



Memo

TO: Clerk's Office

FROM: Kristen Knudskov, Planner

DATE: January 17, 2021

RE: Case 1084 Metro Rifle & Pistol Club – Public Hearing Submissions

Enclosed are all public hearing submissions received prior to the deadline regarding "Case 1084 Request from Metro Rifle & Pistol Club to Permit an Outdoor Weapon Shooting Range at PID 15198393 (Upper Leitches Creek Road, Upper Leitches Creek, District 3) by Development Agreement."

A total of 142 submissions were received. The table below breaks down the comments for and against by their location. A map of the responses received from Leitches Creek and Upper Leitches Creek is also attached (Attachment A).

Location	Number of Statements in Support	Number of Statements Opposed
Leitches Creek & Upper Leitches Creek	4	12
Other CBRM Communities	120	0
Areas Outside of the CBRM	6	0
Total	130	12

Below is a brief summary of points raised within the submissions. Please note that this is only a summary and the full submissions are provided in Attachment B.

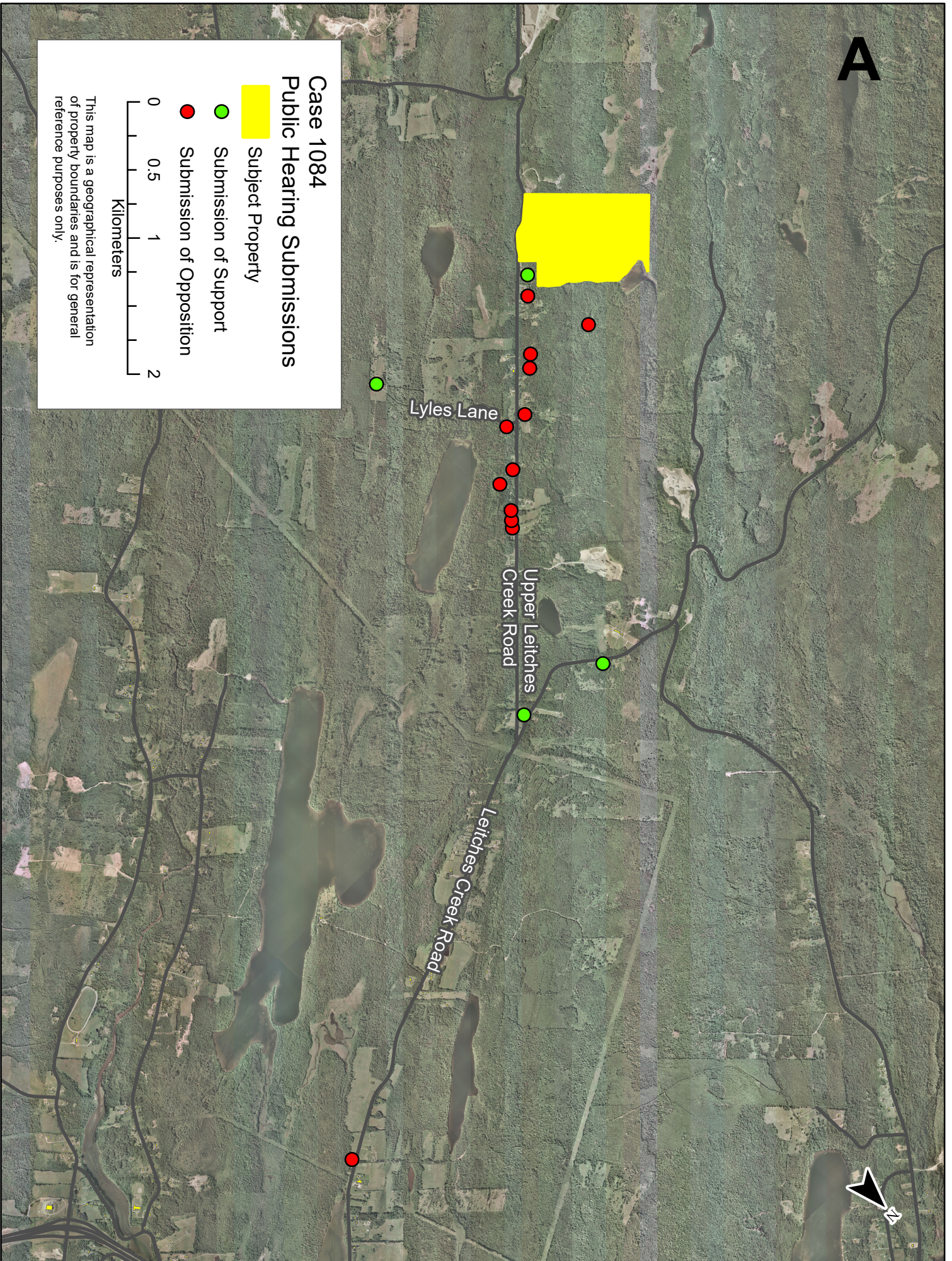
Submissions of support:

- New range will be designed and operated more safely than existing adjacent range
- Will not produce more noise or traffic than existing adjacent range
- Existing range is inadequate, poorly maintained, or too busy
- Opportunity for additional sports (Ex. Archery, trap & skeet shooting)
- More accessible for groups which cannot access or are intimidated by the public range
- Will reduce illegal shooting
- New business will benefit the CBRM
- Weapon is an inappropriate term to describe the development
- Use of firearms is heavily regulated
- Opportunity for recreation and firearms safety trainin

Submissions in opposition:

- Lead will contaminate the water supply
- The existing range is poorly maintained (Ex. Garbage and dumping)
- Existing range is not limited in hours and shooting occurs after dark
- Existing range and indoor range on Keltic Drive are sufficient or are more suitable
- Traffic and pedestrian safety concerns
- Impact on wildlife
- Increase in noise
- Should be given the opportunity to meet in-person to discuss the development
- Will disrupt rural setting
- Safety and liability in the event of a misfired shot
- Gun storage on site
- Will reduce property values and ability to develop in the area


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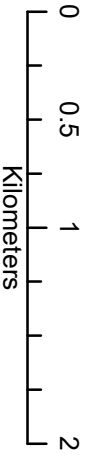


**Case 1084
Public Hearing Submissions**

 Subject Property

 Submission of Support

 Submission of Opposition



This map is a geographical representation of property boundaries and is for general reference purposes only.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Outdoor weapon shooting range Leitches Creek
Date: January 11, 2022 11:41:13 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

To whom it may concern

I am a resident of Upper Leitches Creek Road (#462) and I am in opposition of the proposed development agreement which would permit an outdoor shooting range to be established in our area!! There is already an outdoor shooting range on our road and there is a new indoor facility located in Westmount (a Business district). I think it is unnecessary and inconsiderate to consider a residential community an ideal spot for a new range.

The current gun range on our road is used regularly and does not appear to have strictly enforced operational standards. The gun shots can be heard early morning until well past dark (I'm not even sure how they can see). While I can't speak for the whole community, when the range is busy, the gun shots for me are disturbing. I chose to live in a rural area for peace and quiet, it is my oasis from the hustle and bustle of life. Repeated gun fire takes away from the tranquility. It also impacts the quality of life of my dogs. As with most dogs, the sound of gunshots and fireworks can be very unsettling for our pets. I can only imagine with a new bigger range, there will be increased disturbances and greater concern. I would also love to know the impact that having a bigger outdoor gun range will have on our property value. Can the CBRM guarantee that our property values won't decrease as a result of the new range? I'm not confident that new buyers will be excited about buying a house close to a gun range. It might be right up there with buying a house next to an airport or train station.

In addition to my concerns regarding the gun range itself, let's also address the concerns of potential increased traffic on our road. My husband and I have been reporting concerns of traffic violations (vehicles travelling at excessive speeds) on our road to our CBRM counselor, MLA and CBRP since July 2018. We are a small residential community (rural) that is a mix of young families with children; working class; a number of retired couples (seniors); and several families with pets. Our road does not have sidewalks and the road shoulders are minimal/nonexistent. Several of our community members walk the Upper Leitches Creek road daily and it continues to be an ongoing safety concern. The majority of vehicles that frequent our road drive in excess of the speed limit, in both the 50km area as well as the 70km area, and they do not slow down for pedestrians! Our area is frequented by the local CBRP going to and from the gun range, but is not patrolled regularly to enforce speed regulations (or address speed violations). Adding a new gun range will likely increase the traffic on our road and put our residents in further danger. This is unacceptable. If our MLA, CBRP and DOT are not willing and able to take action to protect our community from ongoing present concerns, I only see the situation worsening if this Gun Range proposal is approved.

I do hope that the our community can trust the CBRM to choose community and safety, over an unnecessary gun range!!!

I thank you for your time and appreciate you listening to my concerns.

Peggy Gordon
Resident of 462 Upper Leitches Creek Road
Leitches Creek, NS
B2A 4B3

Peggy Gordon (she/her)
Student Placement Officer
Office: B 134G



1250 Grand Lake Road
Sydney, N.S. B1P 6L2

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kristen R. Knudskov](#)
Subject: FW: PID 15198393 Proposed Gun Range in Upper Leitches Creek
Date: January 12, 2022 1:26:29 PM

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Daniel J. Lewis](#)
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 1:06 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: PID 15198393 Proposed Gun Range in Upper Leitches Creek

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From:
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:22 PM
Subject: PID 15198393 Proposed Gun Range in Upper Leitches Creek

Hi Kristen. Hello Mayor and Council members

My name is Dan Lewis and I live at civic address 640 Upper Leitches Creek Rd.

In regard to the proposed gun range.

Absolutely a HARD NO!

First let me know if anyone on council here would want this proposal to pass in their district....in their backyard, per se.

Your paper letterhead says "CBRM A Community of Communities." Is that a nicety or does this reflect our community beliefs? WE are a community in Upper Leitches Creek. Let that sink in. There has been no light shed on this subject. All last year we could hear blasting and land being developed near our property. The blasting itself has shook our house, twice! This has affected our water table and well having reduced water flow.

There has been little regard to the information that now has been received in the CBRM letter received on Jan. 6 2022. Barely one week before comments and statements are secured. Your phonemail is not a viable way to proceed with this. You re not even in your office or in council chambers. With Covid putting a halt to in-person meetings, I must state that this is not the ideal way to have people get their say. A TOWN HALL meeting is the ideal way for people to express themselves. Up front and personal.

Some do not even have access to email on our road and would feel more comfortable with the up close and personal meeting.

I feel that CBRM is taking advantage of this situation to ram this proposal through Council.

Obviously there is a special interest by someone wanting to see this go through. In the past there have been vehicles burnt and left on the current gun range land. Open fires. The police use the

range but just ignored these issues.

I feel it is not in the best interest of our community to allow this proposal to go through CBRMCouncil.

Wildlife is already being affected by this project. We do not feel safe as the size of this site is capable of over 500 members. Lotsa traffic and lotsa guns. We already have excessive noise and safety problems with the mining trucks on our road. We do not need more traffic or care for people bringing guns out here.

There are not even 100 people on our road. Correct me if I'm wrong.

Please provide the name of the head of this development group seeking to build.

Please send a copy of this to all CBRM Council and Mayor

Please reply and acknowledge receipt of this email.

Thank You

Dan Lewis and Lorna Williams

640 Upper Leitches Creek Rd [REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kristen R. Knudskov](#)
Subject: Re: Information request concerning proposed outdoor weapon and shooting range proposed at PID # 15198393
Date: January 17, 2022 8:36:21 AM

Hello Kristen

The following is our comments for the public hearing on Jan 18th, concerning development agreement proposed to allow an outdoor weapon and shooting range at PID # 15198393.

As the property owner of the approx. 140 acres of land (PID # 15198286) located next door to the proposed shooting range development

we are opposing any development agreement to allow an outdoor weapon shooting range at PID # 15198393.

We believe if the shooting range is allowed to be built next to our property it will cause a significant decrease in

the market value of our property, and reduce our development options. There is an existing shooting range further up the road, however this

does not justify allowing another shooting range to operate even closer to the existing residential area. The noise from existing range travels right now, with

another range even closer the noise level from the gun shooting will be worse. Also, any benefits from the operation of a shooting

range are already accessible by the general public thru the use of the existing shooting range operated NS DNR.

Respectfully submitted for property owners of PID # 15198286, Upper Leitches Creek Rd.

Cape Breton Sand & Gravel Limited

Ann M Curry,

111 Tometary Dr. , CBRM

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Submission Received by Voicemail
(Transcribed)

Hello. This is Margaret Wells from 395 Upper Leitches Creed Road calling. I'm calling regarding the shooting range in Upper Leitches Creek. My husband and I are against this for the following reasons: increased traffic and noise in our neighbourhood. The increased traffic would make it unsafe for people to walk on the road. Thank you, my phone number is [phone number]. Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kristen R. Knudskov](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Development Agreement/ COMMENT ON UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT TO ALLOW AN OUTDOOR WEAPONS SHOOTING RANGE AT PID 15198393 UPPER LEITCHES CREEK ROAD
Date: January 13, 2022 9:03:57 PM

Hi Kristen,

Please confirm and ensure that my comments below are included at the public hearing Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6pm regarding the issue that you were kind enough to take my phone call on New Year's Eve afternoon. Thank you and Stay Safe,

Lori MacPhee
544 Upper Leitches Creek Rd.

Dear

Mayor Amanda McDougall, Cyril MacDonald District 3, Gordon MacDonald District 1, Earlene MacMullin District 2, Steve Gillespie District 4, Eldon MacDonald District 5, Glenn Paruch District 6, Steve Parsons District 7, James Edwards District 8, Ken Tracey District 9, Darren Bruckschwaiger District 10, Honourable Keith Bain MLA Victoria-The Lakes, Jaime Battiste Member Of Parliament Sydney-Victoria,

New Year's Eve, the day I received notification from the CBRM Planning and Development Department, of the request received from The Metro Rifle and Pistol Club to establish an outdoor weapon shooting range on PID 15198393 in the heart of the community of Upper Leitches Creek and I am strongly against this proposal for several many reasons I will list below for council to consider and investigate before an approval should ever be considered for this rented property.

I have owned my property and paid taxes for 34 years. The property in question has been purchased by owners who do not live on the property. I believe that the property is Rented. Did anyone from council visit this site to see that it directly behind residential private properties. Has a risk assessment been done? Safety is a huge concern. Who would be liable for injury because accidents do happen. With so many parties involved with the property who is liable? One misfired shot could be life threatening. We have no sidewalks and full gravel trucks travelling downhill "80kms"+ therefore residents don't walk the road we hike the back mountain. There is no way to ensure anyone's safety there. Noise. Shooting guns in backyards would affect our quality of life. The Metro Rifle and Pistol Club try to represent or confuse people who visit their website. It refers to its location as 911 Upper Leitches Creek Rd, which is the DND Rifle Range. There is no correlation, is there? These are two separate locations and one does not belong to the other or are affiliated. Is this correct? This property in question is less than a kilometre away from the DND site which could adequately accommodate what the The Metro Rifle and Pistol Club are selling in a much safer environment and location. Wildlife. The wildlife would be driven out. That is a quality of life we enjoy living a rural area. Expansion in proposal states that they would be wide open to do whatever with not a mention of site visits. The Canadian government is tightening gun control in Canada and on Cape Breton Island we are debating why we don't want this in our community. In there proposal there is mention that it could be an Olympic training site; this is more deceit as these

facilities are already in place on the island. Again, I ask, is there a need for this type of facility in our neighborhood. This club has others in the United States, not certain if affiliated but they do have the same name. Is this something we want in Upper Leitches Creek, Cape Breton Island? Do we want our Island to remain what it is world wide known for its beautiful scenery and people or a place where Americans can shoot guns. Yes. Americans. The proposal is wide open. Does anyone think that Upper Leitches Creek is the Wild West? Would the site be renting to groups? Where are these guns stored if rentals are part of the package. Could anyone sleep soundly in Upper Leitches Creek or on council if this is approved? This community already has a missing person in our neighborhood. I truly don't approve or believe that this proposal would bring anything positive to our community. Transparency is necessary. Why would Curry's purchase property in the heart of our neighborhood that they don't live in and didn't intend to then rent it out. Are they involved in this proposal or is it solely the gun club? The reason I ask for clarity is for liability purposes. The CBRM and province has plenty of vacant land and the Department of National Defence Rifle Range is less than a kilometre up the road in a more safe, suitable and adequate location than their proposed residential site. I would encourage all councillors to go to google maps and view the said property overhead view. The target site is directly behind cleared property. I have left more trees in the front of my home as a sound barrier for the gravel trucks than they left behind me for protection; if trees are considered protection. There are no barriers only minimal trees for protection. I can hear conversations and guns loading and firing although I can't make out what is being said. I was advised that there is nothing happening on said property to date and I strongly disagree with that as shots fired were heard regularly through our the neighborhood and not from the DND site. That has been confirmed.

