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*I respectfully acknowledge that the land on which I live is the traditional unceded territory of the Lheidli T'enneh*

To: Mayor and City Council

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

***Respectfully ask that Mayor and City Council pass a motion to direct administration to re-zone the AF portion of PID 021514922 to P1***

This action will support the following City priorities and values outlined in the 2025 draft Official Community Plan:

- Public feedback received from numerous consultation events overwhelmingly supports the protection of Park and Open Space as outlined in each of the *What We Heard Phase 1-4 Reports*. Highlights include: 'GREEN' was #2 on a list of words used to describe Prince George in 2050; *protecting parks, open spaces and wildlife corridors* was #2 of 5 overall OCP goals; prominent theme for a vision for city is to *protect green spaces*.
- Re-zoning protects a significant and well-established wildlife corridor. As a resident who has lived for 25 years on Leonard Place overlooking the AF portion, we have personally witnessed extensive wildlife activity. City-wide users, and testimonials and residential camera footage of property owners in the area, can also attest to significant wildlife activity and movement. This critical zoning change will secure that corridor, especially considering the imminent development at the north end of the meadow.
- Health and well-being of community residents is a city priority, and parks and open spaces support that endeavor, creating a sense of community and promoting social interaction in noise-reduced environments.
- 'Significant Slopes' and 'Groundwater Protection' Area Designations (*Schedule 11, draft OCP*) would present additional challenges and barriers to any development on the AF portion if that were ever to be considered; significant land disruption would need to occur on land bordering the groundwater protection area. Our city wells are some of the most productive in North America, making our source of drinking water particularly susceptible to any disruption; designating this area as P1 permanently helps safeguard our city water supply.
- Mitigates human-wildlife interaction, especially considering imminent development at the north end of park.
- Retains pathways and trails from the Heritage area neighborhoods that are well established. Residents support keeping the informal trail network into the meadow (that connect directly to official pathways) intact; will also keep pedestrians and pets safe and off Otway Road, a high speed, high traffic area without sidewalks.
- Recruitment and retention of skilled workforce – attractiveness of city's parks and open spaces is a factor in attracting and keeping workers and families (future taxpayers) in the north. Green space is an expectation and valuable trade-off for the loss of big city amenities when moving north.
- Wildlife is important to residents, tourism and the economy.
- Low cost / low stake resolution with high benefit outcome that is within the city's jurisdiction and supports numerous city values and priorities that align with the principles outlined in the draft official community plan.

- The importance of Moore’s Meadow Park is well established historically, as well as through support of city-wide petition and a UNBC ENVS 326 survey with 217 responses highlighting the value of this heritage area.

The entire Moore’s Meadow Park parcel, including the AF portion, is already designated as ‘Park and Open Space’ on Schedule 12: Future Land Use Planning Map (Figure1). Let’s make it official for generations to come and answer the citizens’ call for green space protection for our city’s legacy.



Figure 1. Schedule 12: Future Land Use Map, draft OCP, 2025

This designation will protect the wildlife corridor and mitigate the impact of the imminent development of 26 acres of private property that will soon become inaccessible to wildlife (Figure 2). **The AF portion of the park will be the only remaining corridor left for wildlife to travel from Cranbrook Hill through Moore’s Meadow to the Nechako River.** Wildlife would have no option but to cross through residential neighborhoods to get to the river.

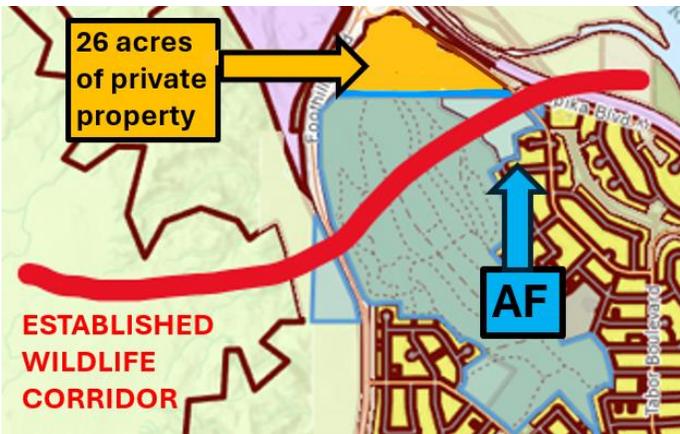


Figure 2. Map of PID 021514922 created using PGMaps

**We respectfully request that Mayor and City Council respond to the overwhelming public feedback to protect this area while we can.**

Thank you for the opportunity to present this important issue. Our Mayor, City Council and administration’s valuable time and strategic contributions are instrumental to shaping the future of our beloved City!

