

Dear Council,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposal to privatize the township road leading to our properties. Several concerns have arisen regarding this proposal, prompting us to urge the council to carefully reconsider this course of action.

First and foremost, we are deeply concerned about the potential development of the land, particularly in light of prior activities undertaken by Jan and Jitka. It raises questions about whether there are external interests or business ventures associated with their efforts to obtain access. The manner in which events have unfolded suggests a hidden agenda, casting doubt on the true motivations behind this proposal. A cursory online search would readily unveil pertinent background information regarding Jan and Jitka.

Furthermore, there are significant environmental considerations that must be addressed. The possible presence of protected species in the area and their proximity to the proposed road could have serious implications for wildlife conservation efforts. Additionally, the existence of old-growth trees exceeding 150 years in age highlights the need to prioritize nature preservation in any decision-making process.

The seasonal water flow over the road allowance must also be taken into account, as it could pose challenges to road maintenance and access. Limited access for equipment and land use further complicates matters, raising questions about the feasibility of privatizing the road.

Moreover, it is essential to consider the cost implications of alternative options for access. While Jan and Jitka have received permission from another landowner to build their road, it is unclear how this cost compares to the proposed road allowance option. Additionally, the standards for road construction and maintenance must be carefully evaluated to ensure compliance with safety and environmental regulations.

The projected maintenance costs of the road, including grading, graveling, cleaning ditches, and ensuring unimpeded waterways, must be thoroughly assessed. It is unreasonable to assume that neighboring property owners (ourselves, Brandi and Curt Magill) will bear the financial burden of road maintenance, particularly without our consent.

Furthermore, the potential for tax increases following road privatization raises concerns about the economic impact on residents. It is essential to consider the long-term financial implications of this decision for all stakeholders involved.

Finally, it is crucial to ensure that farming equipment will have adequate access to the entirety of the road abutting our property. Any restrictions on access could have detrimental effects on agricultural operations and livelihoods.

In conclusion, I urge the council to carefully consider the myriad concerns raised regarding the privatization of the township road. It is imperative to prioritize transparency, environmental conservation, and the interests of all affected parties in any decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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