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Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 1:07 PM
To: Glen Ockerman
Cc: Phyllis Corbiere; Sheila Kitz
Subject: REQUEST from Waterton Subdivision

Dear Councilman Ockerman,

It wasn't too long ago when members of the Waterton Subdivision neighbourhood at Laurier Lake visited Council to make a request for Poplar Drive. As you know our request was denied. Early last week our neighbourhood was truly under attack. Each night vehicles were caught on security cameras trespassing onto private land and numerous items were stolen including a recreational vehicle.

We had enough. We all have stories of our personal break and enters (some numerous over the years), but this was our breaking point. We all were frustrated with watching items we work hard for be vandalized and/or stolen with no repercussion. These acts were reported to the RCMP and not one member visited a crime scene or was there an increase of police activity noticed. With our internal security issues as well events in the area which involved firearms we needed to act.

On the morning of Wednesday August 16th the emergency discussion was had between all landowners in the subdivision to secure our neighbourhood. For the safety of our belongings and for our personal safety. Within hours we had 100% tax payer approval from the neighbourhood and a community work-bee took place to install secure posts and gates at each entrance to Poplar Drive. We know installing the gates was not by the book, but it was our only option against the aggressive criminal activity we were facing. Safety was at top of mind while installing the gates. Photos are attached showing the high quality of construction along with safety measures. They are placed back from intersections allowing safe distance off main roadways to allow someone to open or close the gates and reflective tape was installed to provide excellent visibility.

After speaking with Mark from Public Works the following Friday and again yesterday we agree to insure the road is not blocked for the time being however this is a formal request to the Council of St. Paul with 100% of the land owners/tax payers in agreement to make Poplar Drive a private gated community. We are not in any way restricting public access to the lake but rather securing our assets.

In the letter declining our original request (dated June 20th) the main reason seemed to be safety. We fully understand this and are determined to come to a solution. Think of a gated community as an apartment building, there is safety measures in place to provide emergency access to the building.

As far as budget purposes, we have the infrastructure in place. We are ready to proceed.

For the sake of your time this letter summarizes the thoughts of our neighbourhood, however if you wish for independent correspondence from each land owner, please advise.

Your constituents have spoken, please represent us to your fellow councillors.

Shawn Jacula

On behalf of Waterton Subdivision at Laurier Lake