*With sincere thanks and appreciation,*

Michelle Oster

Resident, City of Prince George

References available upon request



# Mayor and City Council Presentation

March 19, 2025

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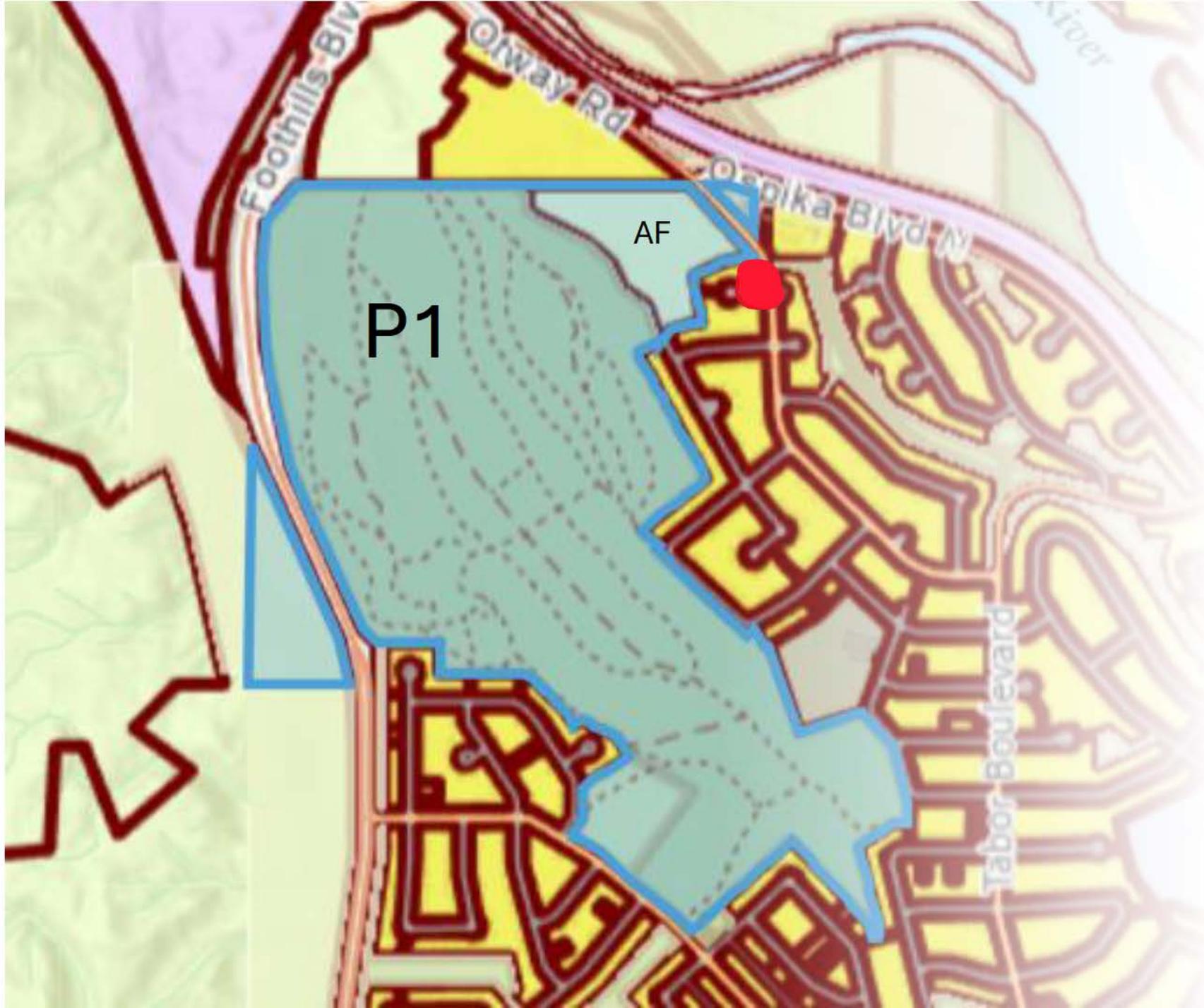
Public Consultation Meeting  
on the Draft Official  
Community Plan



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PID 021514922  
outlined in blue  
*from PGMaps*

