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Chief Legislative Officer
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
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April 16, 2015

Dear David;

Re: NOTICE OF NON-STATUTORY PUBLIC HEARING

I am responding to your notice as a resident of Anzac - who resides adjacent to the property in question: **Lot 3MR BLOCK 10 PLAN 792 0314**. (See attachment)

I am *in opposition* to the removal of the designation for the land requirements described as the *future home for emergency services* on these grounds:

Consultation:

- On December 6, 2013 a community vote was given by the community members voting down this land structural area plan for the future Emergency Services.
- There was no community consultation, prior to nor after this vote, that I am aware of and feel that my democratic rights were trampled on.
- I have not been made aware of a feasibility study for the above mentioned land.
- I was not contacted by either the Northland School Division Trustees, Willow Lake Community Association or the Fire Department regarding the designation of said property.

Children & Educational values:

- Anzac School is the only school in Alberta without proper outdoor facilities to accommodate Outdoor education and outdoor sporting events.
- Removal of this designation will suppress the children's need to belong and claim ownership of their school and leave them with lack of extracurricular activities in outdoor sport fields.
- The land was designated for future outdoor education and play area for the children, as per the Land Tenure Act and fully supported by the Community members.
- Safety of our children will be in jeopardy as they will have to cross against *high traffic volume* on a main street to get to a Recreation Facility adjacent to the Junior/ Senior High School.

Livelihood:

- The quiet fortitude of our neighborhood will be tremendously disrupted by the continuous activity of the Emergency vehicles as they go about their daily activities.
- Curious elementary students attempting to watch and find out what the Firefighters are doing will become a parent's worst nightmare - as the children will sneak away from school and roam without supervision.
- Cheecham Drive off Stoney Mountain Road enters a 35 kph zone and has a dangerous curve in the road with a neighboring house below that curve. (When saving a life – does one jeopardize another?)

Community Values:

- Absolutely no respect for lifelong community members.
- Our democracy was challenged by disregarding a community decision brought forward on December 6, 2013; thus resulting in loss of respect for all involved.
- Values cannot be passed down to our children if there is no respect from our community leadership.

Community Growth & Insight:

- ***Our children are our future.*** Anzac is and will continue to expand in size and in community members - the community will require additional property for Educational needs.
- Lack of insight for future expansion and Educational needs from certain individuals of Anzac has created a cloud of uncertainty, disrespect and judgmental attitudes between lifelong residents and newcomers.
- To invite additional growth in our community, we as community members should not allow future entrepreneurs or members to take from the future of our children.
- There is ample land available in Anzac to house the new Emergency Operations Facility including land agreed upon at the meeting on December 6, 2013. (see attachment)

As a concerned resident of Anzac I would like to be able to speak before Council to voice my opinion in regards to the "removal of the designation" on property: **LOT 3MR BLOCK 10 PLAN 792 0314**

Sincerely,

Betty Woodward

Rosemarie Pratt

