

County of Stettler No. 6
P.O. Box 1270
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February 10, 2020

Attention: Jacinta Donovan, Director of Planning Services

Re: Proposed Amendment to Density in the Buffalo Lake South Shore Intermunicipal Development Plan (BLSSIDP)

The Summer Village of White Sands has reviewed the above referenced request to amend the BLSSIDP and does not support an amendment of this nature. It is the opinion of the Summer Village of White Sands that the proposed amendment erodes the intent of the BLSSIDP and the SDAB Decision that was issued in November 2018.

Furthermore, it is of the opinion of the Summer Village of White Sands that the process followed during the SDAB appeal in 2018 upheld the policies and the intent of the BLSSIDP and that the Court of Appeal of Alberta heard an Application for permission to Appeal in January 2019. The Court of Appeal concluded that there were no grounds for appeal and found that the SDAB's interpretations appeared to be correct.

Court of Appeal of Alberta 2066052 Alberta Ltd v Stettler (County No 6), 2019 ABCA 279
2019-07-12

“Conclusion

[46] None of the grounds of appeal advanced by the applicant has a reasonable chance of success. Many of them do not raise questions of law or jurisdiction. They are matters of interpretation and application of statutory plans in respect of which the SDAB is accorded great deference. Even in the absence of deference, the SDAB's interpretations appear to be correct. They are certainly reasonable. The application for permission to appeal is dismissed.”

In conclusion, the Summer Village of White Sands opposes amending the BLSSIDP density limits and feels that the processes over 2018 and 2019 proved that the BLSSIDP has performed in the way intended.

Sincerely,

Carl Cornelssen
Mayor