be enjoyed by everyone who tries it.

Thanks Matt for sharing your passion that could only add to the joy and wellbeing of others.

Brent Ireland

From: [L](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#)
Cc: Wildmandiskgolf@gmail.com
Subject: Rezoning
Date: August 22, 2023 12:12:08 PM

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To whom this may concern,

Disk golf is a new, innovative and fun. It is more than just an activity or a fad. It is a fantastic sport that has really picked up such momentum since its introduction.

There are many small leisurly Disk Golf courses in all major cities and better Disk courses around cities and rural areas accross Canada. Like any major successful sport, there are even professional competitions held for it around the globe.

Wildman Disk Golf iprovides major contribution to Sturgeon County. It offers an outdoor activity familys can enjoy. Having it's home be Sturgeon County means the residents don't have a long commute to find another course to play in. It means residents, who share a love for the sport, can easily practice to hone their skills in order to compete professionally.

This also means profit for Stureon County 'if' a competition is approved to be held there. Drawing business to many stores, and extra cash for the vendors. This only helps the community grow. It also draws in people from other areas who want to practice on other cources (layouts of land) and really hone their skills.

In this controversial age of technology, where most people (young and older) are drawn to a bright screen, unmoving, with so many health issues on the rise, the physical activity Disk Golf Provides (without being too overly physical, meaning most ages can enjoy it) an alternate outlet for fun, physical activity and socializing face to face - without the 'screen.'

Loosing Wildmans Disk Golf would be detrimental for Sturgeon County and the Disk Golfing reside ts of Edmonton and surrounding area that frequently come to play.

Sincerely,

Lili Chmeit

From: [Laurie McAllister](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#)
Cc: [Ted McAllister](#)
Subject: In opposition to Proposed bylaw change 1628/23 from AG to DCD23(1385/17)
Date: August 22, 2023 12:26:08 PM

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Sturgeon County Council
Good Afternoon

As residents of Sturgeon County and being directly impacted by the proposed bylaw change 1628/23. We are voicing our concerns and opposition to this policy change.

We are concerned about further development and rezoning of land parcel NW-06-57-23-W4M for public use, as it directly adjoins our entire north fence line and is not in keeping with the agricultural community.

We were unable to attend the open house held at Wildman Disc Golf as we were participants at the Harvest Days community event scheduled that same weekend. We have been of the understanding that the Disc Golf facility would see a fairly low number of users, with estimates of 5-10 daily vehicles on normal weeks and roughly 20 vehicles on holiday weekends. Yet the upcoming event scheduled for Sept 30-Oct 1st. filled 72 pre-registration spots, with a wait list started and a possibility of opening additional spots for participants of this event.

As has already been mentioned by other area residents, the increase of traffic on our county roads also comes with its own set of concerns. Increased safety concerns, dust, trespassing and County road maintenance requirements.

In keeping with living in an agricultural community, we have grazing animals whose pasture includes the area up to our north fence, which is a 5 strand barbed wire fence. While this style of fencing is suitable for livestock, it is not suitable for preventing dogs from coming through and chasing our animals. Being that this disc golf course is listed as dog-friendly, we are extremely concerned about a potential conflict arising from facility users bring their pets to the golf course.

If this bylaw change is approved, we feel that the developer should be required, at his sole expense, to erect and maintain suitable fencing where any properties adjoin.

Make no mistake, this is an expanding venture! What started out as a simple disc golf course, now includes plans for a campground and year-round use with cross country skiing planned as well.

Plans for this facility seem to be expanding in small baby-steps and we are concerned that the full scope of this project has not yet been fully disclosed and as such, has the potential to negatively and irreversibly impact the lives of residents in the area, should re-zoning be approved.

Thank You

Ted and Laurie McAllister
23520B TWP Road 570
Sturgeon County, AB
T0A 0K1

Sent from my iPad

From: [Lindsey Monderman](#)
To: [Legislative Services](#)
Cc: [Matt LeLacheur](#)
Subject: I am in support of proposed bylaw1628/23
Date: August 22, 2023 12:39:53 PM

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Hello,

I am writing in support of proposed bylaw 1628/23.

I started playing disc golf during the pandemic as a way to get outside, get some exercise, and socialize safely with friends. This is a sport that has a low environmental impact, promotes community, and encourages people to be respectful, healthy and active. A disc golf course is a benefit to any community and should be welcomed as an opportunity to engage with your citizens and promote healthy recreational activities.

I support the proposed change in zoning. As a disc golf player I would like to continue to play at the property with my friends and family and spend my money in the adjacent communities as I travel to and from Edmonton.

Regards,

Lindsey Monderman
Edmonton, AB

Todd Proudfoot

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Edmonton, Alberta T5T 1L4

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Todd Proudfoot. I am writing to you on behalf of Wildman Disc Golf. I am in support of proposed bylaw 1628/23 Sturgeon County. I strongly feel that Wildman Disc Golf should be free to operate. Disc Golf is beneficial for people's physical health in that it provides good physical recreation and is also good for people's mental health as being outside having fun with friends taking in fresh air and some friendly competition has been shown to provide mental health benefits.

Disc Golf is not harmful for the environment and the noise levels are low. I see nothing negative about allowing Wildman Disc Golf to operate. It provides health benefits, can bring people together as friends and family and does not interfere with any person. Please form Sturgeon County bylaw 1628/23. This matter is of concern of me due to the mention of physical and mental benefits of disc golf and my enjoyment of disc golf and being an Alberta Citizen. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Todd Proudfoot