

Letters of Opposition Received after Deadline

Planning and Development Department

Sept. 14/23

Dear Sir :

It has been brought to my attention that a Liquor Store is to accommodate close to La-Crete. I am greatly concerned how this will affect our community. We do not need drunk people about in our community. It would greatly lesson the safety of our people and our community. My opinoin is we should all work together to have a peaceful and safe community.

Eva Harms

Thank -unu
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Re: Proposed Bylaw 1305-23

To Mackenzie County Council,

We are writing in regards to Bylaw 1305-23 which pertains to re-zoning to accommodate retail liquor sales. We strongly urge council to reject this proposal for the following reasons:

- Easier access to liquor will lead to higher amounts of alcohol-related issues/crimes in the town.
- Once you open the door to allow local liquor sales, you can't say no to any other venues that want to sell liquor.
- We all take pride in being a community with high standards of morals. Although we know there is alcohol in the community, there is something to be said to being a "dry town" and why would we want to ruin that. The atmosphere of our town, as being a dry town, is just different in a good way and more desirable than having alcohol easily available.

If the decision of a public pool in the area goes to a vote, then this most certainly should as well, whether or not public money is used. Both are sensitive subjects to the community members and should be dealt with in the same manner.

Kind regards,

Ernie & Shauna Dyck

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Re: Bylaw 1305-23

Dear Mackenzie Councilors and CAO;

My name is Tracy Wiebe, I am a mother to 6, and an aunt to 43. I am deeply concerned about the development of the proposed liquor store;

The National Library of Medicine states, "Alcohol consumption has been linked to a variety of sexual behaviors...., Several studies demonstrate that drinking increases the likelihood of...sexual behavior ... alcohol consumption has also been linked to negative sexual outcomes, including sexual assault."

The World Health Organization identifies that the use of alcohol has globally been identified as the third leading risk factor for poor health... "drinking alcohol is known to increase the incidence of both sexually transmitted disease and unplanned pregnancy."

In 1936, Cambridge Anthropologist JD Unwinn wrote a book called *Sex & Culture*. In it he examined 86 different cultures to see the correlation between sexual freedoms and the flourishing of cultures. After spending an impressive 40 years researching, he concluded that increased sexual freedoms always led to the collapse of a culture 3 generations later.

In addition, the presence of a liquor establishment is proven to increase crime.

Evidence clearly shows that allowing an establishment of this sort is a step toward ruin. Saying yes to the development of a liquor store has an cumulative effect, to which I am not willing to embrace. Not for my generation, nor the generations to come.

As a parent, as a community member, I strongly oppose the development of this establishment. As leaders in our community, you have the tremendous responsibility to speak up for the well being and prosperity of our community, which you serve. I ask that you refuse the development being proposed, and speak up for continued prosperity.

Hate that which is evil, cling to that which is good.

Sincerely,
Section 17 (1)

Tracy Wiebe
Section 17 (1)