Writing publicly is something I am not comfortable with however; I feel strongly that I am a hard No for approval of this request. My property is my retirement investment. I am a widow and am completely uncomfortable with this proposal. Gardening and doing yard work with guns of all types firing in the middle of the woods sounds like a nightmare. I am and have been contacting all levels of Government seeking support regarding this request.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Lori MacPhee
544 Upper Leitches Creek Rd

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 30, 2021, at 3:32 PM, Kristen R. Knudskov <krknudskov@cbrm.ns.ca> wrote:

Hi Lori,

Attached is a copy of the development agreement that will be considered at the January 18th meeting. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Take care,

Kristen

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Kristen Knudskov

Planner | Planning & Development Department
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<Draft DA 1084.pdf>

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kristen R. Knudskov](#)
Subject: Upper leitches creek shooting range
Date: January 2, 2022 1:20:01 PM

With regards to proposed shooting range in upper leitches creek I as a resident of this area do not feel the need for another range right along side of the present range currently being used up here some examples of reasons are as follows (A) the amount of garbage being left behind at this existing range is absolutely disgusting , (B) there is no restrictions on hours the range being used be nothing to walk outside the house on Christmas morning as early as 9 :00 A:M listening to a constant sound of gunfire this is constantly going on year round even in the summer very late evenings sometimes I wonder how they are able to see what they are shooting at as it is pretty dark (C) there is a indoor gun range on keltic Dr in coxeath which I firmly believe is more suited for this (D) the amount of traffic on this road is bad enough the speed limit is 70 kmph which is not patrolled very much by police at all alot of the traffic is traveling in excess of 90 to 100 kmph we have no sidewalks up this area as many residents walk the road with pets with very much limited walking space

Concerned home owner on upper leitches creek road

Sent from my Galaxy

Received from Blair Lush
25 Lyles Lane, Upper Leitches
Creek

January 12, 2022

To the Mayor and Councillors of CBRM

Hello my name is Yvonne Hall. I am writing this letter on behalf of my family. We reside at 339 Upper Leitches Creek Road. We have been living here for our entire life. We have learned through neighbors that a group is putting in a private gun range, we as a family are opposed to this idea.

We already have one gun range here owned by the Department of Natural Resources. I did some research on this private Gun Club; The Metro Rifle & Pistol Club is 500 strong in members. The club will be hosting a series of competitions throughout the shooting season, which means much more traffic on our road and noise for the residents of Upper Leitches Creek.

We live in the country for a reason, we like to look out our window and see wildlife in our yard. We like to be able to go on out on our road and walk our dog, with the increase of traffic and gunshots we will not be able to do this.

I spoke with the planning committee from CBRM and was informed that a letter was not sent to our home because we are not in 1 kilometer of the rifle range and want each of you to know we hear the gunshots for the range.

I checked the Metro Clubs Schedule and from January to April they are scheduled every Wednesday from 8am – 12 pm and every Sunday from 1pm – 7pm at the current range. We would like to be able to go out in our yard without hearing gun shots.

We feel that during this Pandemic a rifle range is not a priority. We are not able to meet as a community to discuss the pros and cons of this new Gun range. We can send in letters but it is not the same as you the Mayor and Councillors hearing from the people who live and pay taxes from this community.

I respectfully ask you to not pass a vote for this Gun Club to proceed.

Thank You,
Glen Hall
Yvonne Hall

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Proposed Gun Range
Date: January 13, 2022 8:42:54 PM

January 13th, 2022

To the Mayor and Councillors of CBRM:

My name is Melissa MacIsaac. Myself and my family reside at 319 Upper Leitches Creek Rd. I am writing this email on behalf of all of us to address our concerns about the proposed private gun range. To start off if it wasn't for a post on Facebook and talk within the community, we wouldn't even know any of this is happening. We have come to find out that we were not notified about this proposal due to the fact that we live more than 1km away from the proposed development site. I can assure anyone who thinks we will not be affected is wrong. We already have one gun range in the area that is owned by Department of Natural Resources, and we hear the gun shots at our residence. Also, the traffic alone will absolutely affect us. Some may argue that there is more than one way to access this proposed development site, but I can assure you knowing the roads and the route of travel the other way to this site that our road will be the main source of access. In doing research on this private company who plans to open this range I have come to find out that they have over 500 members. They also plan to host competitions and word of mouth is they plan to build a banquet hall on the site. This will be a huge increase to the traffic in this area and we all chose to live in the country to have a simpler and quieter life. There are many people in the community who walk every day with their children and dogs who many not feel so safe to do so with all the traffic.

My last concern and biggest of all is the level of disrespect being shown to our community by the CBRM. To hold a meeting to discuss such a large change to our community during a pandemic and time when we are unable to attend this meeting is very inconsiderate to the residents of this community who pay the paxes here. To not be even notified due to the distance and then to find out the only way to participate is to send in an email or call is unfair. Are you aware of what is community is like? We are a community with very unreliable internet service as well for the majority an older population who may not be able to do the things necessary to participate in this meeting. A letter should have been sent to every residence in the community and this meeting should not be taking place without community members in attendance. Yes, I am able to send this letter in for my family but those in attendance have the chance to rebuttal any of our concerns and since we are not there in person, we do not have that privilege.

I ask that you take all our concerns into account and please hold off on any judgements until you are able to have the proper and fair meeting that our community deserves.

January 12, 2022

To the Mayor and Councillors of CBRM

Regarding: The Proposal of a Rifle Range adjoining the DNR property in Upper Leitches Creek.

It is with much dismay that I have recently heard of the above proposal. On the webpage of the Rifle and Pistol Club of Cape Breton state the following:

"In 2019 we purchased the 150 acres parcel of land adjoining the DNR property and have begun layout for a venue encompassing the Olympic Shooting Sports for our membership. Included will be Biathlon, The Pistol Sports (PPC, Standard Pistol, Rapid Fire, Air Pistol, ect.), 300m rifle, Archery, Olympic Trap & Skeet as well as Small Bore Rifle. There will also be ranges for our membership that just want to go out with their family and friends and shoot for fun, or practice with their hunting rifles or bows a few times a year."

Copied from website.

On the website they state that they have 500 members. The plan, as I understand, is a private range that will host various events as mentioned above.

As lifelong Residents of the Upper Leitches Creek Community (345 Upper Leitches Creek Road) we feel it necessary to voice our concerns with this adventure. Country living is a choice that we have made and continue to make. As Residents of Cape Breton Regional Municipality who make the choice to live in a rural setting we enjoy peace and quiet, we enjoy being able to go for peaceful walks on the one road that is our Community.

Currently the Metro Rifle & Pistol Club uses the current Rifle Range every Wednesday and Sunday. We must inform you that we do indeed hear gunshots whenever the Range is in use, be it the Metro Rifle & Pistol Club, the CBRM police, RCMP etc.

While I understand that we are unable to voice our concerns in person I ask that you respectfully put aside making a decision on the above proposal until it is safe for individuals in the community to meet and discuss how this will affect the community.

I also believe that adjacent communities such as Frenchvale, Boisdale, etc. should be given the opportunity to see exactly what the plans entail and how it will affect their community.

The final thoughts are what about basic facilities, i.e. washrooms, garbage collection etc. Are there plans in place for this?

Thank you in advance for considering our concerns.

Respectfully Submitted

Millie & Karen MacIsaac

345 Upper Leitches Creek Road

Upper Leitches Creek, B2A 4B2



January 13, 2022

Mike and Anne Marie MacIsaac
301 Upper Leitches Creek Road
Upper Leitches Creek
NS B2A 4B2

Cape Breton Regional Municipality
Outdoor Weapon Shooting Range on PID 15198393

We have found out that we were not notified about this proposal as we live more than a 1km away from the proposed site. Not everyone receives the Cape Breton post to see a notice of a hearing. Each taxpayer should have been notified by letter of this proposal. How can anyone think this will not affect our entire community? Department of Natural resources has a shooting range in the same area and we can hear gunshots from that one. Apparently the developer is a private company with over 500 members. This proposed facility would greatly increase traffic on our road which now can be very busy with trucks hauling from two gravel pits.

It is our understanding that this parcel of land was purchased about two years ago and it has been cleared. So why is a hearing only taking place now? We feel that this hearing should be rescheduled until it could be safely held in person, giving the residents a chance to better express their concerns. Live stream or view at www.cbrm is unfair to taxpayers as we do not have great internet speed and definitely no access to fiber op.

We live in a quiet community and enjoy the outdoors. Who wants to be walking, gardening, or just sitting on their deck and listen to gun shots or increased traffic?

This proposed development will not provide any benefit to our community.

Mike and Anne Marie MacIsaac

Andy Mahar PID #15198294

Dear Planning and Development Department

Re: Proposed outdoor weapons range (upper leitches creek PID #15198393)

I am writing regarding the proposed outdoor weapons and shooting range on the Upper Leitches Creek Rd. Being a property owner that will be within half a mile of the proposed range is causing us some concerns. This is a property that is owned by myself, my brother, and our mother. We are not sure what the need of a second range would be as there is already one there, also with the new indoor range on Keltic drive available to the public. At this point there is no dwelling on our property, but our concern is would our kids want to build there when all they would hear is guns shooting all day long. What will it do to the pets in the area that may be affected by the noise as well, as the range will be close to the homes in the area? It is a beautiful area up there for sure but what will it do as far as increased noise in the area, increased traffic, and potential litter issues. If this range were to happen, what would it do to the property values and the salability of the property if that were something being considered for the future. Please consider these concerns when making your decision.

Regards

Andy Mahar

Address:
17 Archibald Ave, Sydney

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: public hearing
Date: January 9, 2022 1:57:12 PM

Charlene Lothier-Ranni
325 Leitches creek Rd
Leitches Creek
B2A 3Z4

Dear Council,

I am writing this letter in response to the public hearing dated January 18th 2022 regarding the proposed firing range located in upper Leitches creek. I recently purchased a property on Leitches creek road and my water supply comes from Leitches creek. All rivers lead to the ocean. Most of the properties in Upper Leitches creek rely on ground water ie drilled wells for their water supply. I am worried about lead leaching into my drinking water if this shooting range is allowed to go ahead.

As I sit down to write this email I can't help but think of all the Health issues one of my good friends is going through due to lead poisoning. It has affected every aspect of her life. Even health Canada is worried about lead in our drinking water.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/reports-publications/water-quality/what-about-lead.html>

“It is important to reduce exposure to lead as much as possible because health effects of lead may occur even at low concentrations.”

- **The use of leaded ammunition is the biggest contributor to lead releases to land.**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/national-pollutant-release-inventory/tools-resources-data/lead.html>

Keeping lead out of our environment as much as possible is the responsible thing to do to keep us all safe and healthy. It is increasingly important that we do not pollute the environment any more than is absolutely necessary and I do not believe that a recreational shooting range is a necessity!

Thank you for your time

Charlene Lothier Ranni

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](mailto:PlanningConsult@cbrm.ns.ca)
Subject: Re: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT : PID 15198393
Date: January 10, 2022 5:03:31 PM

----- Original Message -----

From: fred.martell@bell.net

To: PlanningConsult@cbrm.ns.ca

Sent: Invalid date

Subject: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT : PID 15198393

I Would like to comment on the proposed development agreement which would permit an outdoor shooting range to be established on PID 15198393, Upper Leitches Creek. I cannot see a better place to establish a shooting range. It borders on the D. N. R. Public Range, which the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club had donated over \$30,000.00 in upgrades to the 100 Meter Public Range, including the establishment of a 30 Meter Range used by local Policing Services. The M R & P volunteers over the past 12 years have also maintained both ranges with grass cutting, garbage removal, target backstop replacement and several ground cleanups. As you can see the club is a very good non-profit organization. As a Nova Scotia Firearms Safety Instructor I have seen a huge increase in the number of youth, women and men passing the restricted and non-restricted safety courses. There has also been a large number of Shooting Sports Competitions and Club Competitions in Nova Scotia in the past several years. The proposed development will prevent congestion at the current DNR Range and with the available land, allow for the expansion of the other shooting sports like; Skeet Shooting { currently under discussion }, development of 200 and 300 meter ranges and Tri-Athlete { skier-rifle shooting timed events}. Just as a note, the training of Nova Scotia Tri-Athletes takes place outside Nova Scotia. I would like to see our CBRM Councilor's have an opportunity to view the DNR Range and maybe fire a few rounds and appreciate the love we have for shooting sports. In conclusion, I would like to thank the CBRM for the opportunity to express my views and if further comments are required, please contact me at:

Fred Martell

1029 Leitches Creek Road

Leitches Creek

[REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: PID 15198393
Date: January 11, 2022 1:31:45 PM

In my first email regarding the new proposed shooting range in Upper Leitches Creek I forgot to mention our Safety Record. Our club administration and membership have passed a club rule that every member must complete a "Safety Orientation Course" before allowed to use (fire a firearm) the DNR range. In the past, hunters using the DNR range with or without safety orientation have always been allowed to book the range and sight in their non- restricted firearms before the hunting season. If there was an unsafe practices or conflicts {not deliberate} at the range, we would simply leave the range. With the new range, our safety practices, will ensure a safer and more controlled environment, with the goal of reducing any accidents to " 0 " in all our shooting sports. Please note, we have always had an excellent relationship with all DNR staff. Thanks to their co-operation we have enjoyed the privileges of DNR range and will continue to support the range. Thanks for your time, and once again if further information or discussion is required, please contact me at:

Fred Martell

1029 Leitches Creek Road

Leitches Creek

[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: New target range
Date: January 10, 2022 12:32:57 PM

My name is Gregory leloup and I live at 1174 leitches creek road. I am emailing to encourage the new construction of the range facility in my area. It's been something I have been looking forward to for a while because of the crowded and poorly maintained outdoor range currently in use. I think it would be a great idea for the new construction so people will have more access to a safe and clean place to take their family's for a great day of recreational shooting fun! I hope everything goes as planned for the new facility.

Best of luck,
Greg leloup

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Upper Leitches Creek rifle range
Date: January 9, 2022 11:01:55 AM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Terrance Collins (Canadian Forces veteran/retired Warrant Officer), I live at 449 Upper Leitches Creek rd. Wrt subj, I believe this new range would definitely be a benefit to our community. The Metro Club will be incorporating both an Archery and Skeet shooting ranges in support of the two already existing and running CB clubs that desperately need this in order to remain clubs here in Cape Breton.

I believe it will also improve safety for target shooting in the area, there will be no real increase in the amount of noise created, as this is next door to the only legal out door range in the CBRM already. So there really isn't any difference in the amount of shooters, but it does give them a safer alternative to the DNR range next door.

The existing DNR range can be a safety hazard at times because of the lack of supervision/training for target shooters. The Metro Club has a long standing in our community and a strong commitment to safety.

The Club has tried for years to increase the safety of the current DNR range and spent lots of money to do so on signage, safety videos and the present infrastructure. As well, all members of the Club have extra safety training, above and beyond the average shooter to ensure they are aware how a safe range operates. In addition the club has several highly trained Range Safety Officer's of whom are always present during planned club shoots, for added safety.

Plus the Metro Club members take part and volunteer twice a year (Spring and Fall) to clean the DNR range of all garbage and brass casings. So, cleanliness at the new range would most definitely not be an issue.

So suffice it to say, in my opinion this new Metro Club range is a great idea, that should be given permission to commence construction asap. I vote (YES) in favor of this great initiative. Cheers

Terrance L Collins
Warrant Officer retired, CD 1
[REDACTED]

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Address:
449 Upper Leitches Creek Road

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Shooting range in Leitches Creek - PID 15198393
Date: January 12, 2022 11:08:11 AM

To CBRM planning and consult,

I am the resident of 654 Upper Leitches Creek Road, the property immediately adjacent to the site in question, the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club's proposed range.

First I would like to address concerns regarding noise which I have no doubt you have received by other residents. I currently am the closest residential domicile to the already established public firing range. The noise at my property is minimal outdoors and non-existent within my house. It would be therefore safe to assume that houses further away would experience even less of this. Indeed the noise generated by the current firing range does not even compare to the noise generated from the constant string of dump trucks and engine braking from the multiple quarries in the area. From what I understand with regard to this new range, that unlike the existing range there will be sound mitigation as part of the design, further diminishing noise as a point of issue.

The next point I would like to address is safety. I'm not sure if any on this committee or in council itself participate in shooting sports. If you do, you would know that the current range is only as safe as the people using it at the time, which have the bare minimum of safety education. The range which will be operated by the Metro Rifle and Pistol club will have requirements for safety which far exceed the current range, it will necessitate the presence of a Range Safety Officer and the design of the range itself as a "No blue sky" range will mitigate the very rare possibility of someone misfiring over the backstop berm.

There were concerns I have heard from residents in the area regarding excessive speed, traffic, quality of walks and mental wellbeing of their pets. In my opinion these are frivolous concerns. Excessive speed is not related to the presence of a shooting range. The traffic would be negligible as most of the members still utilize the DNR range and the majority of the traffic on the road is related to the quarries. There already exists a rifle range so I fail to see the impact it would have on any pets, I have a dog and he doesn't even notice the noise and this goes similarly for "quality of walks". The biggest detriment to quality of walking on this road are the rock trucks.

I myself am an avid sportsman, I participate in competitive shooting. There is a large pool of talent in these sports in Cape Breton but we lack the facilities to help promote and develop these talents. I believe this range to be an important project in Cape Breton which will have a minimal negative impact and its benefits will far outweigh and perceived problems.

I urge Council to approve this project. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ryan LeDrew
654 Upper Leitches Creek Road.



From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: CBRM Planning/ Consulting Public Hearing Jan. 18/22
Date: January 13, 2022 12:23:56 PM

My Name is John MacQueen. As you know there is an upcoming public hearing scheduled for Jan. 18/22.

