

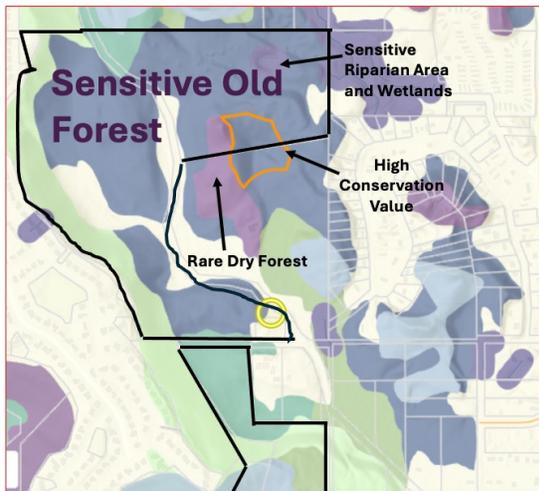
To Mayor and Council

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I am writing about the properties on Shamrock Road and Silvercrest Road that have been reclassified as 'Rural Resource' in the new OCP. The owners, who apparently had plans to put in a large multi-unit residential development, have argued that the property should revert back to its previous classification. I strongly disagree. As a recent first-time homeowner in Prince George in the neighbouring Minotti Drive I support the classification of the area as '**Rural Resource**' and below I present evidence of how this classification is appropriate for this *environmentally sensitive area* as per Section 18.6.

First, based on the ecosystem designations the area is primarily Sensitive Old Forest with some trees at least 200 years old and includes Sensitive Riparian Areas and Wetlands as well as an area of High Conservation Value.

The Shamrock Rd and Silvercrest Rd Proposed
Development Areas (outlined in black)
(Ecosystem Designations – PG Map)



Circumference of 126 inches



Second, the area in question is an important winter area for local moose. Research suggests that a proper interspersion of food and shelter in winter can be an important and possibly limiting feature of moose habitat, with a mosaic of varied cover types necessary for moose to survive and thrive in the winter. Evidence indicates the area was used by multiple moose during this past winter, including cow-calf pairs, and ecosystem connectivity is critical for the survival of large mammalian species.



Third, evidence indicates that the area is an important wildlife corridor with several wildlife species observed using the area including bear and deer. It is also breeding habitat for pileated woodpeckers, varied thrushes and owls based on bird call recordings.



During this public consultation period, Prince George citizens have repeatedly indicated the importance of greenspaces containing wildlife to their mental well-being as well as the value of these greenspaces to current and future community prosperity. A large multi-residential development in this *environmentally sensitive area* could irreparably harm this rural resource for both human and wildlife use.

Thank you for your attention
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