Moore's Meadow Park  
is within this parcel

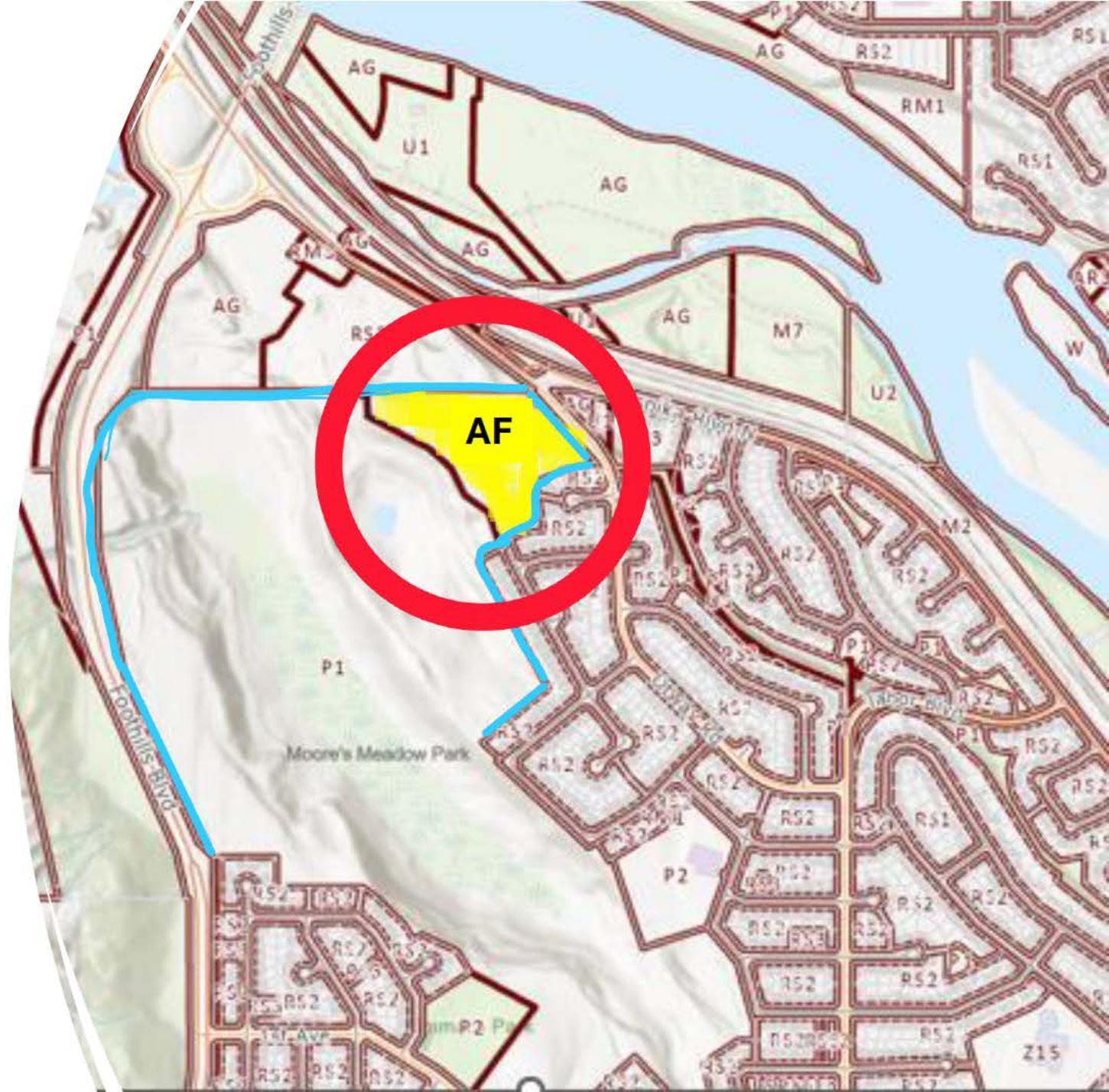
**But not all the  
zoning in the PID  
is designated as  
Park (P1)**

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administration to:

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ENVS 326:

*Public Engagement for Sustainability,  
Prepared for Cheryl Wehr, Dr. Annie Booth  
April 5, 2023*

The green space offers a **great escape into the environment** for people to walk, run, bike, forage, birdwatch, and engage in other recreational activities.

These activities not only promote **physical fitness** and **mental wellbeing** but also foster a **sense of community** and **social interaction** among residents.



The wildlife in Moore's Meadow is important to you.