I am writing to encourage council to approve the construction of the proposed Metro Rifle & Pistol Club(MRPC) lands located at PID 15198393. If the development agreement is granted it will allow all Metro Rifle & Pistol club members to use a privately owned facility there by allowing the general public to have greater access to allotted range booking times at the Department of Natural Resources Upper Leitches Creek range. I believe this will alleviate booking time overlap as well as range congestion which will greatly increase safety for everyone involved.

With considerable less use, from the MRPC members, the Department of Natural Resources range located at Upper Leitches Creek should last considerably longer before repairs are required thus saving budgets during these fiscally challenging times. Both personnel time & money will be saved from having to purchase construction materials for necessary repairs & upkeep.

Numerous times through the year, especially before the fall hunting season, the range becomes over crowded which in turn has the potential for erroneous decisions to be made by the general public concerning range safety rules.

The MRPC has invested heavily in structures at the Department of Natural Resources Upper Leitches Creek Range which has made the facility safer for everyone involved from the general public, law enforcement & club members alike. This will allow the general public & law enforcement to benefit from their hard work. With the close proximity of the new proposed facility to the existing public rifle range the sound levels will be the same or possibly diminished because of the surrounding tree lines.

I think this is a win/win situation for both the general public as well as the members of the MRPC. I encourage you to grant this development request.

John MacQueen
1170 Keltic Drive
North West Arm, NS
B2A 4W5

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: CBRM Planning/Consulting Public Hearing Jan. 18th, 2022
Date: January 13, 2022 1:41:34 PM

I am writing this email to support approval of the development application with the CBRM put forward by the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club. My rationale is stated below:

A new, safer shooting facility is needed in the CBRM to prevent accidents due to congestion and lack of safety officers. Currently the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club has done over \$40,000 of upgrades to the adjacent public range to augment range safety. More is needed.

A new facility will NOT allow shooting without a safety officer present. All patrons using the new range are required to take a safety course and pass a required exam. This surpasses federal requirements making this facility the leader in Safety protocols in Canada.

There will be little if any increase in patron numbers. If there is it will be those shooting low powered subsonic ammunition ex. .22 cal firearms, pellet guns or bows. These are the low powdered firearms/bows used in the Olympic sports that generate little noise.

All new construction will follow new improved safety guidelines developed for both the protection of patrons and also the safety of area citizens. A green facility, all brass cartridges and recapture shot will be recycled.


Earthen berms will be installed to provide an additional layer of ballistic protection for area residents against accidental discharges from the range AND the adjacent public range. A beneficial byproduct of these berms; noise pollution currently generated from the public range will be mitigated there by reducing noise for local residents.

In summation, a new range development will increase safety for all users and especially the citizens surrounding the area in addition to lessening the noise levels currently generated.

Kirk Best
48 Cedar Court, Sydney, NS, B1P 6S1

[REDACTED]

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From: 
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: CBRM PUBLIC HEARING - Outdoor Shooting Range - PID 15198393
Date: January 14, 2022 9:48:28 AM

Planning Department & Council:

My name is Gerhard William Ellerbrok.
My address is 309 Blacketts Lake Road, Sydney NS B1L 1B9.

I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan.

I am a member of the Metro Rifle & Pistol Club.

I have been a member of two shooting ranges simultaneously in western Canada, and I have a keen sense of the importance of variety in available range venues. The variety offers a broader degree of skills-training and provides a higher degree of enjoyment in the sport.

I use the term "sport" to describe the activities at the shooting range. This is indeed the case, and it is clearly understood by those who take part in the sport. Shooting is a precision sport that requires education, training and practice to improve a person's skills. Successfully improving a person's shooting skills is a very satisfying experience.

The same satisfaction of improvement is enjoyed in many other sports, such as golf, hockey, baseball, basketball, soccer, tennis, swimming, track, and I could go on and on. All of these precision sports enjoy excellent facilities that most often include a great deal of variety in available venues. The sport of shooting deserves the same variety. The Metro Rifle & Pistol Club deserves the opportunity to provide Cape Bretoners with a bright new experience, and to host related competitions and social events on its own grounds.

I urge all members of Council, the Mayor and Planning Department staff to make themselves familiar with the sport of shooting before making a decision on this matter. If you were making a decision on a new rink, you would certainly consider yourself knowledgeable in the sport of hockey.

Kind Regards,
Gerhard (Gary) Ellerbrok

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: developement plan
Date: January 14, 2022 11:43:41 AM

"I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan"
jerry billard
52 second avenue florence.

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Development Agreement - Outdoor Shooting Range
Date: January 17, 2022 8:35:40 AM

I am in favour of the granting of the development agreement with Metro Rifle and Pistol Club for the construction of an outdoor shooting range in Upper Leitches Creek.

The proposed facility will provide a comprehensive, well-designed facility, built to meet the current standards for shooting ranges. A new facility would provide a great location for people in the community to experience the shooting sports and see how challenging and enjoyable they can be.

Such a facility would provide a modern location for members of the shooting sports community to practice their various activities. These include a range of disciplines in pistol, rifle, and shotgun. Many of these are disciplines showcased on the international level (such as IPSC) and at the Olympics (e.g., trapshooting).

Our current facilities in CBRM are limited to one skeet field in Whitney Pier and the DNR range in Upper Leitches Creek, near the location for the proposed new facility. The DNR range can become crowded as hunting season approaches, may be unavailable to the public when required for law enforcement personnel training, and can often be inaccessible during the winter as a result of snow accumulation. Both existing ranges local could use improvements; however, it would make more sense to develop a new facility incorporating all the disciplines into a single location.

Members of the local clubs, including Metro Rifle and Pistol, now must travel to other locations, usually Halifax, to attend provincial competitions. At these competitions, participants from the CBRM do quite well – often placing ‘on the podium’ in their events. Having the new facility would provide a suitable range at which members could continue to hone their skills, leading to further success in competition. A new facility would also allow the club to host some of these provincial and, potentially, regional matches. By doing so it would provide a boost to the local economy through the purchase of hotel rooms, meals, and the like. It would also garner an amount of publicity for the CBRM through the reporting of results, etc.

A woman from BC, Susan Natrass, has represented Canada on the international trapshooting scene for many years. While our area has not yet produced an Olympic calibre shooter, the area was home to the Nova Scotia Trapshooting Champion for several years. John Giovanetti was a resident of Port Morien.

A new facility would also allow the local community to seek to identify younger shooters and develop them to improve their skills under the tutelage of well-trained coaches. Perhaps there may yet be an Olympic champion from this area. Additionally, the facility would provide a location at which people of all ages could practice the various disciplines and enjoy the sport.

Although people may not associate the shooting sports with life skills development, there is a definite link between the two. In our society we try to teach children about many things –

interpersonal skills, focus, concentration, creative thinking, planning their actions, accepting responsibility, and so on. The shooting sports requires all these characteristics and more, if one is to be successful – just as in other portions of life. To be good at the sport, one must focus on the matter at hand; plan the approach to the situation; concentrate on the process (such as: controlling breathing and heart rate to ensure a smooth release); address the result of a poor shot so that the next one is better; accept responsibility for a good or poor performance and not try to blame someone else for a poor outcome. All the while, good interpersonal skills are required to interact appropriately with other shooters, coaches, umpires and judges, observers and spectators, in a potentially stressful competitive setting. The setting may appear different than a little league baseball or hockey game, but the life skills required and learned through the shooting sports are very much the same.

From the perspective of the CBRM the construction of the range should be seen as a win-win, in that all this can be accomplished at no cost to the municipality.

I respectfully request that Council carefully consider the request and grant the development agreement for the proposed range.

Richard Rose
54 Steeles Street
North Sydney

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Development plan support
Date: January 13, 2022 6:55:54 PM

I wish to provide my support for the development plan of the Metro Rifle and Gun Club on the Upper Letcher Creek Road.

J. Philip MacDonald
2298 Lingan Road
Linga NS
B1H 5H9
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Development plan
Date: January 13, 2022 6:42:54 PM

I want to register my support for METRO RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUBS development plan.
It would be an asset to CBRM. Thank you. Jerry Bruce 33 kelmere Dr. Sydney.
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Edward Kemp
Date: January 13, 2022 10:56:26 PM

I wish to express my support for the Leitches Creek range project by the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club,

The range would allow law abiding citizens to shoot safely and to better able the safety training of new persons interested in the sport.

Thanks

Edward Kemp
1150 Hillside Boularderie Rd,
Hillside Boularderie, NS
B1Y 2V5

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Firearm Range Development
Date: January 13, 2022 2:39:21 PM

Good Afternoon,

I would to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan.

Sincerely,

Michael Boozan
1 Martin Street
Glace Bay, NS B1A5N4

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Firearm Range Proposal
Date: January 13, 2022 4:28:33 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this email in support of the application for a new firearms range by Metro Rifle & Pistol to be located in Upper Leitches Creek.

This range will be located next to the existing public range.

The reasons I support the club and the proposed range are:

- A range operated by Metro Rifle will be constructed following the current building code and safety standards set by the Chief Firearms Officer, making it safer than the existing range.
- The new range will not be overcrowded like the current public range as it will only be open to members. The current range often is booked to capacity or booked up for law enforcement use making it unavailable to the public it was intended for.
- Metro Rifle & Pistol have an impeccable safety record and have operated in CB for decades. The membership deserve a space to practice for competition.
- The club members regularly perform cleanup and maintenance at the public range at their own expense. A new range will be kept in top condition by members.
- Because it will be located directly besides the existing range there will be no change in noise levels.
- It will be accessible year round unlike the public range that is often snowed in due to poor driveway conditions.

Thank you for your time.

Mark Miles
70 Islandview Dr
Millville NS
B1Y2H9

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Fw:
Date: January 12, 2022 3:49:53 PM

From: Robert ledrew
Sent: January 12, 2022 8:57 AM
To: LeDrew, Robert G <robert.ledrew@novascotia.ca>
Subject:

My name is Robert ledrew I am currently the president of the Cape Breton Trap and Skeet club in Sydney. I am writing this email on behalf of my club members. Our club has been located on Lingan Road for over sixty years. Due to residential development in our area we are being forced to close or relocate. On Jan 18 there will be a public hearing on the proposed development of a shooting facility by the metro rifle and pistol club. This development will include a skeet and trap field as well as a safer rifle and pistol facility along with an Olympic biathlon course for youth to train on. This development is essential to the preservation of Skeet and Trap shooting in our area, as well as providing a place for talented sport shooters to train and develop their skills to represent our island abroad.

Some of the elements in the design of the new range are as follows.

A.) Earthen berms will be installed to provide an additional layer of ballistic protection for area residents against accidental discharges from the range AND the adjacent public range. A beneficial byproduct of these berms; noise pollution currently generated from the public range will be mitigated there by reducing noise for local residents.

B.) A new facility will NOT allow shooting without a safety officer present. All patrons using the new range are required to take a safety course and pass a required exam. This surpasses federal requirements making this facility the leader in Safety protocols in Canada.

Id like to thank for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Robert LeDrew
42 Acadia Drive, Sydney, Nova Scotia

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kristen R. Knudskov](#)
Subject: FW: Shooting range approval
Date: January 13, 2022 3:36:55 PM

Hi Kristen,

Please accept this email as my submission as it contains some revisions.

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Duncan H. MacEachern

To whom it may concern:

I am a member of the Metro Rifle and Pistol club. Please accept this email as a verification of my support for this outdoor shooting facility. It is unfortunate that the general public has a unreasonable fear of responsible gun owners, for which to a large extent, can be attributed to special interest groups for whom have the ear of media. The sad reality is over 70% of gun deaths in Canada can be directly attributed to suicide. The real problem is the lack of financial resources to support those for whom are suffering from mental health issues. Individuals faced with illness, marital breakdown, financial hardship are often denied in our society an opportunity to be presented with a reasonable opportunity to get themselves over the hurdle. Instead institutions such as banks actively foreclose on the homes of those who are in need of financial assistance. Even the Cape Breton Regional Municipality is active in selling lands through the process of tax sale, rather than attempt to work with the owners, for the purpose of obtaining fair market value. Instead, individuals lose their homes and financial investment when they see their land sold well below fair market value. In England, the most restrictive gun laws have been instituted in an effort to control deaths linked to the use of firearms. The UK has been successful in reducing suicidal death related to firearms simply because there are fewer firearms accessible to the general public. But here is the sad reality, the UK has a higher suicidal rate per capita than in Canada. It appears the most popular way to commit suicide in the UK is by way of hanging. Simply put, those individuals for whom are suffering financial distress or a combination of mental or substance abuse issues or all of the above, have simply substituted taking their life by way of hanging rather than by the use of a firearm. The UK has not been successful in reducing its suicide rate when compared to Canada, simply by limiting the general public's access to firearms.

Many members of our society believe that there is a high incidence of mass shootings. Some people have an unreasonable fear when they leave their home or attend a public function they may be the subject of a mass shooting. Once again the reality is that the likelihood of being victimized in a mass shooting is about the same as being struck by lightning. Our mainstream news coverage of gun deaths does nothing more than create unreasonable fear to support an agenda of eliminating all guns and firearms. Not to mention planting the seed in the minds of those going through crisis. It's time to wake up, to question what we see being presented. Review the statistics and compare them to other jurisdictions. Unfortunately most people will not take the time to spend 20 or 30 hours

researching this matter, most people want their news in five second soundbites.

Many individuals are not aware that the existence of moose and deer on Cape Breton Island can be directly attributed to the actions of the hunting community, many of whom were returning veterans from World War I and World War II. For these veterans, setting up hunting camps and getting together with the boys and playing cards was more of an opportunity to socialize than to actually hunt. Most individuals involved with hunting will tell you that the enjoyment in hunting is the preparation, the spending of time in remote wilderness areas with their friends or family. The majority of hunters will tell you the most difficult thing about hunting, is the actual harvesting of the wildlife and the taking of the life of a living creature. In the 1950s and 60s teenagers experienced the ability to walk out of their back yard doors and enter into wilderness areas where they could harvest small game. Many of the children of that generation were the children of war veterans for whom also enjoyed hunting particularly big game and the social aspect of being with their friends. Shooting has historically been recognized as a sport as well, and those engaged in competitive shooting at targets need places to practice. As a young man I engaged in competitive shooting under the gym of Sydney Academy. The Rotary club members of the 1950's many of whom were veterans of World War II recognized that the cadet movement was important, and as part of that movement, the shooting sports were encouraged. Many people today would find it unbelievable that in the 1970s students would be playing basketball in the Sydney Academy gym, while cadets were downstairs shooting .22 rifles.

If we are truly fearful of the repercussions and deaths that arise from the use of firearms, then perhaps we should revisit whether or not some sort of censorship on the gratuitous violence promoted by mainstream media and Hollywood should be initiated. Please take this challenge and watch a Western from the 1950s or 60s and compare it to the graphic and horrific images that our young people are being exposed to today. Perhaps you will conclude that there is too much promotion of the graphic killings which are portrayed in our mainstream media and movies today. Many of our young boys and girls are exposed in addition to graphic computer games which glorify killing and the use of firearms in committing violent criminal acts.

I believe I would rather have my grandson or granddaughter exposed to enjoying the outdoors with their grandfather, when they can understand that the taking of the life of a wild animal is in no way to be enjoyed, but is acceptable, only if it is for the purpose of harvesting food, for which you intend to use. Hunting is not about the killing it's about the process of being with nature and enjoying wildlife in very remote areas for which there are no walking trails.

Young people, properly trained, having an interest in the shooting sports or hunting, should have a safe place to engage in competitive shooting and to ensure that their firearms are properly sighted in prior to attempting to harvest wildlife. I personally would rather take my granddaughter or grandson when they are of teenage years hiking remote areas for small game rather than have them sit at home playing violent video games or watching graphic action movies promoting gratuitous killing.

Some people will suggest that the idea of censorship is contrary to our rights and our freedoms. I suggest that to ban all firearms, to eliminate all shooting facilities, runs in the face of an individual

being able to engage in the activities of their choice, whether it be hunting or competitive shooting. There is risk in every sport or activity for which we engage in. That is a fact of life. What is next, should we ban motorcycles because many people die each year in motorcycle fatalities. The overly cautious slogan ,if we can save one life, is overused and abused, by those who wish to ban all firearms. By restricting all activity outside of work we can save lives. Is that really where we want to go?

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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Duncan H. MacEachern

112 Charlotte Street
Sydney, Nova Scotia
B1P 1B9



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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Fwd: CBRM Planning/ Public Hearing Jan 18 th / 2022
Date: January 12, 2022 11:06:47 AM

Subject: CBRM Planning/ Public Hearing Jan 18 th / 2022

CBRM Planning/Consulting Public Hearing Jan. 18th, 2022

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In summation, a new range development will increase safety for all users and especially the citizens surrounding the area in addition to lessening the noise levels currently generated. I fully support these great OUTDOOR activities.

