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City of Lloydminster City Council Members and Land Development
4420-50 Avenue
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Re: Aurora Subdivision Playground and Splash Park

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Sarah Sklapsky. My husband, Ryan, and I, along with our 4 year old son, have lived in the Aurora subdivision for nearly 10 years. When we moved into this subdivision, it was quite busy with many plans for expansion. Unfortunately, those plans never came to full fruition. Last year, we had heard that there were plans to finally build a playground in our subdivision. We were beyond excited to finally see our subdivision expand and become more family friendly.

Currently, if our family wants to go to a playground or the splash park it involves a drive or an extended bike ride. The closest playground to our house is 1.4 kilometers away and completely out of our subdivision and is in another one. This is not a walkable option for young kids and for many families. This fact alone bothers both my husband and I. It is not possible to build a sense of community and neighborhood pride when there aren't any family friendly gathering spaces in your neighborhood.

With the addition of a playground and splash park, it will allow for children to meet other children who live in proximity, for families to build networks, to promote physical health, and to reinforce a sense of community in Aurora. This new playground will be less than a kilometer away from our house. My family and I are excited to have a playground in our subdivision. The splash park is a very welcome bonus. We often will ride our bikes past the location so our son can look at the progress. His excitement is contagious.

I have talked to a few other families that live in our neighborhood and the excitement is real. This playground and splash park are needed in our subdivision, and I can not wait to see the sense of community further develop and to see how neighborhood families will benefit.

The accessible playground and splash park would be a welcome and needed addition to the Aurora Subdivision. This is my neighbourhood and my community.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Sklapsky
Resident of the Aurora Subdivision