[More Details](#)

1- Strongly disagree	5
2- Disagree	0
3- Neutral	13
4- Agree	35
5- Strongly agree	162



*OCP Public Consultation Feedback:  
What We Heard Reports (Phases 1-4)*

## **What do you love about Prince George?**

**83% love it's nature  
and greenspace and  
value parks and recreation**



# What three words would you want to use to describe Prince George in 2050?

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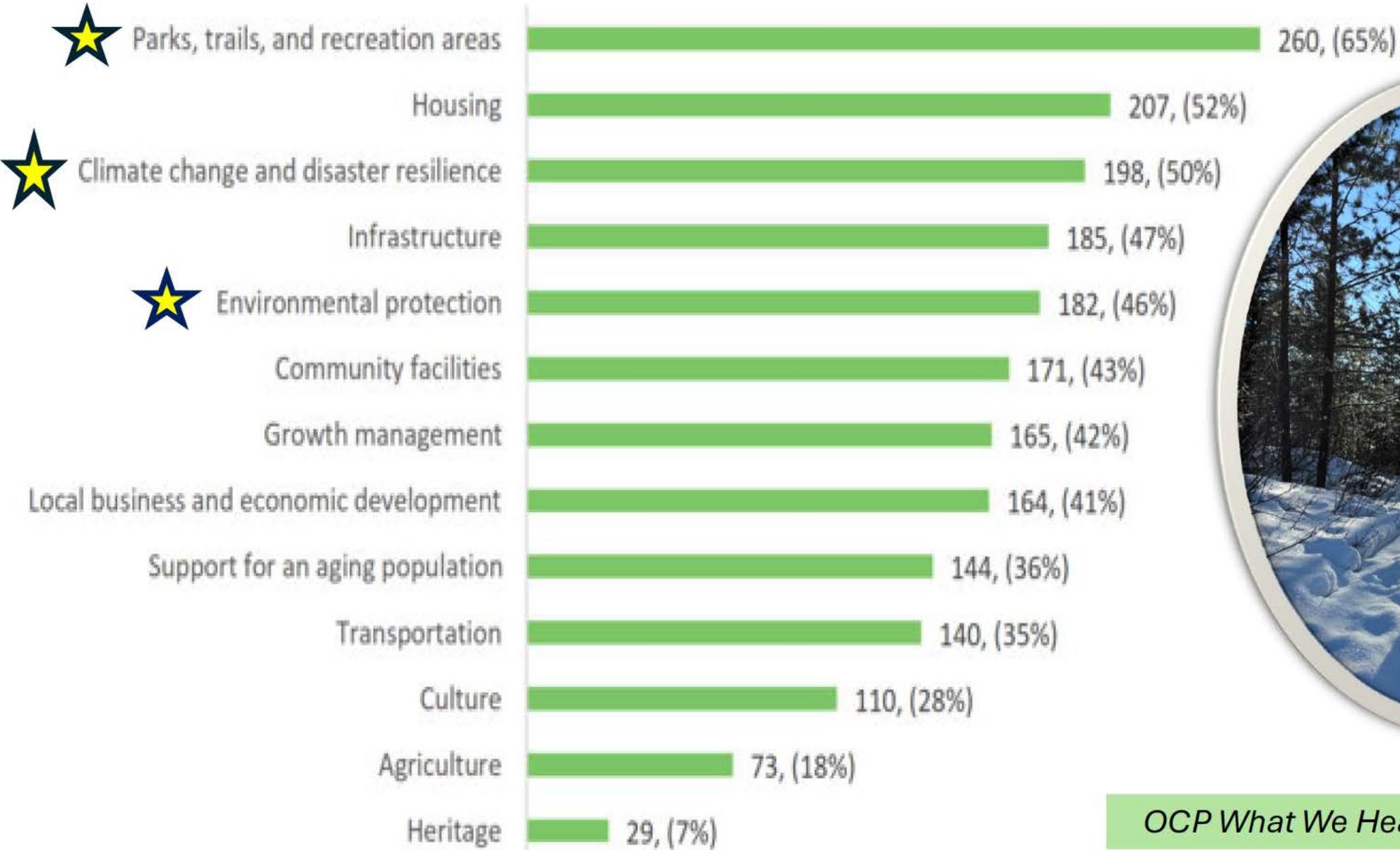
- SAFE
- **GREEN**
- AFFORDABLE

*Of 378 responses, **GREEN** was  
ranked the #2 response*



*OCP What We Heard Report (Phases 1-4)*

# What are your top 5 priorities for the OCP?



*What is the greatest opportunity the OCP presents for Prince George?*

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Of the top five responses, number 2 was protecting **greenspace**, including **parks, forests** and **wildlife corridors**



## What should Prince George's environmental legacy be?

*Most common suggestions included:*

**Protecting the City's greenspaces** such as Ginter's and Moore's Meadow

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## Vision for the City:

*Prominent theme was:*

Prince George is a city that **preserves nature and greenspace**



# 5 BIG PICTURE, long term goals for the city

**Goal #2:** Our parks and open spaces are protected, enhanced and well connected by trails so they can be safely and comfortably enjoyed by all.