Name: Michael Cathcart
Address: 267 Riverview Drive, Sydney, NS
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone number [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Gun Range
Date: January 13, 2022 2:02:03 PM

Hi my name is Andre Desjardins 8 rock maple Eskasoni Nova Scotia B1W1A9 member 202

I've been a member of our gun club for 8 years now

I've used the DNR range several times and been in many situations during our club shoot from outsiders shooting during our time slot either people not respecting the cease fire rules while we are down range changing targets or people using things that are not safe to shoot at like old propane tanks or bar fridge

Our club spends money on the backstops only to have the target posts shot out so it's almost impossible to hang proper targets at times at the DNR range

My club spends a lot of money to improve the DNR range but it seems the general public do not appreciate the time our club puts in to build and keep the range clean and safe

Our club has many activity we have club shoots with friendly competition with a BBQ after this was pre covid we had a ladies night shoot once with BBQ with a great turnout

I take my kids to the range to teach them firearm safety as we hunt as well we shoot our rifles and pistols there and sometimes it can get stressful when non club members show up and don't follow rules

I'm a registered RSO (Range Safety Officer) and sometimes it puts me in the position of ordering people around when it comes to safety and range protocol for strangers that show up during our time slot many times I've had to speak up during a cease fire it makes me uncomfortable at times because like I said before I bring my kids to train them with the help of our club executives like Mike Kelly and Andy Maxwell these guys are always welcoming to the youth in our club

When I found out our club purchased land to build our own range that made me very happy to have our own private spot to shoot so I stayed in our club until this may be possible

I think having our own range will greatly improve safety in Upper Leithches Creek and give the opportunity to many more future members to join us to practice our sport of sports shooting

We got involved because we wanted to improve our hunting skills and have a place to go during the summer to go plink at targets at either the 50 m or 25 m range

Thank you for taking the time to read my email

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Gun range
Date: January 13, 2022 3:05:24 PM

"I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan"

Thank you
Robert day
215 alder point rd
Bras d'or,ns
B1y2k6
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Gun range
Date: January 11, 2022 9:13:30 AM

I am for the proposal for shooting range in leitches creek "Full Favour For It!!". I'm a gun owner and fully in favour for our club Shooting Range. George Rahey, 110 Scotch Lake Road, Georges River, B1Y3V4, Metro gun club, my phone number: [REDACTED]..email: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Gun range
Date: January 11, 2022 7:28:19 PM

Hi! I feel that the new gun club range, in Upper Leitches Creek, will be an asset to the Community!! I've been to numerous club functions & they're a great organization. I was very impressed at how professionally run the club functions were. Thank you for your time.

Danielle Fennell
50 Islandview Dr, Millville
B1Y 2H9

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Hearing on PID 15198393
Date: January 11, 2022 10:37:14 AM

Hello,

I would like to express my support for the outdoor range in leitches creek. This would be an amazing recreation opportunity for the cbrm and to improve the quality of life of residents. Veterans and active members would benefit greatly from such a facility. Teaching responsible handling and outdoor enjoyment. Also, I would like to mention that any business is good business in the cbrm.

Thanks

Michael Kennedy, BBA

He/him

Military member/ multi income property owner/Paramedic student

[REDACTED]

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Thanks,

Michael Kennedy, BBA

[REDACTED]

Address:

23 MacLennan Street, Glace Bay

and

31 Bay Street, Glace Bay

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: I am in support of the Metro Rifle Club range. [REDACTED] 22 convent st. Sydneymines.
Date: January 13, 2022 3:02:05 PM

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: I support this
Date: January 13, 2022 6:18:18 PM

I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan

Matt wall 514 caribou Marsh rd
Hydro vac operator for GFL sydney

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Jan 18th Development Permit Hearing
Date: January 13, 2022 6:13:49 PM

To whom it may concern,

I write this letter to express my support for approval of the development permit requested by Metro Rifle & Pistol Club in regard to the property at Leitches Creek.

It is my belief that the sport shooting facility planned for this property will be an asset to the community and will provide a much safer environment than the current alternative, the public DNR range. Being a licensed firearms owner and hunter for several years I have used these public ranges all over the province and have often avoided them when others are present due to safety concerns. My two biggest concerns about public ranges are lack of knowledge and accountability, this facility along with its management will offer both. As the Metro Club Executive is made up primarily of professional shooters and firearms instructors (some of which currently deliver the federal firearms safety training course) this facility would be an asset to the CBRM by providing a modern site to deliver training in various shooting sports while maintaining a low impact on the community as it is directly adjacent to the only other legal outdoor range in the CBRM (the DNR range).

In closing I would like to note that the Metro Rifle & Pistol Club has, over the years, committed its time and financial resources to maintaining the provincially owned DNR range. Through property clean up, backstop maintenance/replacement and the building of a 30m range with safety berms, the Metro Club has proven they are committed to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone involved in the sport shooting community. I am confident that these same standards will be upheld at the new proposed facility and I would not hesitate to take my friends and family there to enjoy an afternoon of conversation, comradery, education and most of all SAFE shooting.

Warm Regards,

Dana O'Brien
19 Lewis Dr
Sydney NS B1S1T3

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Leitches creek 300m range
Date: January 11, 2022 8:29:08 PM

Hello,

My name is Joel Dorion, I live at 2 poloni crescent, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada, B1A6G2.

I am writing to inform you of my support for the 300M range. I write to you as someone who lives locally, is a firearm enthusiast, and a healthcare provider in the community.

The terminology used by the CBRM in the notice is wrong and should be changed. A firearm is not a weapon until it is used like one, much like a fork, or a hammer, or a baseball bat and I feel that should be updated and changed as we legally use it as a tool or for sport.

Regards

J

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Leitches Creek gun range development permit
Date: January 10, 2022 8:14:25 AM

Good day, I just wanted to pass on my support for the proposed range at Leitches Creek. The completion of this new range will allow better and safe access for gun range members and their families. Having another facility will reduce the likelihood of illegal shooting in the woods and areas close to populated centers in CBRM. Minimal impact should occur with residents as the new facility will be very close to an existing range. Thank you.

Dan Duchesne
159 MacMillan Rd
Coxheath, NS
B1L1B1

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](mailto:PlanningConsult@cbrm.ns.ca)
Subject: Leitches Creek PID 15198393 - Shooting Range -> Public Hearing on Jan. 18, 2022
Date: January 14, 2022 9:50:17 AM

To the planning commission of the CBRM via email: PlanningConsult@cbrm.ns.ca

Good day. My name is Bridget Benz and as an active 3D archer I am looking forward to shoot at the planned MRPC facility.

I want to express my support for the new recreational outdoor range.

The old DNR range is not accessible half of the year, has an outdated design and is not maintained properly. It is not inviting to families and individuals for recreational sport shooting. I am looking forward to visit the new range with safety officers present and much better safety features with my family and friends.

I want a more safe place for shooters to practice (because of the range not being available hunters often have to practice in gravel pits and unsafe places).

This opportunity for the CBRM should not be missed (like quite a few others). A new shooting range for the Olympic Shooting Sport is a great place to invite athletes to the island. The Nova Scotia Biathlon Team has to go to PEI right now to practice...

The fact that all fired cartridges (rifles/pistols) and shot (shotguns) will be recycled is another great undertaking of the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club. The executive there is a fantastic team of enthusiastic representatives for the shooting sport.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make these comments.

Sincerely

Bridget Benz

21 Joanne Langford Dr
French Road, NS
B1K 3P9

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: Planningconsult@cbrm.ns.cs
Date: January 13, 2022 7:33:36 PM

I would like to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan.

Thank you,

Conrad Pink
15 Lakeview Drive
Sydney, NS
B1L 1C4

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Date: January 14, 2022 6:58:23 AM

I want to register my support for the Metro rifle development plan.
Thankyou

Mike Quirk

4370 Kempt Head Rd, Southside Boularderie, NS B1Y 2P7, Canada

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Date: January 14, 2022 9:48:51 AM

I want to register my support for the metro rifle club development plan

Sheri Johnston
61 Benson drive
Sydney, NS

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Date: January 14, 2022 10:18:14 AM

I want to register my support for the meter rifle club development plan david tellum 63
pledges dr Albert bridge

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Date: January 13, 2022 1:50:07 PM

My husband likes to go to the range.I like having him out of the house. Please help me with this.

Wendy Wishart
265 MacMillan Rd,
Sydney

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Date: January 14, 2022 2:39:24 PM

To whom it may concern,

I want to register my support for Metro Rifle Club's development plan. As a newly licenced firearms owner I would join and support this range. After a couple of trips to the DNR range, I don't think I'll be going back. No one in control, and a mess of litter etc.

Angela Grace Taylor
30 Queen Street, North Sydney
Nova Scotia
B2A 1A1

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Date: January 13, 2022 7:19:41 PM

I want to register my support for the metro rifle club development plan.

Bryden Johnston
61 Benson Drive
Sydney NS

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: metro gun club,s application for range permit
Date: January 13, 2022 9:30:06 PM

As a 60 year taxpayer I support the metro gun club as they try to add a recreational facility for sportsman and gun enthusiasts. I have had the pleasure of sport shooting and i cannot recall the activity being a problem for anyone. I SUSPECT THERE WILL BE OPPOSITION. That is a good thing because it enables the club to explain all the safety features that will be implemented. I hope those who are making this decision will base it on facts relevant to the gun club and its board. These people volunteer many hours to make shooting a pleasant and safe sport. As far as I can remember there has never been a unlawful or disturbing incident in regard to activities at the gun club.

thank you Peter Boucher 3539 hwy 255 black
brook,ns

phone [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro range expansion
Date: January 14, 2022 9:51:10 AM

To whom it may concern,

I would like to pass along my support to the Metro Pistol and Rifle club for the purposed range expansion at the current DNR Leitchs creek out door public range.

The use of such an expansion would be utilized by many provincial and municipal agencied including our own police dept for long range shooting.

The fact there is an existing range already in place at this location should have minimal impact on the residence of the area as well as any environmental impacts.

A more monitored private range would also allow for safer practices and continued community support.

Jerry Dean
137 kimberly driver
Sydney river NS
B1s1r9

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro range
Date: January 13, 2022 11:59:40 AM

I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan.

Chris Sakalauskas
19 Fraser Avenue
Sydney Mines, NS
B1V2B8

Thank you

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle & Pistol Club development plan
Date: January 13, 2022 9:15:53 PM

To the Council of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality,

I Sven Kummer would like to express my opinion on the development of the Range Sports Complex currently under construction in leeches creek. I am a Metro Rifle & Pistol Club member and firearms enthusiast who has been anxiously awaiting this projects completion since its announcement some years ago. This Range sports Complex offers a safe, accessible and professional means of practicing a wide variety of shooting sports not only to the members of the MRPC but to the Cape Breton Skeet Shooting Club as well. Sports like hockey or golf do not require a specialized location to play them but shooting sports do and these locations are very limited in the CBRM. This new range complex will be the first of its kind in Cape Breton and is being built to exceed current range safety standards. The baffle system and three sided berms/backstops will effectively eliminate the dangers of ricochets at the same time one reducing noise. Foremost, this range complex allows everyone in the Cape Breton shooting sports community to have a common area to enjoy their sport. Over the course of the last decade the MRPC has been utilizing the DNR public range just next door to our new proposed location. The MRPC has organized range clean-ups and upkeep which required volunteered hours of its members and club funds time and time again despite acts of vandalism and abuse by non-club users. It means a lot to the members of the MRPC to finally have a location of our own.

Finally, it should be known to the members of the CBRM Council that **it is illegal to known a firearm for a weaponized purpose in Canada.** Using incorrect terminology such as “weapons Range” to describe our **Shooting Sports Complex** only gives the people in our community the wrong idea and therefore discredits our sport as a whole. I do not call a hockey stick or a golf club a weapon so please do not call my firearm one.

I appreciate the time and consideration of the CBRM Council concerning this subject.

Regards, Sven Kummer

Address:
856 Grand Mira South Road
Juniper Mountain

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Cc: [Metro Club](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle and Pistol Club - Application to get approval for a new Shooting Range in Upper Leitches Creek, BB Co.
Date: January 13, 2022 2:49:13 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

This email will serve to express my support for the proposed shooting range adjacent to the Provincial Public Range in Upper Leitches Creek, CB Co. I was employed by the Department of Natural Resources for 40 years and had a great deal of administrative business with the range. In all my time, to my knowledge we never had any public resistance to the range. Now the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club has applied to construct a private club range next to the public range and I believe this will be a great addition to our local community. At the public range, the club members were the most responsible users of the range, carrying out many improvements at the club's expense as well as keeping it clean and safe. It became more difficult to have organized events due to the heavy usage by the general public as well as the CBRM police and as the club needed a dedicated place to safely shoot, they club purchased the adjacent property for this purpose. The club has 600 members and they are responsible shooters who all support this project. To not provide the necessary approval would be very short sighted in my opinion. Please consider this email as my sincere support for the required approval.

Brian Mac Sween
76 Alexandra Street
Sydney, NS
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro rifle and pistol club
Date: January 13, 2022 8:48:25 PM

Hi there I'm writing to show my support of the new range in litches creek . Metro club needs this and deserves this. Safety is always number one at metro and we are just lookin for a safe place to do what the club does and practice being safe .

Metro member nathan Mitchelitis
Sydney Mines

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle and Pistol Club
Date: January 14, 2022 10:35:57 AM

Hi,

I am writing to support the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club Proposed building a range in Leitches Creek. I am a member of the Metro Club and having a range separate from the Public Range will help overcrowding of the current range. All users of the new range will be fully trained in the proper and safe use of a range. Target shooting is a great mental health activity, and being able to do it outdoors is even better. A public range will add year round shooting as snow removal will be maintained during winter months as well. A public range will add safety to other woods activities, gravel pits and other areas become places for target shooting and sighting in guns to avoid going to the public range. Please grant permission for proposal to move forward.

Bill Harris
20 Shepard Lane
Glace Bay, N.S

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: metro rifle and pistol club
Date: January 14, 2022 12:09:39 PM

Hello, my name is Jonathan Oakley and I am a Paramedic with EHS. I support the new range being proposed by the rifle and pistol club. It is in close proximity to the current DNR range. The location is suitable, reasonable and allows a safe area for the sport to be enjoyed by the many responsible firearms enthusiasts. I see no reason why this project would not be approved. The new range will be a much needed addition as the current range is only limited to 100 yard rifle range and a small pistol shooting area. We don't have much here in cape breton for our beloved sport, and its a great way to get outside, socialize and enjoy a nice day.

Thank you,
Jonathan Oakley

Address:
2840 Grand Mira North Road
Marion Bridge, NS

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle and Pistol Club
Date: January 13, 2022 7:31:49 PM

I want to register my support for Metro Rifle Club Development Plan.

My name is David LeMoine. I am a lifelong resident of Cape Breton. I'm also a supporter of shooting sports. I personally own 100+ acres of land and am unable to legally use my land to enjoy my sport. If I want to enjoy a sport which encourages safety, responsibility and discipline I currently have no choice but to use the public rifle range in Leitches Creek. This range has many shortcomings and is open to anyone. What I'm saying is that while members of the Metro Rifle Club are trained, responsible firearm owners and users, many others who may frequent it are not. Now the club is seeking a permit to create a facility that will ensure that all those using it will be club members. I ask that you please support our initiative and allow the club to build this facility for the current and future members to enjoy. Firearms are here and I personally would rather have those handling them to know how to do so properly and responsibly. Don't let a few naysayers ruin a good thing for the whole island.

Respectfully,

David N LeMoine
1976 Morrison Rd
Sydney, NS
B1M1A8

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro rifle and pistol club application
Date: January 10, 2022 12:29:18 PM

As a person who lived in Leitches Creek for over 25 years and a licensed Gun owner I would like to express my support for the Metro Rifle and Pistol Clubs application to open a shooting range on their property in Upper Leitches Creek.

As a long time past resident (25 years) of Leitches Creek in my experience Noise is not a factor as the distance from residents is equal to that of the DNR range which has been operating for half a century and I never heard nor experienced any complaints of this nature personally nor from any of my neighbors.

I hope you will allow the Metro Club to continue with their plans unimpeded. Myself and fellow licensed gun owners are looking forward to be able to use the facility.

Thank you
Jean DuGas
(Formerly 624 Leitches Creek Rd for 25 years)
Address now:
318 Church Road
Little Bras Dor
NS B1y3a1
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle and pistol club application
Date: January 10, 2022 12:01:55 PM

Dear committee members,

I am a retired Canadian Armed Forces Weapons Tech, certified CMS Range Master and President of the Highland Highwaymen Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association I also lived in Leitches Creek for many years.

This letter is to express my whole hearted support for the Metro Rifle and Pistol Clubs application to open a shooting range on their property in upper Leitch's Creek.

I realize there may be some concerns regarding public safety and noise with this proposal. I can assure you that such concerns are unwarranted with the Metro proposal.

As a long time past resident of Leitches Creek in my experience Noise is not a factor as the distance from residents is equal to that of the DNR range which has been operating for half a century and I never heard nor experienced any complaints of this nature personally nor from fellow residents.

Regarding public safety, I can attest to the comprehensive and rigorously enforced policies and procedures of the Metro club which meet and often exceed those required under the Canadian Firearms act and provincial regulations. In fact the creation of this range will increase public safety as its existence will afford the Metro club the opportunity to carry out more safety training, practices and competitions which will enhance members proficiency and knowledge.

On behalf of the Highland Highwaymen Cowboy Mounted Shooting Club I urge you to approve the Metro R&P Clubs proposal in the interest of enhancing the sports and recreation opportunities for CBRM's many firearms enthusiasts and improved firearms safety training opportunities.

I remain available should you want further commentary from me on this matter.

