

## **CORRUPTION: STANDARD PRACTICE IN LAC STE ANNE COUNTY**

The Lac Ste Anne County (LSAC) Municipal Development Plan lists the requirements for developers wanting to develop a campground in LSAC. Critically, there is no provisions that allow Council to waive the requirement for a formal plan (Area Structure Plan or Outline Plan, depending on the size). Yet LSAC Administration and Council did exactly that:

The developer of Deep Creek Campground has a friend on Council who advocated on behalf of the developer. Administration admits that Deep Creek bypassed the *mandatory* Outline Plan submission, circulation, Open House, and Outline Plan approval steps. Additionally, Deep Creek was allowed a reduced water setback without the *required* technical report and then allowed to develop deep into the setback area — directly contrary to County policy and against the recommendation of Alberta Environment and Parks.

Council fast-tracking approvals and relaxing requirements because the developer has a friend on Council constitutes *corruption*.

Pertaining to my campground development, Administration and Council demanded an ASP, demanded every technical and engineering report, demanded reports beyond those listed in the MDP, and refused all variances. Administration rejected my engineer's report on the water setback, and had their preferred company complete one. That report, by *Aquality* Environmental, is so rife with errors that a Professional Misconduct complaint was filed against *Aquality* employees with the Alberta Society of Professional Biologists.

Administration and Council expressed being “absolutely in favor of a campground and associated development” and lauded my proposal as “an excellent use of the land”. Then they killed it. Now they refuse to explain why.