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Hi St. Albert Council,

I am opposed to the proposed amendments to Bylaw 46/2021 as Council should be as well for the following reasons:

The Stormwater Management Facility needs to be increased in size due to climate change and do not base Infrastructure on historical data.

Park area sizes need to greatly increased and clear cutting trees needs to stop to be responsible Environmental Stewards of the land rather than barely meeting minimum City standards.

Housing starting in the 400k's is not affordable entry level housing.

Pond reduction for 9 more lots is obviously corporate greed disregarding climate change, the environment and affordable housing.

Election platforms in the recent municipal election mentioned climate change, protecting the environment and affordable housing. Time for council to walk the walk and start wagging the tail. I ask Council to be opposed to this amendment in the Riverside District.

Regards,

Douglas Nixon

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From: Brenda Braun [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 2:07 PM
To: Hearings
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Dear City Council of St. Albert:

I vehemently oppose the passing of this bylaw that aims to reduce the size of the stormwater management facility in the Riverside neighbourhood for the following reasons:

- 1) This area is on a floodplain for the Sturgeon River and until Genstar began development on this land it contained a number of swamp areas. That water needs to be drained appropriately.
- 2) Climate change is making the ebbing and flowing of rivers and wetlands unpredictable. The Sturgeon is a collector of rain and snow runoff. We need look no further than the disaster unfolding in BC to know that we need to be ready for any eventuality. Aside from the developer's want of nine additional lots, is there scientific study that shows that reducing the storm pond is adequate for today and especially for tomorrow?
- 3) My home insurance company already pointed out to me that my home is in a potential flood zone and offered additional insurance. Many areas in BC are no longer offered that assurance if they are located in a flood zone. How long until home owners in Riverside are in the same situation?
- 4) Genstar already has removed approximately 21 mature Cottonwood trees that have sucked up a huge amount of water on a daily basis further increasing the need for a large storm pond.

5) Many ducks and frogs were displaced by the removal of their swamp lands. We need to ensure that there is habitat for these animals (I must add, many bullfrogs from that drained swamp lived in my garden for over a year until they could no longer survive).

I beg you to be proactive and consider more than the desires of a huge developer and vote down this ill-conceived amendment that will have important consequences for generations.

Thank you,
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