

## Matthew Siddons

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**From:** Andrea [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** May 26, 2020 11:15 AM  
**To:** Matthew Siddons  
**Cc:** Andrew Kaiser; Shree Shinde; Craig Thomas  
**Subject:** Re: Land Use Bylaw C21-20, C22-20 Feedback

Thank you for this information Matthew, I appreciate it!

I am happy to hear that the existing tree stand at the south end of Windsor Pointe will be preserved with trail connection to West River's Edge. These types of spaces are why my family chose to live in this neighborhood.

It would be highly beneficial for our community to develop these spaces into pollinator corridors, and would show initiative in developing pollinator friendly communities. The city of Airdrie has taken steps to provide pollinator habitat and it would be wonderful to see the same action taken here in Fort Saskatchewan. We are already doing some beneficial things, like the addition of two community garden sites and not spraying dandelions. It wouldn't take much more to become a "Bee City" with recognition from Bee City Canada. I would be happy to assist with any aspect of this if that would be helpful.

Airdrie examples: [https://beecitycanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Airdrie\\_BCC\\_Application.pdf](https://beecitycanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Airdrie_BCC_Application.pdf)

Calgary examples: <https://beecitycanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Bee-City-Canada-Application-Calgary-19.pdf>

Thanks again,  
Andrea MacKay

On Tuesday, May 26, 2020, 10:27:46 a.m. MDT, Matthew Siddons wrote:

Hello Andrea,

Thank you for submitting your comments in regards to Bylaw C21-20 and C22-20. A copy of this email will be provided to Council.

In following with the Province's Municipal Government Act, a Developer can dedicate up to 10% of their lands for parks and school sites. Qualico has already contributed 10% of their lands for parks and school sites in Forest Ridge. There no additional park sites planned in Forest Ridge.

The proposed school site in Forest Ridge will eventually include playfields and a playground. There will be a trail connecting from Woodbridge Link in the north to Elm Street to the south. The area around the trail will be landscaped with trees and shrubs.

The [Windsor Pointe Outline Plan](#) provides detailed plans for the Windsor Pointe neighbourhood. Section 7.0 includes information on Trails, Parks, & Open Spaces. A neighbourhood park at the south end of the community will preserve an existing tree stand. There will be a trail connection between this park and West River's Edge Park.

Thank you,

**Matthew Siddons**, AICP

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**From:** Andrea [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Matthew Siddons  
**Subject:** Land Use Bylaw C21-20, C22-20 Feedback

Good morning,

I am writing to provide some feedback on the plan to redistrict land in the Forest Ridge neighborhood.

Two concerns come to mind when considering Qualico's plan for stage 11B. The first concern is regarding the area being redistricted to DC (A) - 15 allowing for semi-detached housing and duplexes with reduced side yard setbacks. My concern is with the reduced side yard setbacks. This is already an area that has seen a destructive fire which destroyed similar housing just north of this area a couple years back. The housing was under construction at the time, but the lack of space between dwellings certainly contributed to fire spread. Tight side yards also infringe on backyard privacy and make curbside pickup of green and black bins difficult. This type of housing is not well suited for the area backing onto green space.

My second concern is with the lack of green space (PR) in Qualico's plan and how current green space has been utilized. It is my understanding that the PS area north of the proposed development is the proposed site of a future school. This will mean a large mowed area with a playground, which is great for the children of the community as the only current playground is in Neville Parry park, but it does not contribute much to wildlife habitat unless it is specifically planned for. Currently the PR area between the proposed development and Woodhill Lane is a strip of mowed grass with evenly spaced trees and a few random boulders placed along the path. This is a misuse of green space as it does not contribute much usable wildlife habitat to the area. This area used to provide plenty of habitat in the native trees and shrubs along the old road. Once that road was broken up and all the trees and shrubs were removed, we saw a large drop in the local bird population. Some are slowly starting to return, but it has taken five years. There is so much potential for this PR area to be utilized as a pollinator corridor with less mowed grass, native shrubs, and flowers. This would benefit local wildlife and cut down on required maintenance. I was unable to find Qualico's plan for the land west of Willow Link but would be interested to know whether they have PR land planned for that area or not. If there is any additional information that either

Landrex or Qulaico can provide on how they plan PR I would be interested in that information as well.

There is some information linked below on pollinator pathways that would be beneficial to the future development of this area. It would be wonderful to see our local green space not only benefit our local families but our local wildlife as this area continues to grow.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and thank you for your time in considering it,

Andrea MacKay



<https://blog.cwf-fcf.org/index.php/en/what-is-a-pollinator-pathway/>