Respectfully

Ken Jardine
318 Church Rd
Little Bras Dor, N.S.
B1Y3A1
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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Yours in Straight Shootin Ken "Gun Plumber" Jardine

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle and Pistol Club development application
Date: January 9, 2022 4:11:16 PM

To Whom it May Concern.

I understand that there is a public hearing on the subject development application on January 18th, 2022. I am writing this email to support approval of the development application and my reasons why CBRM should approve this are listed below.

- 1) This new range facility will provide a safe, controlled access multi sport range to support rifle and pistol shooting, biathlon training and practice area, trap and skeet shooting and archery, including a youth archery program
- 2) the proposed area is adjacent to an existing approved "public" range so there will be no noticeable difference in noise to neighbours down the road.
- 3) it will be a safer controlled access facility versus the public range to which anyone with a wildlife card can book and shoot at, irregardless of their level of safety training. In fact during hunting season sighting in times, the existing public range can be downright dangerous. It is not monitored or controlled.
- 4) as a condition of membership, EVERY Metro member has to undergo a range safety briefing/orientation before their membership is approved. Leads to a much safer operation at the range.
- 5) the new range will be built and constructed to the newest regulatory requirements whereas the public range is an outdated facility. In fact, the majority of existing improvements to the public range have been undertaken by the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club at the club's expense.
- 6) the existing "public" range is not maintained and inaccessible for up to half a year due to no road maintenance in winter, law enforcement training, public sight in bookings etc
- 7) the new range will provide Metro members a place to go safely participate in their chosen sport, also taking much of the pressure off the public range.

In short, CBRM should be approving this development permit to allow this facility to be constructed and provide a safe, controlled access facility for all Metro Rifle and Pistol Club members

Gary Latimer
Certified Range Safety Officer(NFA)
Canadian Firearms Safety Course Instructor
165 Musgraves Lane
North Sydney, NS. B2A2B6
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle and Pistol club Gun Range
Date: January 9, 2022 10:04:48 PM

I am sending this e-mail in support of the new gun range facility that Metro Rifle and Pistol club is planing to build in leaches creak.

A few points in support of this range:

- The new range will be a safe and secure environment for the clubs hunters and sports shooters, many times the DNR range is over crowded or not avaiable due to RCMP training, snow, and many other factors leading people to go shoot in unauthorized areas which is a big saftey concern which this new range will correct.
- Since this range is very close to the DNR range there should be no more noise than there is now.
- The DNR range is old and not up to the new saftey standards as our new range will be up to the latest saftey standards avaiable.

I hope this will convince anyone who is not in favor of this range to let it be built and maintained by Metro Rifle and Pistol club.

Regards

Christopher Bernard Bonnar

17 Stacey ave, North Sydney, Nova Scotia

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle and Pistol Club Range Application
Date: January 9, 2022 3:44:54 PM

Re: Metro Rifle and Pistol Club Range Application

To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of the CBRM and an interested recreational target shooter, I would like to inform you of my ardent support for the creation of a new and updated outdoor range built to the latest safety standards.

As I hope you are aware, the current DNR range is the only place to shoot outdoors in the CBRM. The DNR range is outdated, poorly maintained and often crowded not to mention that it is inaccessible half the year due to snow or bookings for law enforcement.

To create a new facility with upgraded standards would greatly enhance safety, reduce crowding making it less likely for the public to shoot in unsafe areas and would not affect current noise levels since the proposed facility is only a few hundred meters from the DNR range.

Approval of the new range can only benefit the CBRM by vastly improving existing conditions and strengthening public safety.

Sincerely yours,

John P. White

15 Russett Street, Coxheath,NS, B1L 1C8

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle and Pistol Club Range Public Hearing
Date: January 13, 2022 1:34:55 PM

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you today to try and express my support for the new Metro Rifle and Pistol Club shooting range to be located in Upper Leitches Creek, North Sydney. Many of my family are members and supporters of this club for many years. Throughout their experiences with the club, we have been steady at following the correct protocols and procedures to practice safely and responsibly, yet many people would neglect these responsibilities and that isn't fair for the rest of the members. This new facility with upgraded access for the members and the public and safer shooting facilities can only improve the overall experience and keep our community safer as well. This proposal only has positives and deserves to be carried forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Molly Baxendale
245 New Dominion Road
Dalem Lake, NS B1Y2Y1

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Cc: [Gordon D. MacDonald](#); [Earlene D. MacMullin](#); [James D. Edwards](#); [Kenneth B. Tracey](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle and Pistol Club Range Public Hearing
Date: January 10, 2022 4:23:35 PM

To whom it may concern:

I am writing today to express my overwhelming support for the new Metro Rifle and Pistol Club shooting range to be located in Upper Leitches Creek, North Sydney.

I have been a member of the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club for many years and a shooting enthusiast for most of my life. My experience with the older Natural Resources facility (the only outdoor range that we have known locally) is that it was difficult to get to the range when convenient for me, and despite following the law and booking times, people would almost always show up without having a booked time, many of them shooting unsafely and without regard of other shooters and the facility itself.

A number of years ago, our club worked hard and at considerable expense to upgrade the Natural Resources range, improving the facilities and shooting conditions for everyone. Because the range is mostly unsupervised and unregulated, many participants treat the range, other shooters and it's rules with disrespect.

The new facility as proposed by the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club will improve access to members and the public, provide improved and safer shooting facilities, and allow recreational shooters to participate in an accessible, regulated, safe and friendly environment, where this healthy pastime can be better enjoyed by individuals, groups and families. Where the range is strategically located very close to the Natural Resources range, there will be no impact to the local rural community residents as a result of traffic or noise, and this proposal is a positive addition to CBRM with no downside...it is a win-win opportunity for all involved in my opinion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely;
Daryl Baxendale
245 New Dominion Rd
Dalem Lake, NS B1Y 2Y1
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle and Pistol Club
Date: January 13, 2022 7:39:06 PM

Hello,

Please register my support for the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club!

Thank you.
Glen Sampson
21 Kelmere Dr.
Sydney, NS
B1R 1P9

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle and Pistol County Range Support Confirmation
Date: January 14, 2022 10:47:52 AM

Hello CBRM Planning,

I would like to take this time to confirm my support for the development of a new Metro Rifle and Pistol Club outdoor range.

Year round access to a range designed to today's safety standards is key in ensuring all target shooting is practiced in the safest manner. This development will improve the safety of shooters, the public, range neighbors and CBRM as a whole.

I am impressed with this club's consistent goal of improving range safety through training and range upgrades. This development is another example of the club's concern for safety and support for target shooting as a sport.

Thank you for listening,

Adam Macdonald
2668 Lingan Road
Lingan NS
B1H 5E8

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle and Revolver
Date: January 13, 2022 8:34:38 PM

I would like to register my support for the Metro Rifle and Revolver Club range application. This family oriented sport club is a fantastic group of individuals who support our community with great integrity and tradition.

Thank you for your most valuable time.

Grant M Ferguson
150 Ferguson Lane
Homeville, NS
B1B1T4

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle application
Date: January 14, 2022 9:47:58 AM

Mel Howley
1469 Trunk 105 TCH
Bras D "or Nova Scotia
B1Y 2B5

I would to voice my support for the application by the the Metro rifle & Pistol club for a new shooting range. This would be an asset to Cape Breton & bring in extra dollars to the community. Home phone number [REDACTED]

Yours truly
Mel Howley

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle Club
Date: January 13, 2022 7:33:59 PM

I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan.

Respectfully,

Colleen LeMoine
1976 Morrison Rd
Sydney, NS
B1M1A8

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle Club
Date: January 13, 2022 7:45:29 PM

I want to register my support for Metro Rifle Club development plan.

Lindsay Morris
21 Westdale Dr.
Howie Centre

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle Club
Date: January 14, 2022 12:12:42 PM

I would like to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan.
Donald King Acadia St. New Waterford NS

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle Club
Date: January 17, 2022 8:36:09 AM

I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan.

Scott McIntyre
21 Oakland Drive, Howie Centre
NS, B1L1H1

www.scottmcintyre.ca

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro rifle club
Date: January 13, 2022 8:13:09 PM

I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan.

Melissa Robertson
104 Bristol drive
Sydney NS

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle Club Development Plan
Date: January 13, 2022 1:18:30 PM

Good day,

My name is Jacob MacMillan and I am writing to express my support for the Metro Rifle and Pistol Clubs Development plan in the Upper Leitches Creek area.

I've been a club member for nearly 4 years and am an avid fan of the target shooting sport. This development will provide the members of the club with a safe and enjoyable environment to practice their sport to a much better level than is possible at the existing DNR public rifle range, which is only a mere few hundred meters further up the road. The existing DNR range is limited due to a number of factors, the access road is too steep for any members without a 4wd vehicle after any bout of poor weather and even impassible by anyone throughout the winter due to a lack of snow removal. The range is often booked out by other members of the public, who are not a part of the Club and on occasion it is booked out for whole weeks by local law enforcement agencies, leaving members without anywhere to go. Occasionally, the range does not even have target stands due to the lack of maintenance provided by DNR. The range is limited to 100 meters distance which for people who participate in any ranged shooting events, is very difficult to gain any benefit from. Some members then take to crown land to find areas on their own to practice and, although legal, shouldn't be necessary to get the practice they want. This range will provide members with an area to safely fire up to 400m distance, keeping them from needing to use crown land or from having to the island to practice that type of sport shooting.

This modern, safety focused facility, will give the hundreds of residents of the CBRM who, like myself, avidly enjoy the sport with a well maintained and fun area to practice our sport year round.

Thank you,

Jacob MacMillan
160 Union Street, Sydney, NS
B1P 4Y1

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle Club Development Plan
Date: January 13, 2022 3:00:15 PM

To whom it may concern,

I Eva Kummer would like to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan in Leitches Creek.

I further would like to mention my desire to have a safe facility to take my family and friends to recreationally target shoot, to be able to avoid the crowded and sometimes scary safety violations at the public range.

The public range is inaccessible half of the year due to snow or bookings for law enforcement, reducing the opportunities for Metro Rifle Club members.

The DNR range is currently the only place to shoot outdoors in the CBRM and it gets crowded and is poorly maintained. Having another facility would reduce this overcrowding and add to the safety of the CBRM.

Noise levels shouldn't change since the new facility is within a few hundred meters of the only range in the CBRM now so there will be very little change in the impact on the surrounding neighbors.

A new range will be built to the latest safety standards as compared to the DNR range which is an outdated design which will actually make the area safer for the neighbors.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.
With best regards

Eva Kummer

856 Grand Mira South Rd
Marion Bridge, NS, B1K 1G8
Canada

[REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle Club Development plan
Date: January 13, 2022 3:19:54 PM

Hello,

I would like to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development plan. It's the CBRM's opportunity to recognize and support responsible gun owners and sport shooting enthusiasts that live and work in our community.

Thanks in advance for your support,

Mark Killam
101 Duffell Drive
Sydney N.S.
B1P3G7

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Cc: [Mayor's Office](#); [Eldon MacDonald](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle Club Development Plan
Date: January 13, 2022 4:21:04 PM

Dear Ms. Mayor and Councilmembers,

It is my understanding that there is an approval hearing being held for the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club's proposed new range on January 18th, 2022. As the hearing will not be in person, I thought I would write and add my opinion to the discussion.

Firstly, for the sake of transparency, I am a member of the club, and have been for a few years now. I do not shoot often, but when I get a chance to, I find to be a highly rewarding activity. It requires a high amount of concentration and practice, and when done successfully feels just a great a scoring the game winning shot in any other sport.

It has been unfortunate that the range, as it stands now, is a rather shoddy, outdoor space that is completely closed during the winter months, and in bad weather during our good months. It is often not even available then, as it used by police and armed guard services.

With a busy schedule, and the frequency with which I'm able to practice, the current range is almost useless to me. Given the limited months and hours of the day that it is available it is usually not possible for me to. My daughter has expressed interest in learning and I would love for her to be able to learn in the safest possible environment, with a much more flexible, year-round schedule open to us. The new range would be that place.

This new, private range, with updated safety protocols would be a godsend for me, and many others who have hoped for something like this for our club. Hundreds of our members, and the club executive members have worked for years to rebuild the range from its past, to what it is today, and now what it could be tomorrow and they deserve to see their vision through. This new range would not in any way be any more problematic than what exists already for people who are not involved in the sport, or have no interest. In fact, this would be a safer option than what exists currently, and would be less of a concern overall to anyone who is concerned. The new range would be great for our club members and for the community in general.

In short, I support the Metro Rifle Club's development plan, and hope that you see the value in it as well.

Thank you for your time,

Chris O'Leary
126 Kings Rd
Sydney, NS

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle Club Development Plan
Date: January 13, 2022 7:24:10 PM

Hello,

I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan.

Regards,
Cora MacNeil
706 Hillside Road
Albert Bridge, NS
B1K 3H8
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro rifle club development plan
Date: January 13, 2022 7:24:25 PM

I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club development plan.

Carter Mac Neil
706 hillside road Albert Bridge
Nova Scotia B1K 3H8.
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle Club Development Plan
Date: January 14, 2022 7:40:43 AM

Hello,

I am a Cold War and Peace keeping veteran with grandchildren and I live in Cape Breton. The kids love their Papa and have expressed interest in target shooting. Personally, I don't miss the range but without one how do I educate them? Gun safety starts at home but eventually you've got to go to where the lead meets the target. Where's that? At a properly run range I say.

I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan.

Thank you and Pro Patria!

AR Gyorfi CD
140 Tometary Drive
Howie Center, NS
Canada
B1L1G3
[REDACTED]

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle Club Development plan
Date: January 14, 2022 8:20:39 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

I would like to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development plan. It's the CBRM's opportunity to recognize and support responsible gun owners and sport shooting enthusiasts that live and work in our community.

Thanks in advance for your support

[REDACTED]

Veronica Bodhaine
132 Bruce Street Glace Bay, NS B1A 3E5

Cell : [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle Club Development Plan
Date: January 14, 2022 9:50:07 AM

To whom it may concern,

I Tom Kummer would like to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan in Leitches Creek.

As a long time target shooter I would like to mention my desire to have a safe facility to take my family and friends to recreationally target shoot, to be able to avoid the crowded and sometimes scary safety violations at the public range.

So many clubs like golf, hockey, soccer, baseball and so on, have their own facilities so it's not more the fair that we as target shooters can have our own place.

The public range is inaccessible half of the year due to snow or bookings for law enforcement, reducing the opportunities for Metro Rifle Club members.

The DNR range is currently the only place to shoot outdoors in the CBRM and it gets crowded and is poorly maintained. Having another facility would reduce this overcrowding and add to the safety of the CBRM.

Noise levels shouldn't change since the new facility is within a few hundred meters of the only range in the CBRM now so there will be very little change in the impact on the surrounding neighbors.

A new range will be built to the latest safety standards as compared to the DNR range which is an outdated design which will actually make the area safer for the neighbors.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.
With best regards

Tom Kummer

856 Grand Mira South Rd
Marion Bridge, NS, B1K 1G8
Canada

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle Club development plan
Date: January 14, 2022 12:01:17 PM

Dear CBRM council:

I am writing this email to show support for the Metro Rifle Club development plan. I am a five year member, joining as a retirement hobby. I can vouch first hand for the clubs unyielding commitment to safety and proper behaviour in recreational shooting, which regardless of what some may think, is a sport and a hobby. The club is also family and community oriented with outdoor gatherings where one can invite family and friends to enjoy food, drink (non-alcoholic) and try out the sport ; under the watchful eye of trained club members and range officers. At this point our only outdoor facility in the area, is the DNR public range in Leitches Creek. This range is many times overcrowded, is many times unsafe and is not properly maintained. A very steep and deteriorated road, plus snow, make it largely inaccessible in the winter. DNR time allotment for the club is sparse, and with 600 members that's a problem. We fully realize owning and shooting firearms is a privilege, so now we are asking for the privilege to construct our own state of the art facility. This facility will epitomize function and expansion of shooting sports and hunting disciplines and most of all SAFETY. In closing, I would just like to say, that if this permit is denied because of a notion that it aids in the idea of anti-gun sentiment and gun control; I submit it will not. What it will mean, is that 600 licensed members and their family and friends will have to continue to use a sub-standard facility PLEASE approve the permit.

