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To: planning@reddeer.ca

Att: Orlando Toews, Senior Planner

Cc: Secretary@waskasoo.info

RE: Waskasoo Area Redevelopment Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the Red Deer River Naturalists (RDRN) strongly objects to the Proposed Amendments to the Land Use Bylaw and Waskasoo Area Redevelopment Plan Re: 4240-59 St.

Not only would rezoning this property and amending the Area Redevelopment Plan contravene the statutory document passed by City Council in 2016 to specifically protect this area, but it also sets a dangerous precedent for future development in the city.

RDRN believes this proposal would threaten the hydrological and environmental integrity of the Red Deer River, the adjacent riparian corridor, as well as the Gaetz Lakes Sanctuary and the larger parks system.

RDRN has long championed the protection of this and other protected spaces within the City of Red Deer and some of our members live in the Waskasoo community. We also have our office at Kerry Wood Nature Centre.

We urge the council to reject this proposal at First Reading.

Yours truly,

Rick Tallas

President