

Friends of Leduc Area Greenspace Offer Solutions

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LEDUC COUNTY, AB – August 28, 2006– The Friends of Leduc Area Greenspace (FLAG) today released a solutions-oriented document to make recommendations to Leduc County Council and administration that would improve the environmental protections in the Draft Land Use Bylaw. The Draft Land Use Bylaw is the subject of a public hearing tonight at Nisku Recreation Center (606-18th Av) between 7 and 9PM.

FLAG created these recommendations in order to be part of the solution rather than just point out the shortcomings in environmental protection in the Draft Land Use Bylaw. It is our hope that Leduc County Council will accept the recommendations in the spirit of cooperation that they have been created.

This is a summary of the recommendations, please refer to the full text of the document for more detail on each:

1. The timing for: the release of this draft land use bylaw, the public sessions, and proposed approval are all too short and at the worst possible time of the year. At a minimum, there needs to be an extension to allow for all stakeholders to be heard.
2. Don't paint land with varying degrees of environmental sensitivity/significance with the same brush. Two or three different conservation-oriented land use districts are needed to provide differing levels of protection to make those who care about the land and those who work the land agree to the protections.
3. Share the data that resulted in land being designated environmentally sensitive/significant or not so that people can understand the reasoning behind the land use district choices.
4. Involve environmental stakeholders in the crafting of the next draft so that what is released is mutually agreeable.

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