Yours truly
David J Macintosh
201 Millville Hwy
Millville, N.S.
B1Y 2E1

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: metro rifle club development plan
Date: January 14, 2022 12:32:35 PM

Dear CBRM Council, I am writing to express my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development plan that is up for consideration before Council. I am a Metro cub member for years now and would very much like to see this Range go forward. I am a 58 year old longtime resident of Ashby, I am now retired due to a work injury and my only recreational activity is to go Target shooting, along with my Family and many great friends that I have made through these activities. I currently use the DNR Range in Leitches Creek but It is hard to book time regularly and the property is not accessible due to snow from November to March. Our own Metro Cub Range would be a very positive step for me to be able to enjoy my only form of recreation on a more regular year round basis. I have training as a Range Safety Officer as are a large number of our club members, and I have taken many family members and friends out target shooting to introduce them to this very enjoyable sport which they all enjoyed very much. I truly believe that this new Club Range would make a very positive difference in my life as well as the many great Club members and those who are looking to join our club and participate in these responsible and enjoyable activities. I am very confident that this Range would be well maintained by our large and active number of club members, and with a perfect Club Safety record that only the most responsible and safe activities would be carried out at this site. I am very proud to be a member of The Metro Rifle Club which traces its roots back a 100 years to Veterans returning from the First World War back to our present day communities. I hope sincerely that this letter conveys the great importance that this project has for me personally and the large number of my fellow club members. I thank you for your attention and time in this matter and very much hope for this important development will go forward as it would become a great asset not only for our club, but also for the municipality . With Best Regards.....Dale Arthur Hines. Mr Dale Arthur Hines , 365 Atlantic Street , Sydney, N.S. B1P 3R6 Phone # [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle Club Development Plan Support
Date: January 14, 2022 9:50:39 AM

Hello, I would like to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan. I wish to have a safe facility to take my family and friends to recreationally target shoot, to be able to avoid the crowded and sometimes scary safety violations at the public range. Too many times have I seen unsafe practice and people showing up to shoot without booking the range via DNR. Another thing is the public range is inaccessible half of the year due to snow or bookings for law enforcement reducing the opportunities for the public, which can unfortunately lead to people shooting in unsafe areas like gravel pits and wooded areas illegally. the DNR range is currently the only place to shoot outdoors in the CBRM and it gets crowded and is poorly maintained, the bathroom is almost always closed, the target stands at the backstop are falling apart. Having another facility would reduce overcrowding and add to the safety of the CBRM. The Noise levels shouldn't change either since the new facility is within a few hundred meters of the only range in the CBRM, The new range will be built to the latest safety standards as compared to the DNR range which is an outdated design and will have a Metro members on site. I think that The Metro Rifle Club should be allowed to move forward with their development plan.

Thank you for your consideration,

-Brett

[Brett Heffernan]
[3337 Wood Ave, New Waterford NS CAN]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle Club Development Plan
Date: January 13, 2022 12:09:55 PM

Hello,

I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan.

Thanks

Ryan O'Shea

668 Upper Prince St.
Sydney NS
B1P5N1

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle Club range plan
Date: January 14, 2022 12:13:54 PM

CBRM council:

I am emailing to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club development plan. I have a firearms license, but am uneasy about using the DNR public facility.

Donald B MacIntosh
201 Millville hwy, Millville, N.S.
B1Y 2E1

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle Club support
Date: January 13, 2022 9:08:39 PM

To whom it may concern,

I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan.

Regards,

Jason Fraser
2409 Highway 28, South Bar
Sydney, Nova Scotia
B1N3H9.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: metro rifle club
Date: January 13, 2022 1:45:30 PM

I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan, I believe the club has shown it's commitment to safety, training and awareness of the sport of competitive shooting.

Michael Taylor
25 fairmount st westmount

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: New firing range
Date: January 13, 2022 12:01:56 PM

I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan.

Cory Ling. 68 Phillip st Sydney river B1S1N2

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: New Range
Date: January 14, 2022 11:32:37 AM

I think the new range is a good Idea people are using gravel pits and wood areas for target practice and a new range would help to stop this.

Brent Morrison
1378 trout Brook RD Albert Bridge NS
B1K 2J8

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Stephen T. Parsons](#)
Cc: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: New range for Metro Rifle and Pistol Club
Date: January 12, 2022 11:30:30 AM

Dear Steve:

I am writing in support of the new range facility for the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club for which a public hearing will be taking place next week. The Club has a long-standing positive reputation in this area and I'm proud to say that I've been a member for twenty-five years. Members and especially the range officers have always been staunch advocates for safety while maintaining an open and friendly attitude towards all new and younger members.

When I first started recreational shooting at the club, there were still a few WW2 veterans who were active members. As I look back I recall the great comrodery that existed then and the local history that was shared. I started bringing my young son to the club and he was able to meet and talk to a man who had been a paratrooper on D-day. This type of experience sticks with a young person and helps them in life and I believe this was the case with my family. My son went on to study forest technology and conservation enforcement and he now works for the Department of Natural Resources. My oldest daughter also learned some shooting skills at the club.

The executive of the current club operates in the same spirit of earlier years in that they are extremely dedicated in their desire to perpetuate the history and reputation of the club. Several of them have been members longer than I have and know the history well. They are all very respectful and respectable. Several of them have won major competitions in this province and beyond. They do the utmost to make sure all safety protocols are followed which makes the environment safe for all.

As a social worker I see the importance of a safe and supervised outlet for younger people to help them avoid the pitfalls of today's society. I believe the new range would provide that safe space for youth who are interested. I am totally confident that the facility in Leitches Creek will be a boon to the CBRM and future generations of recreational and competitive shooters as well as to older folks like myself who still like to get out and shoot once in a while.

Sincerely,

Paul Wukitsch
6469 Grand Narrows Highway
Shenacadie, NS B1T1M8
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: New range
Date: January 13, 2022 12:40:52 PM

I 100% support the new range. There are far too few of these resources around and to hear that at this late stage in the game you are considering a shut down is disturbing. It will sit right next to the DNR range and be a more modern version) so I can't imagine what issues there could possibly be.

Scott Cormier
417 brickyard rd
Albert bridge ns
B1K 2R9

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: New rifle range permit
Date: January 13, 2022 12:02:57 PM

I am messaging to show my support for the new range as I am a member of both local shooting clubs. My name is glendon mackinnon and I live at 2 grace street Sydney Nova Scotia , B1p 6v3. Further to this email my wife Tammy Mackinnon and son Brayden Mackinnon and daughter Presley Mackinnon also support the new range as well. Addresses are all the same, thank you. Your Truly , Glendon Mackinnon and family

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Outdoor Shooting Range
Date: January 11, 2022 7:09:40 PM

To CBRM Planning,

This email is in support of allowing the establishment of an additional outdoor shooting range in the Upper Leitches area. The proposed range would be to an adjacent existing range operated by NS Department of Natural Resources.

This new range to be operated by the Metro Rifle and Pistol club would be an asset to the club and the many folks who enjoy the sport of target shooting. The Metro Rifle and Pistol club has been responsible users of the existing DNR range. Holding regular clean ups, building a structure for weather protection and to facilitate sport shooters who are physically challenged. The new range would provide a safer venue for existing club members and target shooters. A strict shooting protocol has been established by the club to ensure the safety of those who partake in the sport. Folks of a certain age like myself can continue to enjoy target shooting when many other activities are no longer doable. This site would provide a safe location for folks like me to continue a sport that we have enjoyed safely for many years. This site will also be an asset for local police to train for their role in keeping themselves and the CBRM safe. Having such a location would provide a facility for their regular firearms training. Other agencies like RCMP and CBS would also have access for their training as well.

The Metro Rifle and Pistol club has been a responsible professional organization in the CBRM area for many years. Their member come from many communities in CBRM, and they have a reputation for operating range activities in a safe and professional manner. These members come from many different professions who have a common interest in target shooting. This proposed range would be a huge asset to the club to maintain the members ability to practice their chosen sport in a safe, well managed location. Given the fact that this range would operate next to an existing established range and that it would be managed by a professional organization with experts in their field should be supported by council.

Thank you for your consideration!

George Muise
19 Rosewood Ave
Glace Bay
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Outdoor Weapon Shooting Range
Date: January 9, 2022 5:30:04 PM

I am writing to express my 100% agreement with the above proposal. I think it would be a great facility for support and enjoy shooting sports.

Regards

Bernie McVeigh

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Address:
6425 Seaside Drive
Gardiner Mines, NS
B1H 5M3

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Permit Support for New Range
Date: January 14, 2022 12:16:42 PM

I would like to send my support for the new range.

Ernie Petley
1682 Morrison Rd.
Sydney,NS
B1M1B6

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: PID 15198393
Date: January 14, 2022 10:27:49 AM

I am writing this email in support of the proposed development of the outdoor shooting range on PID 15198393.

I feel the development of this range would be a benefit in several ways. There would be decreased usage of the current range located in the same area, thereby resulting in less overhead costs for maintenance. Decreased travel on the current range road would also lessen the costs to maintain the road. The proposed range would also allow more time slots to become available at the current range.

As the proposed new range is located in the same area as the current range, the impact of noise levels would not be a factor. The Metro Rifle and Pistol Club has been in existence for a very long time. The members are very diligent in safety requirements necessary for range use and have spent their own time and money maintaining and improving conditions at the current outdoor range.

I fully support the proposed development of the outdoor range at PID 15198393.

Regards,

Cathy Grace
1151 Keltic Drive
North West Arm, NS
B2A 4W4

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Planning Consult
Date: January 13, 2022 12:25:50 PM

I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan

Rodney Rudderham
8 Junction Rd.
Sydney N.S.
B1M1A5

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Proposed Development
Date: January 13, 2022 12:12:21 PM

I am sending this email to register my support of the proposed development of a sport shooting range on the Upper Leitches Creek Road.

Thank you

Brent Fifield
2064 Kings Road
Sydney
B111C4

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Proposed Metro Rifle and Pistol Club Shooting Range
Date: January 13, 2022 9:12:00 PM

As a member of the club, I am extending my support for the development of the shooting range. This enhanced facility will improve the safety and viability of this sport.

Murdock MacKinnon
1810 Eskasoni Road
Northside East Bay
B1J1G5

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Cc: [Stephen T. Parsons](#)
Subject: Proposed range at PID 15198393 Upper Leitches Creek
Date: January 13, 2022 12:05:54 PM

Dear Members

My name is Lars Kummer. I am a member of the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club. I am writing to you today to express my support for the proposed range at PID 15198393, Upper Leitches Creek. I have been a legal firearms owner for about ten years and have taken part in numerous competitions. Shooting sports is a sport I enjoy. The new proposed range will give the Metro club, supporting organisations and individuals looking to become a new member a place to practise our hobby in a safe and responsible area. This range will be a club range, meaning our club officials will oversee that all range time is carried legally and safely. Since the new range will be built next to the existing DNR range zoning, noise and templating should not be a big issue. Over the years the Metro club has invested and constructed new infrastructure for the DNR range, members have volunteered their time to clean the range and have run orientations to bring new members up to speed on proper range procedure. Despite these efforts people have still destroyed property and littered the range. Once again the proposed range will be controlled making it a safer place to enjoy the sport of target practise.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I hope my comments are taken into consideration and that you will give myself and my friends a safe place to enjoy our chosen sport of target shooting.

Kind regards,

Lars Kummer

My Sports Equipment is not a weapon

Address: 856 Grand Mira South rd Juniper Mountain NS B1K 1G8

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Proposed range at PID 15198393
Date: January 11, 2022 11:21:57 PM

Planning Department
CBRM Municipality
320 Esplanade
Sydney, NS
B1P 7B9

Dear Council Members:

I am a member of the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club.

I am writing you regarding the proposed range at PID 15198393, Upper Leitches Creek. This proposed range will improve safety for our members and all who attend hoping to become a member.

Club members are trained not only by taking the firearms safety training to become a licensed firearm owner but by our club officials.

To become a club member, one must complete the range safety orientation course. We are also given refresher training.

It is safe to say we are committed to teaching and practicing safety.

This range will be a club range. Over the years our club has painstakingly tried to improve the safety of the DNR range.

We have spent thousands of our membership funds on range improvements by purchasing and posting safety signage, building shelters, backstops, berms, built a pistol range with berms, and the list goes on, only to have it destroyed by people recklessly and purposely shooting them apart.

Metro Rifle & Pistol Club has a long standing within our community. We attend the DNR range every spring to clean up after the winter and get the range ready for all to enjoy. During our spring cleaning we have removed stoves, fridges, toilets, industrial rangehoods, dog house (thankfully the dog wasn't present), glass bottles, and more.

The Metro Rifle & Pistol Club has booked set days and times for our club shoots.

Anyone with a Wilderness Card can go on the DNR website and book the range if not already booked, not that many do.

Often the public just show up and shoot. Others and I have witnessed said public handling firearms carelessly.

One club member had gone down range to check his/her target and on the way back seen that a non-club member entered the shelter and was removing their rifle from its case and getting set up to shoot.

This was on a club day. I have attended on a scheduled club day and the range has already been in use by non-club members. After checking DNR's online booking site, the range had not been booked. The DNR range is a safety hazard as it lacks supervision & training. The proposed range will be controlled making it a safer place to enjoy the sport of Target Shooting.

Further, there will be no increase in noise as the proposed range will be next to the only legal outdoor range, the DNR range.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments and hope that you will give myself and my friends a safe place to enjoy our chosen sport of target shooting.

Kind Regards,

My Sports Equipment is not a Weapon

*Shane Currie
2809 Kings Road
Sydney N.S.
B1L 1A2*

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Proposed Range for Metro Pistol Rifle Club
Date: January 13, 2022 12:20:32 PM

To whom it may concern,
I am writing to voice my support for the proposed range that the Metro Pistol Rifle Club is looking to open. As a member of the said club, having a safe, readily available range is something that I would look forward to using.
Regards,

Matthew Bijl
36 Petersfield Court, Sydney, NS
B1R 2J7

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Proposed Rifle Range
Date: January 9, 2022 10:27:32 AM

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing this note to express my thoughts on the new rifle range being planned for Upper Leitch's Creek adjacent to the existing DNR Public Range.

I have been a target shooter for over thirty years and shoot regularly at the DNR range and used to shoot at the indoor range in Sydport before it's unfortunate loss in a tax sale. I have been a member of the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club for decades. We are an organization that puts safety first in all of our range activities. We require individual training and supervision by certified range officers to shoot. In my thirty years in the club I have never seen or heard of a member being injured or injuring anyone else.

This new range would give the members a safe and improved place to shoot. Residents would notice no increase in noise as it abuts the DNR range. It would be safer as it would be members only. The club along with DNR has invested much time and money in the existing range but it is not supervised at all times which leads to abuse of the facility. Untrained shooters cause damage to the target hangers (shoot poles down) and leave broken glass and garbage behind. You never know if the person next to you at the DNR range even has permission to be there, let alone training. I have left my booked sessions there when another shooter has made me feel unsafe. Signs placed by DNR and the club concerning the safe operation of the range are ignored by some members of the public.

Despite the recent political climate, sport shooting is a safe and fun sport. This new range would be a worthwhile project. It would allow members to have a safe place to shoot and would lower numbers at the DNR range, which would make it safer and easier to supervise.

Thank you,

Peter Campbell
P.O. Box 447
Sydney, NS
B1P6H2
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Proposed Shooting Range In CBRM
Date: January 14, 2022 11:41:15 AM

To whom it may concern,

I agree with the proposal of a new shooting range in the Leitches Creek area. There can be issues with crowding at the old range, and limited slots when booking. A new range would limit these issues, and make it easier for people to have a safe, legal place to go for target practice.

Thank you,
Mathew Morrison
1378 Trout Brook Road, Albert Bridge, NS
B1K 2J8

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: proposed shooting range
Date: January 14, 2022 9:49:19 AM

Dear Sir/Madam,

please accept my opinion in support of the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan" I was a hunter and decided to stop because no one in my family would eat wild game. I still enjoyed shooting so I decided to join a target shooting club in the /80's so after a hunter safety course then a strict firearm course then a restricted firearm training course ,I was able to get a permit that allowed me to purchase a firearm for target shooting. This is a hobby that I still enjoy today.I could go to the club shoots and meet old friends and new friends and enjoy a few hours doing what I love to do and do it in a safe and controlled manner learning to follow the proper procedures and commands of a range officer. Right now we have to depend on the DNR range to do some target shooting and that's only as weather permits. The DNR range is ok but it is not looked after and little upkeep. The proposed new site would be right alongside of the DNR range so there wouldn't be any more noise than usual and would offer a clean tidy safe place to do some target shooting...I think it was unfair for the CBRM to put the piece in the post announcing the meeting which labeled it as a proposed "WEAPON" shooting range. This wording ...was it deliberately put there to incite fear?? Perhaps firearm might have at least been neutral. I cannot see this new range being a problem for anyone at all as it offers a safe place for hobby target shooters to meet and chat, hold competitions, enjoy a hobby with family which I think is important this day and age.

Please register my vote as " In Favor" of a new shooting range.

Thank You

Herb Allen

11 Collins Street

Glouce Bay, NS

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10 ***I can plan my destination; but its the Lord who directs my steps.***

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Proposed Sport Shooting Range PID15198393
Date: January 12, 2022 1:26:15 AM
Importance: High

Planning Department
CBRM Municipality
320 Esplanade
Sydney, NS
B1P 7B9

Planning Staff & Members of Council

I am a member of the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club. I am writing you regarding the proposed range at PID 15198393, Upper Leitches Creek. This proposed range will improve safety for our members and all who attend hoping to become a member. Club members are trained not only by taking the firearms safety training to become a licensed firearm owner but by our club officials.

Club members also are required to take a "Range Safety" Orientation \ Safety course prior to becoming a member. This only strengthens education and safety.

To become a club member, one must complete the range safety orientation course. We are also given refresher training. It is safe to say we are committed to teaching and practicing safety.

This range will be a club range. Over the years our club has painstakingly tried to improve the safety of the DNR(Dept. Natural Resources) range. We have spent thousands of our membership funds on range improvements by purchasing and posting safety signage, building shelters, backstops, berms, built a pistol range with berms, and the list goes on, only to have it destroyed by people recklessly and purposely shooting them apart.

