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Subject: Joint Proposal for Aspen Park Trail Expansion and Formal Objection to Crystal Springs Colony Lagoon (File 6193)
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- **RM of Gimli Council & Recreation Director** | recdirector@rmgimli.ca
- **Manitoba Clean Environment Commission (CEC)** | cec@gov.mb.ca | File 6193

FROM: Sheri Flores

DATE: March 26, 2026

PART 1: TRAIL EXPANSION PROPOSAL (RM OF GIMLI)

Reference: RM of Gimli Draft Trails Master Plan (Public Forum March 26, 2026)

I am formally recommending that the **RM of Gimli** incorporate the land directly behind **Aspen Park** into the current **Trails Master Plan**. While this land is currently private (formerly part of the RCAF airbase quarters), its inclusion as a proposed "Strategic Environmental Corridor" is vital for the community's long-term connectivity and safety.

- **Proposed Route:** An extension connecting the existing Aspen Park links northward toward the industrial park, utilizing the natural terrain behind the residential sector.
 - **Implementation Strategy:** The RM should pursue a **Land Access Agreement** or easement with the current landowners (potentially Gimli CDC or provincial entities) to establish this public-use corridor without requiring outright land acquisition.
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PART 2: ENVIRONMENTAL BUFFER & HARBOUR COLONY OBJECTION (CEC)

Reference: Crystal Springs (Harbour) Colony Wastewater Lagoon Public Hearing (April 21–23, 2026)

The proposed trail behind Aspen Park serves a critical dual purpose: it creates a permanent **Environmental Buffer** against the risks posed by the **Crystal Springs Colony lagoon proposal (File 6193)**.

- **Watershed Protection:** This area is a key drainage zone for the **Willow Creek Watershed**. Establishing a managed trail prevents the encroachment of high-impact industrial or agricultural infrastructure that could lead to nutrient loading in Lake Winnipeg.
- **Community Safety:** Managed green spaces provide a physical barrier between residential zones (Aspen Park) and the proposed lagoon, mitigating concerns over odour, air quality, and groundwater safety.
- **Alignment with "Speak for the Lake":** The RM of Gimli has formally opposed this project. This trail proposal provides the Council with a tangible planning tool to reinforce their opposition by designating the area for low-impact recreation and conservation.

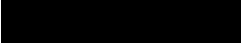
PART 3: TECHNICAL SITE DETAILS (SCHEDULE A)

Category	Technical Information
Legal Description	Section 16 & 17, Township 20, Range 4 E.P.M.
Site Context	Adjacent to former RCAF Station Gimli / Aspen Park Condominiums
Key Coordinates	Starting Point (Aspen Green Space): 50.63886°N, 96.99054°W
Watershed Link	Willow Creek Tributary Drainage (NW 1/4 Sec 16)
Regulatory File	Manitoba Public Registry File No. 6193

CLOSING STATEMENT

I urge both the **RM of Gimli** and the **CEC** to view this trail expansion not merely as a recreational asset, but as a necessary protective measure for the **Willow Creek Watershed**. Protecting this land from the Crystal Springs lagoon development ensures the long-term health of our local environment and the safety of our residents.

Signed,
Sheri Flores



Aspen Park