Objectives:

- Parks, open spaces and wildlife corridors are protected, enhanced, and connected.
- Investments in parks and recreation infrastructure support active and healthy living objectives.
- Riparian areas, green corridors, and tree cover are protected and enhanced

Goal 1	Housing	63%
<b>Goal 2</b>	<b>Parks</b>	<b>73%</b>
Goal 3	Cost Effective Infrastructure	89%
Goal 4	Strong Economy	94%
Goal 5	Environmentally Conscious and Responsible	48%



How could we better manage our land to accommodate wildlife?

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Protect greenspaces and wildlife corridors from development



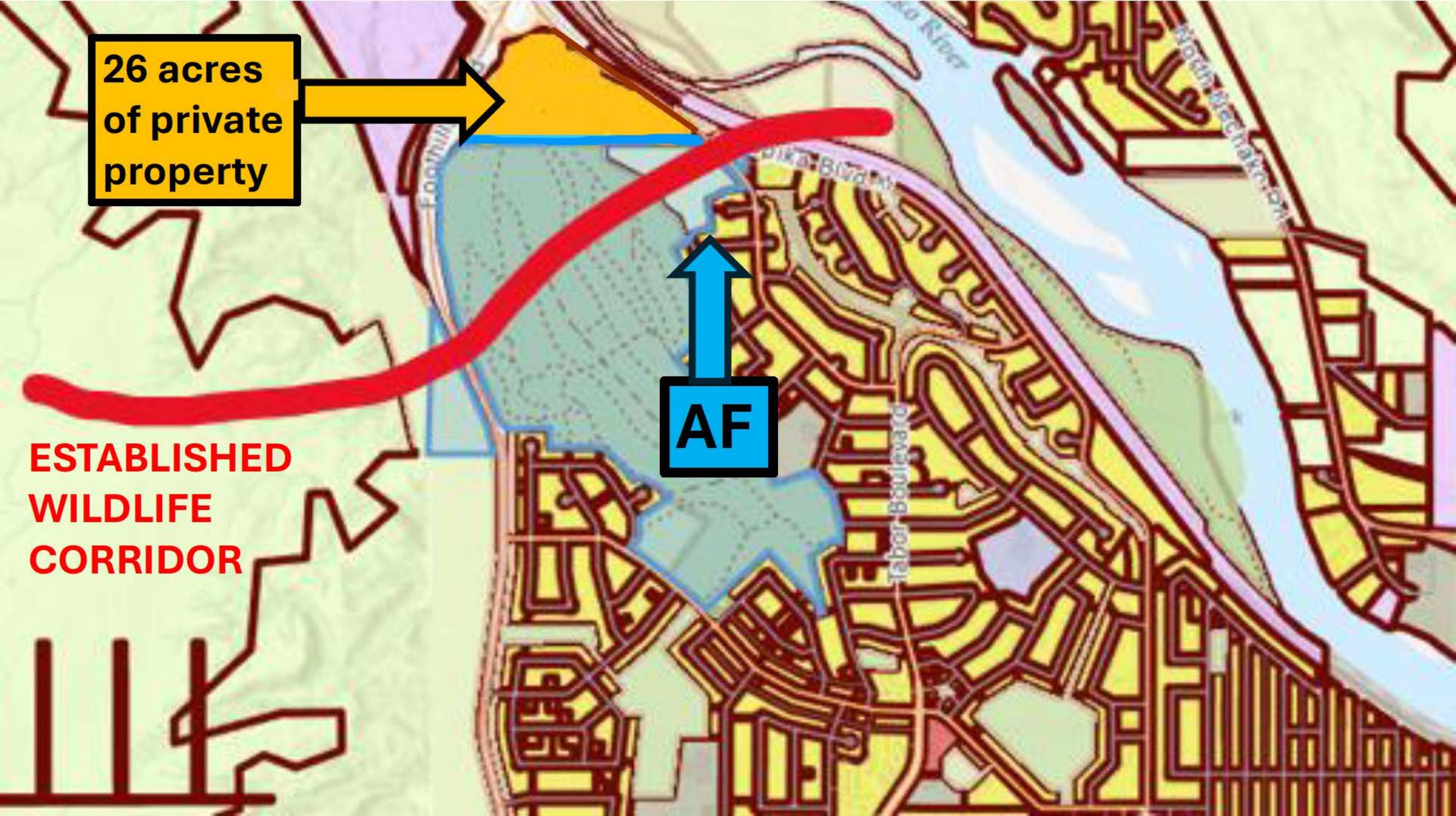
**26 acres  
of private  
property**



**AF**



**ESTABLISHED  
WILDLIFE  
CORRIDOR**





Significant Slopes DPA



Groundwater Protection DPA

Additional

**Development Permits**

would be required on any development of AF area



-  Flood Hazard DPA
-  Groundwater Protection DPA
-  Wildfire DPA
-  Intensive Residential DPA
-  Riparian Protection DPA
-  Significant Slopes DPA

Schedule 11.  