Metro Rifle & Pistol Club has a long standing within our community. We attend the DNR(Dept. Natural Resources) range every spring to clean up after the winter and get the range ready for all to enjoy. During our spring cleaning we have removed stoves, fridges, toilets, industrial rangehoods, dog house, glass bottles, and more.

The Metro Rifle & Pistol Club has booked set days and times for our club shoots. Anyone from the public with a Wilderness Card can go on the DNR website and book the range if not already booked, not that many do. Often the public just show up and shoot. This puts everyone on site at risk.

Others and I have witnessed said public handling firearms carelessly. This was on a club day. I have attended on a scheduled club day and the range has already been in use by non-club members. After checking DNR's online booking site, the range had not been booked. The DNR range is a safety hazard as it lacks supervision & training requirements.

The proposed range will be controlled making it a safer place to enjoy the sport of Target Shooting.

Further, there will be no increase in noise as the proposed range will be next to the only legal outdoor range, currently the DNR range.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments and hope that you will give myself and my

friends and my family a safe place to enjoy our chosen sport of target shooting.

Please keep in mind that our sport does not entail the use of “Weapons” as noted in the public announcement.

One only needs to look to the definition of Weapon.

“Weapon - an instrument used in combat for the purpose of killing, injuring, or defeating an enemy”

I can assure you that our members whom many of which the sport of target shooting is a family affair are not engaged in any aspect of the definition.

But we certainly are Sport Shooters, and by definition engage in the activity of **“shooting** - the sport of firing at targets of various kinds with rifles, handguns as an exercise in marksmanship and sportsmanship.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Regards,
Ashley Osborne
2258 Lingan Rd.
Lingan, NS
B1H 5H9

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: public hearing for gun range development permit
Date: January 17, 2022 8:35:57 AM

I am in favor of the new proposed gun range... I think it's in a great location...located next to the current provincial range so noise shouldn't be a issue. I believe the current range is outdated. The max 100 yards is too short for the current shooting community, to be competitive in the sport longer distances are required. The fact that a sport group is willing to put up their own money to improve on the current facilities speaks volumes.

David Tomko
75 Mountain Rd, Coxheath

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Cc: [Gordon D. MacDonald](#)
Subject: Public Hearing for Proposed Development of PID 15198393 for an Outdoor Shooting Range
Date: January 13, 2022 8:33:37 AM

Planning Department
CBRM Municipality
320 Esplanade
Sydney, NS
B1P 7B9

Dear Council Members:

I am a member of the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club. I am writing you regarding the proposed range at PID 15198393, Upper Lietches Creek. This proposed range will improve safety for our members and all who attend hoping to become a member. Club members are trained not only by taking the firearms safety training to become a licenced firearm owner but by our club officials. To become a club member, one must complete the range safety orientation course. We are also given refresher training. It is safe to say we are committed to teaching and practicing safety.

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The Metro Rifle & Pistol Club has booked set days and times for our club shoots. Anyone with a Wilderness Card can go on the DNR website and book the range if not already booked, not that many do. Often the public just show up and shoot. Others and I have witnessed said public handling firearms carelessly. One club member had gone down range to check his/her target and on the way back seen that a non-club member entered the shelter and was removing their rifle from its case and getting set up to shoot. This was on a club day. I have attended on a scheduled club day and the range has already been in use by non-club members. After checking DNR's online booking site, the range had not been booked. The DNR range is a safety hazard as it lacks supervision & training. The proposed range will be controlled making it a safer place to enjoy the sport of Target Shooting.

Further, there will be no increase in noise as the proposed range will be next to the only legal outdoor range, the DNR range.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments and hope that you will give myself and my friends a safe place to enjoy our chosen sport of target shooting.

Kind Regards,
Cindy Pearo

My Sports Equipment is not a Weapon

857 Alder Point Road,
Alder Point, NS
B1Y 1B1

c: Gordon MacDonald, gdmacdonald@cbrm.ns.ca

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Public hearing on range
Date: January 9, 2022 7:58:18 PM

My name is Bill Fennell and I am a member of the Sydney metro rifle & pistol club. I have been an avid shooter for 40 years and a member of the club for 5 years now. I was also a member, in my younger days, back in the early 90's before moving away for university and then work. Since returning to Cape Breton I have taken up the sport again and consider myself lucky to have a well organized and safety oriented club in our municipality. The club members are friendly, responsible, and well trained in firearm safety. My wife, son, and daughter, have all accompanied me to the range on numerous occasions. While the club members are trained in how to behave and operate a safe range, not all others who attend are as well instructed. A new club facility will increase members safety and allow us to grow our sport. It will have little new effect on any adjoining properties as the DNR range is right next door. Club members, who already use that range, will simply switch to the new range. This means no significant increase in noise or traffic. All that a new range will do is provide us with a safe environment to practice our sport. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Bill Fennell
50 Islandview Drive
Millville, NS
B1Y 2H9

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kristen R. Knudskov](#)
Subject: Range
Date: January 14, 2022 1:21:23 PM


Hello and good afternoon,
I am taking the time to share a little on the upcoming new range project.

Myself and my two sons like to target shoot or blinking as most target shooters call it. Blinking gives us a chance to bond and chat over a spirited competition. I don't like to speak negatively over other outdoor enthusiasts but what goes on at the rifle range is sometimes observe. People showing up that never booked a time. Just walking out on the range and not checking for clear lanes as we at the gun club do. Not putting the range in use sign down and raising the red flag

The new range will be close to wear the range is now so therefore there would be no increase to traffic or noise to the surrounding neighborhood. Also it will be safer blinking as we hold one another to a certain standard.

Thank you for your time.

Paul Mac Adam
655 Trout Brook Road
Marion Bridge. NS
B1K2G7

From: 
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Range development
Date: January 13, 2022 12:52:38 PM

Please allow the Metro club to operate how they wish. If the CBRM doesn't want any shooting sports then they should have standing offers to buy any firearms, accessories, ammunition, etc from residents at full cost.

Jim Brennan
15 Simpsons St
Florence, NS
B1Y 1R6

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Range Permit
Date: January 14, 2022 2:03:04 PM

Hi there,

I am writing to say I support the metro rifle clubs application for a permit to construct a new shooting range. I am not a gun owner.

Sarah E Lavin
138 Rockdale Ave
Sydney NS B1P 1Z4

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Range
Date: January 13, 2022 12:22:11 PM

I would like to show my support for the new range development that the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club is doing. As a member of the club I have seen their dedication to safety while at the range. As a member of the club you have to take a range safety course in order to be a club member, whereas the dnr range any public who has a wildlife resource card can book it online and go. Also the club range will be made with the latest safety standards for an even safer environment. Thanks for your time.

Bernie Dalton 3926 New Waterford Hwy. New Victoria N.S.
Sent from my Galaxy

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Re: Metro Rifle and Pistol Club development permit
Date: January 13, 2022 3:05:53 PM

Dear CBRM Planning committee,

I am writing today to register my support for the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club development plan. I believe it would be in the CBRMs best interest to support this plan and here is why:

There are a number of problems with the current DNR range located in Leitches Creek. The DNR range is currently the only place to shoot outdoors in the CBRM. The DNR range is inaccessible for much of the winter due to snow and when it is accessible, bookings for law enforcement reduce the opportunities for the public. Reduced public opportunities can lead to people shooting in unsafe areas like gravel pits and wooded areas. When the DNR range is actually accessible to the public, it is often crowded. Furthermore the DNR range is an old range design which is very poorly maintained by the Ministry and at times there are some serious safety breaches by average joe public at that range.

The Metro Rifle Club shooting range would address a number of these concerns with minimal impact, and here is how:

the Metro range will encompass the newest design standards for ranges which will make for a safer and more enjoyable recreational shooting experience for myself and fellow members. Dedicated and well maintained facilities are a benefit to neighbours and club members because when facilities are dedicated and well maintained, they enable easier access, with less overcrowding and minimize the incentive to find alternate places to shoot. Most importantly dedicated and well maintained facilities are also safer, and safety is, and always has been a major cornerstone of Metro Rifle and Pistol Club. Before a potential Metro member is allowed to use the range (or even become a member) they are required to take a safety course. Anytime there are Metro Club shoots at the DNR range, the emphasis is always on safety (the same cannot be said of joe public at the DNR range). Metro Club's location is a few hundred meters adjacent to the existing DNR range and therefore the noise levels should not change and there will be little impact on the surrounding neighbours. In fact there will be a positive impact on the neighbours. Metro wants to be a good neighbour, wants to keep top notch facilities that are well maintained and above all safe for club members and neighbours in the area.

I would strongly encourage you approve the development plan for Metro Rifle and Pistol Club.

Thank you,

Lisa Beiler
25 Wellington St.
Sydney NS
B1R1Y4

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Re: Metro Rifle development permit
Date: January 9, 2022 10:16:12 PM

Hello,

I recently noticed that the Metro Rifle Club had requested a development agreement to develop a private shooting range in Leitches Creek.

I want to indicate my support for this project.

As a woman who is interested in learning how to shoot the thought of going to the public range is very intimidating. The opportunity to go to a private facility and learn one on one from a qualified instructor would be great. I'm sure there are other ladies out there who feel the same way. Having been to the public DNR range, CBRM could certainly use a better facility!

Thanks,
Lisa Kyte
46 Braemar Dr
Westmount NS
B1R 1V9

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Re: Public Hearing on Metro Rifle And Pistol Club Development Agreement
Date: January 8, 2022 6:42:43 PM

Good Day,

I read the announcement of a public hearing for a development agreement for the Metro Club to develop a new range with great pleasure. As a recreational target shooter who has been stuck using the DNR range in Leitches Creek for many years because there are no other options locally the option of having another, safer, alternative is very promising.

I have shot all over Canada as a National Level competitor and I can say, the options for a safe place to shoot outdoors in the CBRM are basically non-existent. There have been many days I have packed up my gear and left the DNR range rather than deal with the people there and the safety issues they create.

The local DNR range is woefully inadequate and the Provincial Govt has no interest in maintaining it let alone improving it. One Govt official told me several years ago that the range has no actual budget.

The Metro Club has been doing improvements to structures and signage as well as paying to install safety berms for the last several years but are fighting an uphill battle against a public who has little knowledge of how a range should operate safely and who think very little of leaving their garbage behind and a Provincial Govt who seems uninterested in improving the situation if it means it will cost them any money.

Having another option for those of us who are willing to pay for a facility that provides a better and safer shooting experience is a great option. I know the Metro Club has around 600 members in the CBRM and giving these members a facility of their own will certainly decrease the amount of pressure on an already over-used public facility next door to the one proposed in this development agreement.

This proposed facility is right next door to the only legal outdoor range in the CBRM so the amount of noise coming from this range will be no different than what is currently occurring since every legal shooter in the CBRM is already shooting within 100m of where this facility is proposed. The only real difference here, from what is currently happening next door, is that it will be happening on a range designed to modern safety standards and the people using it will be safety trained to a higher standard than the general public that is shooting next door. Both are better for the CBRM and the people living in the area.

In conclusion, I would encourage you to approve this development agreement and allow

Metro to create a safer facility to better serve the residents of the CBRM.

Henry Maxwell
46 Braemar Dr
Sydney NS
B1R 1V9

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Cc: [Earlene D. MacMullin](#)
Subject: Re: The new Metro Rifle and Pistol Club range public hearing
Date: January 11, 2022 2:42:35 PM

Hello,

I would like to officially offer my support at the public hearing to be held on January 18th to the new firearm range being constructed by the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club on their property in the Leitché's Creek area of the CBRM. The members of the club should be commended on showing the initiative to take on a project of this scale. When completed the new range will be a much needed recreation addition for the firearm owners and also the general residents of the CBRM. In addition to providing a year round accessible facility the range will greatly contribute to the safety of both recreational shooters and the public in general. The existing DNR range is appreciated but it has been my experience that it can be subject to over booking, range safety violations and its only accessible for approximately 6 months of the year. The DNR range is also outdated and poorly maintained. The new Metro range is being built to the latest standards and will actually make it much safer for anyone living in the area. Noise levels should be inconsequential as it's located in close proximity to the existing range. As an added safety benefit another facility will also reduce crowding at the DNR site and hopefully aid in preventing the illegal practice of some individuals shooting in gravel pits or wooded areas.

I would hope all members of the CBRM council also express their support of the Metro Club in this very worthwhile endeavor on Jan. 18th.

Thank you
Robert Hardy
63 Campbell Street
North Sydney N.S.
B2A 2C8

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Rifle Range Application
Date: January 10, 2022 12:54:43 PM

Dear Sirs,

I fully support the expansion of the Metro Rifle range.

Yours sincerely , John Chadwick MD , 1429 Coxheath Rd , Sydney, NS, B1L1B3

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Support
Date: January 9, 2022 7:16:55 PM

Please support the new range facility being proposed by the Metro Rifle & Pistol Club. A new, expanded, safer, year round range is much needed for our region. Unfortunately, the current range is old, limited and is not available year round due to weather; and even when accessible many time slots are blocked for law enforcement training. Sadly, some members of the public don't follow the rules for booking or respect the rules of the range so a more secure and safer range is overdue.

Thank you
Dave Lavigne
173 Upper McLean St
Glace Bay
B1A2L4

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Support for metro rifle and pistol club range in leitches creek
Date: January 14, 2022 9:49:31 AM

Good day, I wish to formally count my support for the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club outdoor range in Upper Leitches Creek.

Kind regards,

Shane Williams
2541 Old Route 5
Big Bras D'Or Nova Scotia
B1X 1H5

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support for range development
Date: January 14, 2022 3:00:12 PM

My name is Aaron Andrews and I am a long -standing member of the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club. I want to register my support for the proposed development. I feel that this development should be granted the necessary permits as this sport is a growing entity and that this club has a long history of community involvement. The club has a proven track record of compliance and good conduct. I am aware that some may oppose the permit for various reasons, but I have confidence that a fair and informed review process will be adhered to by my elected officials.

Regards,

Aaron Andrews
4647 East Bay HWY
Ben Eoin, NS
B1J 1N6

January 14, 2022

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult; Lorne F. Green](#)
Subject: Support For the development permit for Metro Rifle and Pistol Club To develop a new rifle range in Leitches Creek CB.
Date: January 13, 2022 2:07:47 PM

To Planning Consult Commission.

My name is Stephen W. Maclennan and I live in South Bar. I am writing to you today in support of a development permit for the Metro Rifle and Pistol club to develop a new Range by the current DNR rifle range in Leitches creek.

As a 24 Year Regular Force Veteran with the Canadian Armed Forces, which included 3 tours overseas. I have not only have learned the importance of firearm safety but have instructed on numerous weapons throughout my career. However, my firearms instruction did not start with my military career. It started with my Father & Uncles then the Air Cadets, firearms courses and, by learning and adhering to the safety rules of the numerous gun clubs I have been a member of across Canada during my Military postings. The thing all of these people and groups have in common is safety and the promotion of shooting sports.

I in turn passed what I had learned to my two daughters who by the age of 13 were outshooting Infantry soldiers, because they learned properly in the safe confines of a range. So, for us it wasn't just a place, we could shoot safely, but a place where we built lasting memories. I mention my daughters because shooting sports have become one of the fastest growing sports for women in Canada and generated \$2.6 Billion in sales revenue in 2018 alone, something the retailers here in the CBRM will have a bigger piece of with a new range. Now some people are going to say we already have a Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) range already, but there are problems with the DNR range.

In the winter it is not plowed so you have to park on the road which is a hazard and pack your shooting gear in a couple hundred meters in a trip which is normally for me at least three trips in.

By DNR rules you are supposed to book the range online. However, not everyone does that, they just show up and start shooting. These people don't care about range safety rules they are there to shoot whatever way they want, making it unsafe to bring family or friends shooting there. This would never happen at a club range because they are all trained properly before they actually can use the range, and those who may not follow the rules normally have their membership revoked. In the fall the range is overcrowded because everyone wants to get sighted in before hunting season making the range even less safe. Now due to the fact there are no other ranges to shoot at, they resort to gravel pits and farms for sighting in their firearms. The problem with shooting in these areas is you cannot control the foot or ATV traffic which could lead to literally deadly outcomes.

My family owns close to 200 acres in South Bar, I hunt this property every year, I do this knowing one shot is all that is required. What I don't do however, is target practice there because I can't control the foot and ATV traffic which makes it unsafe to do so. Now I am forced to use a range that is either inaccessible or for the most part uncontrolled.


A new range would obviously be built to the newest standards making it safer than the DNR range. Noise levels would have almost no increase to the residents compared to the DNR range because they are within a few hundred meters of each other. Another reason for a new range in this location is, the range template would be almost exact to the DNR range. Templating is basically looking at the area beyond the range to ensure that if by some chance a bullet was to miss the target and berm the bullet would land in an uninhabited safe area. All ranges in Canada have to be templated as a rule including DNR ranges. The last point I would like to bring up is population expansion and its effects on shooting sports in Cape Breton. My Great Uncle and Uncle were founding members of the Cape Breton Trap and Skeet club on Lingan Rd. back in the 40s/50s and today even though it has been there for 70 years people build homes around them and then want the club to close. By building a new club range in the unpopulated area of Leitches Creek hopefully shooting sports in Cape Breton will have a chance to survive another 70 years and continue to promote safe shooting and the production of champion shooters.

