

June 12/2020

To: Whom it may Concern:

Re: Petition against the RM of Dufferin #190 Council, For the Highwood Beach Dorry St. – Proposed Road Closure, the Intent of the Consideration is three fold:

- i. Provide lands offered at fair market value for encroachment remediation on Northern Boundary of current Dorry St. Boundary with Lot 26.**
- ii. Create a Parcel approximately 15.0 meters wide running to the water edge.**
- iii. Provide lands offered for fair market value for encroachment remediation on Southern Boundary of current Dorry St. Boundary with Parcel “B”.**

This Petition is in regards to the Proposed Road Closure on Dorry St. / Short St. at Highwood Beach, SK, in the RM of Dufferin #190. There are Concerns with our Councillor of Highwood Beach, and the RM Of Dufferin #190 Council due to the Proposed Road Closure. (See attached.)

As Ratepayers of Highwood Beach, we are opposed to this Proposed Road Closure, for the following reasons and will refer to the RM of Dufferin #190 as RM Council.

1. We are opposed to our Councillor (Brent Smith) of Highwood Beach being on the RM of Dufferin #190 Council, as he is the main Highwood Beach Developer of Highwood Holdings Inc., and he can sway the Council in his favour for his own gain. This is a serious conflict of interest!!
2. We are opposed to the Proposed Road Closure, removal of Boathouses and Pumphouse, at Highwood Beach, SK., and selling the Road Allowance Land as a Private Lot.
3. We are opposed to the RM Council for targeting, harassing and bullying the long-term Ratepayers on Lot B/Municipal Reserve and the Boathouse owners to remove said buildings after the RM Council has permitted and collected taxes for these buildings since the 1960's.
4. We are opposed to the RM Council for giving allowances to one Landowner to increase their property by “3.5 meters to eliminate the encroachment and side yard infringement to Zoning Bylaw on the North Side of the Road”, and to rectify this issue our Councillor and the RM Council has asked for the Boathouses and Pumphouse to be removed, Road Closed and Land to be sold as a Private Lot. No allowances given to the South Side Ratepayers on the same road.
5. We are opposed to the RM Council for spending our Ratepayers tax dollars on legal fees, and surveying fees for the last 5 years regarding our Councillors Development Project and the removal of Boathouses and the Pumphouse, when this money could be spent on improving the whole community of Highwood Beach.
6. We are opposed to the RM Council for mis-using their power, by not acknowledging the Ratepayers concerns, given the ability to Vote, or to be a part of the upcoming proposed developments, at Highwood Beach.
7. We are opposed to the RM Council for mis-using their power and not providing all information to the Ratepayers regarding our Councillors Development Project at Highwood Beach. They are biased as to who they send information to and send very vague maps and Proposals, without leaving room for any response or feedback.
8. When feedback is provided to the RM Council they don't respond, even though a commitment was made by the RM Council to keep Ratepayers informed of the said Proposal. The RM Council Meeting Minutes are not provided or posted on the website in a timely

manner. For example many Ratepayers responded with concerns regarding this Proposal and to date the RM Council has not responded to any of them. Yet road markers are in place at this location as if they are preparing to proceed with the road closure.

9. 90% of the Ratepayers on Dorry St. / Short St. who are directly impacted by this Road Closure, and many other Ratepayers are Opposed to this Road Closure.

a. Essential Services that require the Dorry St. / Short St. access to turnaround at the end of the Street are: all Emergency Vehicles, Grader, Septic Service, SaskPower, SaskTel, Boat Trailers/Trailers, Large Equipment and Vehicles.

b. Dorry St. Road has always been the original boat launch for Highwood Beach, because it has deeper water, and also is the Commercial Ice Fishing Road in the winter. The RM Councillors in 2016 designated this as the overflow boat launch, as the new boat launch was getting busier and is not equipped for larger boats/pontoon boats to launch. To date it is still in need of repairs.

c. Concerns with the water runoff and drainage at the bottom of Dorry St. / Short St., as the drainage is very poor already.

10. It is apparent that Bylaw Infractions and New Zoning Bylaws are treated and enforced differently depending on the Ratepayer at Highwood Beach. There are many infractions throughout Highwood Beach but the RM Council seems to focus on certain Ratepayers. Please note that Lot B was purchased from Brent Smith and prior to the purchase there were no problems between the RM of Dufferin #190 and building owners on Lot B/Municipal Reserve & Road Allowance.

SUMMARY: The RM of Dufferin #190 Council is fostering division and antagonism in the community of Highwood Beach and it must stop.

The RM Of Dufferin #190 Council needs to meet with all Ratepayers and explain exactly what development is being done at Highwood Beach and take our concerns seriously!!!

CC:

Saskatchewan Ombudsman

Government of Saskatchewan Advisory Services and Municipal Relations

Municipal Affairs

Legal Council