Significant Slopes and Groundwater Protection Areas  
Draft OCP, 2025



AF portion is already designated as

**‘Parks and Open Space’**

AF area should match the rest of the parcel zoning

and be **officially**

**zoned to P1**



*Schedule 12. Future Land Use Map, draft OCP, 2025*

# WHY SHOULD WE MAKE THIS CHANGE?



Aligns with feedback, visions, principles and goals in draft OCP



Low-cost measure with high benefit return



Protects wildlife corridor



Preserving greenspace is positive for recruitment and retention to city



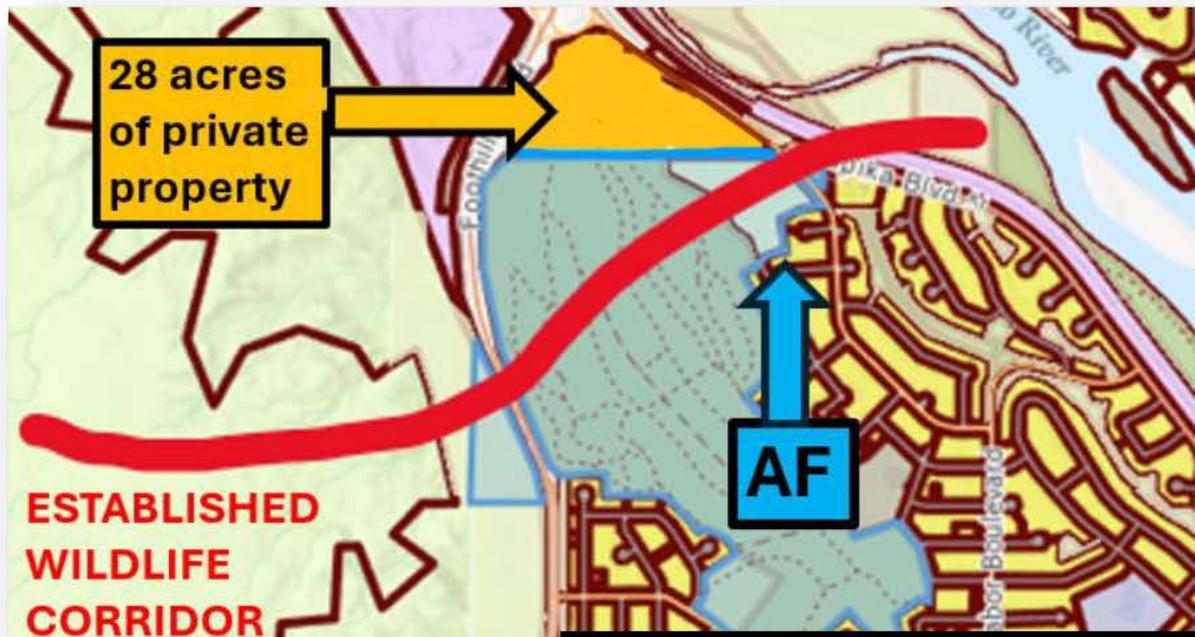
Retains well established trail connectivity from Heritage area into meadow



Mitigates human-wildlife interaction in light of future development at north end of meadow



Wildlife is important to tourism and our economy



*AF portion of meadow*



Thank you to  
Mayor and Council  
for the opportunity to  
speak and your time  
and consideration of  
this legacy motion

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*Baby moose born on  
AF portion of Moore's  
Meadow taking  
it's first drink!*