Thank you

(signed)

Stephen W. MacLennan CD1
2037 New Waterford Hwy,
South Bar, NS.
B1N3H6



From: 
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Support for the firearms range
Date: January 11, 2022 8:41:45 PM

Support for the firearms range

James Crawford
93 Crescent St, Sydney Mines

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Support for the metro pistol and rifle club
Date: January 14, 2022 1:35:40 PM

I would like to register my support for the new range for the metro pistol and rifle club thank you

John a morrison
52 turner street
Glance bay novascotia
B1a 5wa

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: support for the Metro Rifle Club
Date: January 13, 2022 12:00:43 PM

I would like to register my support for the new range for the Metro pistol and rifle club...
thank you

Js Brown
3760 highway 255 Homeville
B1b1t3 NS

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Support Metro Rifle Pistol Club
Date: January 14, 2022 1:37:29 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to state my support for the new target shooting range owned by the Metro Rifle Pistol club.

This project has been under way for a couple of years and it has been met with resounding support and excitement among the sport target shooting community in the CBRM and across the island.

The DNR range which is directly beside it, is not well maintained and very rarely are booking schedules adhered to. As individuals do not need to belong to a club to target shoot there, often times it is left in disarray and with garbage and appliances dumped all over it. The Metro Rifle Pistol clubs organizes clean ups but it's not enough to maintain the range when there are those who seem to be bent on destroying it for others.

The new range will be owned and maintained by Club members. This will ensure, safety and enjoyment for everyone who uses it. As all members of the club are well versed in safe gun handling and range protocols/procedures. The best part about the location is that there is no need to be concerned about noise disturbances as it is so close to the existing DNR range there will be no change.

Target shooting is one of my favourite pastimes. I am only new to it but have found so much joy in it. I am a serving member in the Canadian Armed Forces and I am asking for support across the board for the new range.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Groom
10 Minwill Ave
Sydney NS
B1M1A7

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Support of new range application Leitches Creek
Date: January 11, 2022 3:47:44 PM

Good afternoon,

I understand a public hearing will take place regarding a new shooting range adjacent to the old DNR range in Leitches Creek. As a member of the Metro Rifle and Pistol club and resident of Cbrm I would like pass along my support. A new safer facility would benefit all participants and I believe will have less noise impact on residences in the area than the old dnr facility.

Sincerely

Blair Garnier

Address:
3975 East Bay
Hwy
East Bay NS
B1J1M4

VIA EMAIL

Date: January 13, 2022

CBRM Planning Commission
PlanningConsult@cbrm.ns.ca

Attention: Planning Commission

Metro Rifle and Pistol Club Range Application

This is to provide my support for the new shooting range proposed by the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club.

CBRM should have a modern shooting range for those who participate in target shooting activities. The proposed range is what is needed. The DNR public range is currently the only outdoor range in CBRM. It is outdated in design, not well maintained, sometimes crowded and inaccessible by the public half of the year due to snow cover and bookings by law enforcement. Another facility would reduce overcrowding and increase accessibility.

The proposed range will be designed, constructed and operated according to modern standards which will increase safety for participants and neighbors.

Since the proposed range is adjacent to the DNR range, there will be little change to traffic and noise levels.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

[REDACTED]

Barry McCallum
49 Hampton Drive
Sydney River, NS
B1L 1H3

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: support of the Metro Rifle Club range development permit.
Date: January 9, 2022 7:28:52 PM

To whom it may concern,

I became aware of the request for public consultation and I want to be on record as recommending approval & support for the development. I support because I believe it will provide a safer alternative to what's available now.

Thank you,

Kelsey L. Fiander (Ley)
Address: 28 Dipersio Street
Sydney Mines, B1V3A4
Phone : [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: support of the Metro Rifle Club range development permit
Date: January 9, 2022 7:36:38 PM

I am sending you this email to go on record as my support of the Metro Rifle Club range development permit. Ive been made aware of the request for public consultation and I want to be see it approved. Thanks,

Greg Fiander

Address: 28 Dipersio Street Sydney Mines B1V3A4

Phone: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Support of the metro rifle club
Date: January 13, 2022 1:46:38 PM

I think we should be able to keep what we have and be able to build a bigger and brighter future moving forward .

Adam Gardiner
2 third ave Sydney N.S

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Date: January 14, 2022 5:42:47 AM

I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan

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Subject: Support
Date: January 13, 2022 12:39:49 PM

Good morning/afternoon

I would like to register my support for the Metro rifle pistol development plan

I have been a member of this club for many years and I fully support all of their endeavors

Too many positive development plans in the cbrm never come to fruition
We like to blame Halifax for all of our troubles
It is time that we take positive control of our community and do what's right for the community

Again I fully support the Metro rifle pistol development plan

Thank you for your time and consideration
It is greatly appreciated

Sincerely
Alan Nathanson
99 Liscomb Point Drive
South Bar NS

I can be reached at [REDACTED] if you have any questions for me

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Subject: Sydney metro
Date: January 13, 2022 6:01:47 PM

I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan.
Richard Macmullin
537 Point Aconi rd Millcreek N.S

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Planned_Consult](#)
Subject: The firearms Shooting range on pid 15198393
Date: January 11, 2022 5:34:22 PM
Attachments: [image0.png](#)

Dear CBRM planning,

I like many others support the Sydney Metro Rifle and Pistol Club

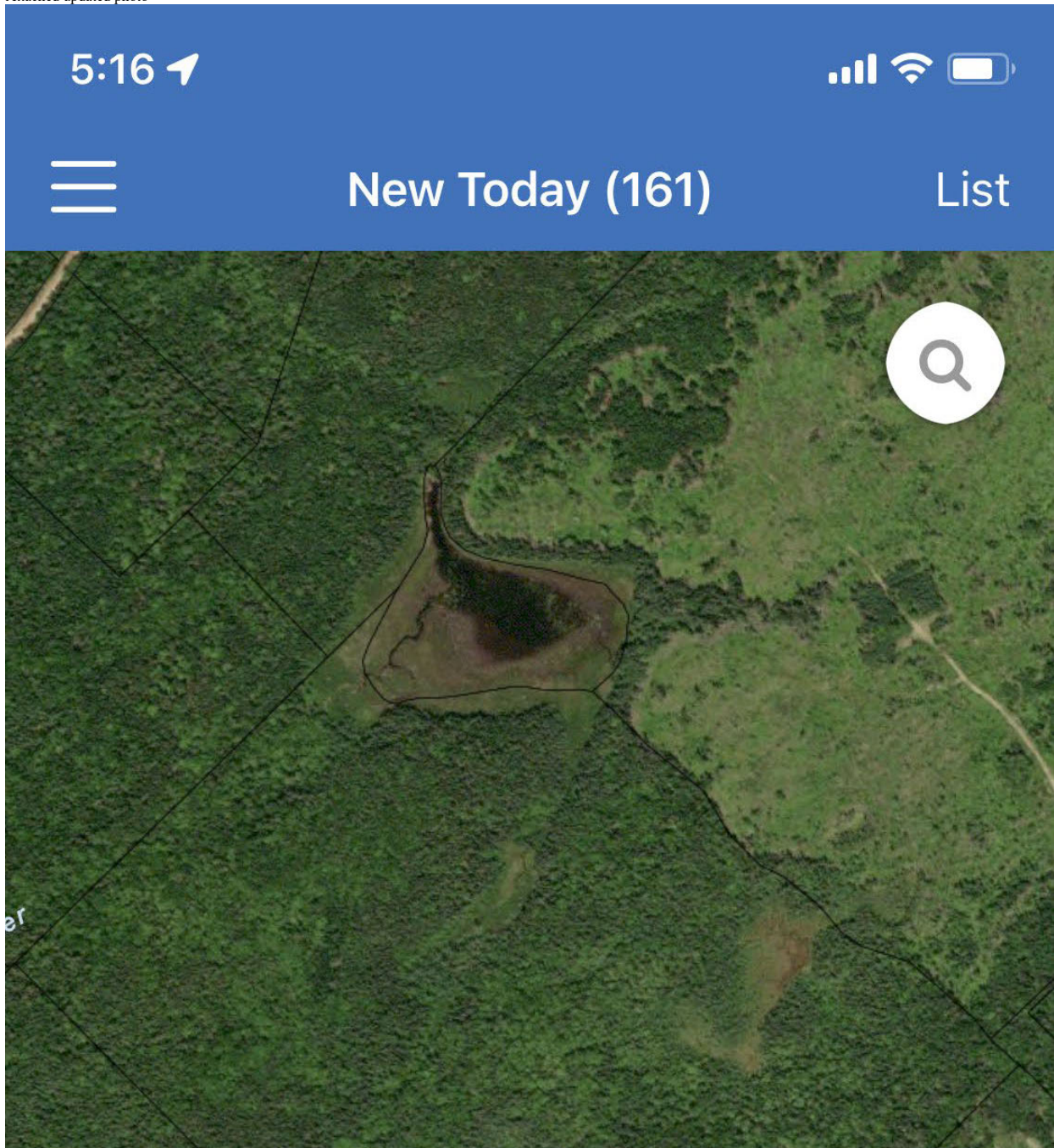
What your office has done with calling this a weapons range, is out of context

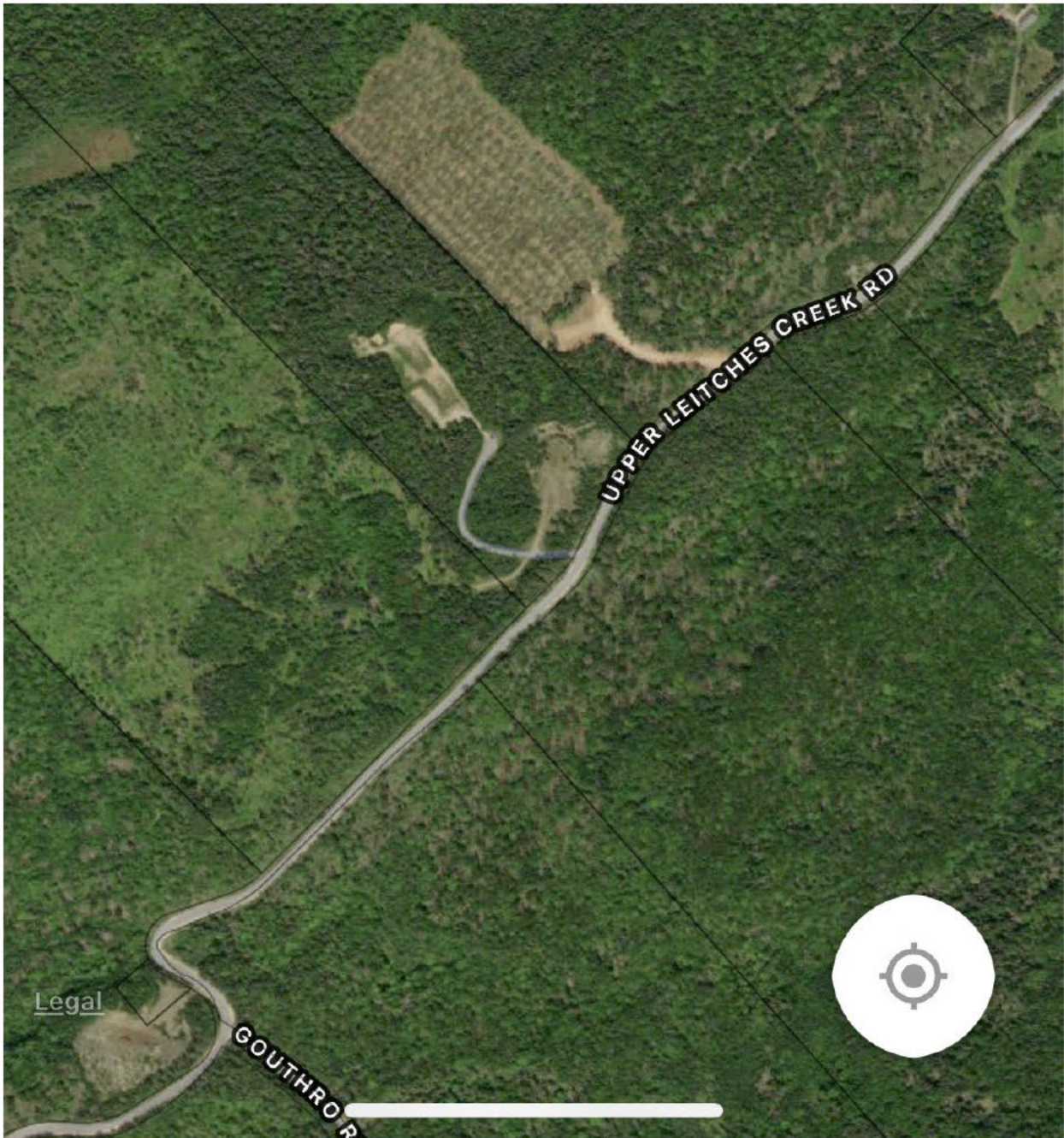
The following PID **15225394** is a weapons range off the 125 not far from the MayFlower mall Run by the military, which shoot many weapons that would not be permit at the new purposed shooting range run by the gun club Which is firearms shooting range, when you refer to it as a weapons range you have people think of a military weapons range were they do all kinds of weapon testing Which is fear-mongering or giving the wrong impression

Your department, also neglected include in your mention that the Nova Scotia provincial government range Located at PID **15537103** is next to the purposed shooting range at PID **1519839**.

Also the satellites imagery you had posted on social media and in print media wasn't an updated photo which, adds to misinformation as some ground work has been done

Attached updated photo





I support the development of this new recreational shooting range. But I will add for those not aware that the use of firearms is highly regulated, many training courses, licenses, and I will add many firearms owners are run daily through the police data bases (cpic and jens), the range has to continually meet or exceed the CFO's requirements.

So for those worried about safety should note it's highly regulated and safety is paramount. The history of shooting ranges in Cape Breton And Nova Scotia have proved that

So in closing, I like others see no issue with this being approved.

Jeff McNeil

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: CBRM PUBLIC HEARING - Shooting Range PID 15198393
Date: January 14, 2022 9:51:21 AM

I am submitting the below statement for the public hearing on Tuesday, January 18th at 6:00PM:

The proposed shooting range at PID 15198393 will be a benefit to both the community and economy of nova scotia. The location proposed is between 2 existing ranges so will not add additional noise concerns. The surrounding areas have already been logged for timber and the lands will not be suitable for further resource extraction for quite some time.

The proposed range would allow for a longer distance range than the two neighboring ranges that only go to 100 yards. This will allow for hunters to sight in their rifles for longer ranges and practice taking shots out to 200+ yards as often experienced in the field.

In addition to the hunting community, the target shooting community will also benefit from a longer distance range (over 100 yards) that the typical DNR ranges offer. I personally compete in the Canadian National Shooting competitions each year, and only having nearby access to 100 yard ranges is not very useful for practicing for these competitions. For a rifle, 100 yards does not allow for environmental conditions such as wind, gravity, the earth's rotation, etc. to affect the bullet's trajectory as it reaches the target so quickly. Only at ranges of 200-300 yards or more do these variables begin to take effect, and this is what is necessary for a competition shooter to practice their sport.

In addition to the above benefits, I would like to make one final comment. The community of target shooters are a very friendly, and welcoming group of law abiding citizens. By offering a location for us to practice our sport, will bring the kind of welcoming people that help build warm and welcoming communities that are the heart of East coast Nova Scotia culture.

Thank you,
Max

0 Meatcove Road
Cape Breton

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Club Range
Date: January 13, 2022 5:20:15 PM

Hi, I'm strongly in support of this development of the extended range. The sport needs this investment. This is an excellent community member and the efforts and investment they have put forward cannot be blocked now. It will be an excellent addition to the area. Best Regards, Fred MacKay

Sent from my iPad

Address:
RR #1
Baddeck, NS

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro rifle club development plan
Date: January 14, 2022 9:50:59 AM

I wholeheartedly support the club having it's own range. Please allow this project to continue.

Signed,
Brent Partland
42470 Cabot Trail
WRECK COVE NS
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Phone: [REDACTED]
Cell: [REDACTED]

Wreck Cove General Store



From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Rifle Club Development
Date: January 13, 2022 1:35:20 PM

I want to register my support for the Metro Rifle Club Development Plan.

Mitchill Fitzgerald
373 Shore Rd
Liverpool NS

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Club Support
Date: January 13, 2022 12:21:54 PM

Greetings ; I would like to express my Support for the new Metro Club Range . A great group of people within the Community who are responsible and Respected wthin the CBRM.

Regards Daniel Keagan
2162 Highway 312
Riverbennett, N.S. B0C1H0
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [PlanningConsult](#)
Subject: Metro Rifle and Pistol Club support
Date: January 13, 2022 12:15:13 PM

To whom it may concern,

I would like to register my support for the Metro Rifle and Pistol Club's development plan. This will ensure we all have a safe facility to take our families, to recreationally target shoot and to be able to avoid the crowded public range.

The atmosphere and safety at the range when Metro members are present is very noticeable. It makes for a very safe and respectful activity where you can enjoy target shooting. Sometimes when members of the public are attending the public range the feeling is not a secure, as the same rules are not always followed. Having our own range, that always follows the same rules, and is monitored by range officers and members will be a welcome advancement in safety.

Thank you
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