
Subject: FW: Ginter's Green

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To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@princegeorge.ca>; cityclerk <cityclerk@princegeorge.ca>
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Dear Mayor, Councillors and City Clerk

I have lived in the Pinecone Subdivision for forty years and loved Ginter's from when it was a small game trail through the aspen. It has changed a great deal since then and has become the heart of our city. The fact that it is so well loved means that it should be protected for future generations to enjoy. On a weekend there can easily be thirty or more dogs running about. We need to make the upper trail system starting behind Barnes all the way to the University designated park to allow for people to spread out. Calgary has done a phenomenal job of creating trail systems that follow the river for kilometres. I urge you to visit Calgary and see what they've accomplished. We can do the same here.

If you have spent any time exploring the upper trails you'll discover that there are multiple fresh water springs and there are lots of wet areas on the escarpment. In addition to that, if you go to the creek by the old house site, there has been a lot of erosion with trees coming down due to soil instability. Building on the escarpment is going to lead to problems with slides just like the trouble with University Way when it was first built. We have a jewel in Ginter's and the escarpment. Why would we take one of the best places in Prince George and clear cut it for houses? There are other places to build in Prince George.

Over the years, global warming has become a real threat with more forest fires and increased temperatures. Preserving green space provides cooling temperatures and a good place to escape the heat. The preponderance of aspen on the escarpment acts as a natural firebreak for the city. Without those aspen, it's only a matter of time before a forest fire starts and spreads into our city.

Sincerely,

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