

PUBLIC HEARING
RM of Montrose Office
April 8, 2021

Road Closure of road allowance of undeveloped section of road which ends at the junction of Range Road 3064 and TWP 321.

The Public Hearing is to allow the opportunity to for the community to express their concerns regarding the road closure.

The meeting was called to order by Reeve French at 8:00 am.

The Administrator read the Public Notice.

The Administrator noted there would be two speakers calling to address their concerns.

1. Gordon Pattison Pattison – 8:05 am
2. Shelby Corey – 8:15 am

The Administrator read written submissions from the following:

Marsha Hawkins
Rodgers Family
Linda Duvall

Verbal Submission by Gordon Pattison Pattison – 8:05 am

- Gordon Pattison indicated where a more likely place for a road closure would be NW 9-33-7 W3rd
- There may be future liabilities should the RM allow future building on homes on the riverbank
- There have been road closures in the past; however, it was to the benefit to the landowner rather than the community
- Indicated he enjoyed going to the river as a child
- He would like to have his grandchildren experience the same
- He advised that the closest access point to the river at this time was in the RM of Fertile Valley

Verbal Submission by Shelby Corey – 8:15 am

- Concerns with blocking river access
- Would be to the detriment of ratepayers, emergency services, future development in the R.M., future irrigation development in the R.M.
- Could set a precedent moving forward in regards to closing roads that allow river access.
- Council has been negligent in regards to developing a plan and a policy to manage this water resource here in the R.M.
- Rate -payers and emergency services personnel should be consulted in regards to this policy. It would be a good idea to consult with other R.M.'s as to how they deal with river access.
- Shelby spoke to the Reeve as per her previous discussions with the Water Security Agency, Federal and Provincial Governments on issues regarding the Proposed Irrigation Expansion Project and the water issues in Pike Lake.
- If this request to close the road is truly about agriculture and not just restricting access, not closing the road but allowing fencing with a gate on the road allowance could be a solution.

The Administrator continue read written submissions from the following:

Murray Purcell
John Lowey
Heather Kuiack
Hylkje VanDerKooy and Allan Arp
Blaine Braaten – Acting Superintendent of Public Works (RM of Montrose)
Travis Paproski – Crops and Irrigation Branch, Ministry of Agriculture

Reeve French advised that an open discussion would be done at the Regular Meeting following this Public Hearing and a resolution would be passed at that time.

The meeting was adjourned by Reeve French at 8:38.

We advise that the minutes are available at the Office for review and will be posted on the RM of Montrose website. All the written submissions are available for review at the office as well. They will be attached to the minutes of the meeting.



Desiree Bouvier, CAO



Reeve French