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Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 1:58 PM
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Subject: Fw: Proposed Mudfest Pouce Coupe BC.

I should add that I am a resident of Riverside Road and live within a km of the event proposed.

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Good day Tyra, I am writing this email to voice my opposition to the proposed mudfest on Riverside Road.

6.1 The Festival Company (Extreme Mudfest) Re: Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001 17
Billie Jo Aasen, Owner and CEO (Please see Agenda Item 8.6)

For context, I am a retired RCMP member and was the operations officer for Dawson Creek until 2016 when I retired. I currently run a high end security company employing only retired police and military members, servicing both BC and Alberta. We hold contracts for Alberta and BC government agencies as well as private contracts in various communities. This is important as I am not simply guessing at issues associated with this proposed event. I have dealt with and have in-depth knowledge regarding the policing and security as well as the accompanying problems these events have caused.

My first question is in regards to the additional policing costs. A four day event with bands, booze, camping and general all around partying results in a substantial increase in call volume for police. Many events of the same size and scope such as the Dawson Creek Fall Fair require several police officers brought in on overtime dedicated to the event to prevent catastrophes. This requires a detailed operations plan by police in conjunction with the promoters of the event. Has any operational plan been developed and more importantly, is the tab for the additional policing being paid for by the tax payer base in the regional district, or is the event promoter obligated to cover the costs of the additional policing. I can tell you from my experience that this bill will quickly tally in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, possibly reaching the million dollar mark if a serious criminal investigation is

required should something significant happen. (i.e. homicide on site, multiple casualty accident etc.)

Even though these events require additional policing, they also require independent security operations to ensure that there is security on site 24/7 to augment the police presence. As a security business owner, I can tell you that this requires a licenced company with uniformed security officers present. Each security personnel must hold the requisite security licence as per the requirements of the BC Securities Act. If there are persons acting as security for this venue who are not licenced, the event will be reported, and the promoters can expect substantial fines. Should a serious criminal event occur such as a sexual assault, which is almost guaranteed to happen given the nature of alcohol, camping and partying, are the promoters covered insurance wise to sustain a civil liability suit against them by the aggrieved party. As stated, I am an owner of a licenced security company, and I would not entertain a project like this for our company as the liability insurance would be substantial. In order to obtain a permit for this event, I am sure the PRRD is completing its due diligence and requesting a detailed security plan for this event. Has the PRRD received a detailed plan that meets the standard as set out under the BC Securities Act. Who is going to be responsible for providing security, and what qualifications do they hold? Given the size and duration of the festival, ensuring the safety of all attendees and local residents is crucial.

Another major concern is fire protection, especially considering recent media articles are warning of an exceptional harsh fire season for the western provinces. Furthermore at the last meeting, the mayor of Pouce Coupe had verbally offered the services of the Pouce Coupe Fire Department despite the event location being outside their official fire protection zone. Can you confirm the details of this arrangement and clarify the fire safety measures that will be in place? This is particularly important as our region is currently under an fire watch. Again is the PRRD and the promotor willing to accept a class action lawsuit should the event cause a fire that wipes out neighboring properties?

We are just scratching the surface with concerns at this point. I could also ask about environmental impacts, what noise control measures are being implemented, first aid and emergency response. Again this is a dead end road and to evacuate traffic there is only one way out. This could cause serious issues for first responders attempting to access site and having to battle fleeing traffic.

Finally I would ask each and every council member, is this something you would want in your neighborhood. There is no net economic benefit for the community here. It simply benefits the promotor?

I would like my concerns read into the minutes of the meeting on Thursday April 18th 2024 regarding the a/n event.

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