



DECISION TO APPROVE LAKELAND FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER (FASD) SOCIETY TO CONSTRUCT A SUMMER CAMP WITHIN THE FRENCH BAY PROVINCIAL RECREATION AREA (PRA).

What We Heard

Public input was received through approximately eight responses. This valuable feedback has been analyzed and grouped by theme.

A majority of comments were supportive of the proposal. The concerns that were raised primarily included use of the facility for non-FASD purposes and impacts to general public access. These concerns are addressed in the responses included below.

What We Heard	Response
Worthy project, however, 2013 and 2014 should be focused on restoring Kananaskis and Peter Lougheed Park	Alberta Parks is not investing any funds or resources into the development or operation of this project. Flood recovery work in southern Alberta parks is a government priority and is ongoing.
Concern that the facility could be used as housing for skiers in off-season. Suggest that it would be better used as Winter camp for FASD children.	Alberta Parks has determined that the facility can only be used for FASD programming. Use of the facility that is not in connection to FASD programming is not permitted.
Supportive of the project and its vision. Suggest that this project should be led by the Province for a larger reach.	Services of this kind are out of scope for Alberta Parks; however, when possible we support such endeavours through the provision of opportunities, such as leases.
Opposed to the project in French Bay PRA. Concerned that the small beach area and four camping spots will be crowded especially for out of town visitors. Access will be limited.	Day use is available for everyone. Campsites will not be used by FASD participants since they have the camp within the lease area. Access will remain unaffected.
Propose that a better location for the FASD camp would be in the Cold Lake Provincial Park on Lunds	Alberta Parks has determined that the PRA is a more suitable location for the

<p>Point near the group camping area. This will allow campers to use the existing trails and the large beach area. Another location could be the little bay to the south of the boat launch for a more rustic experience.</p>	<p>camp. Cold Lake Provincial Park is not as compatible for this kind of a lease arrangement.</p>
<p>In favor of camp proposal so long as access for general public is not limited.</p>	<p>The day-use area will remain available for everyone; access will not be affected.</p>
<p>Oppose the building of a special park for FAS persons. Parks should be accessible to all public not just FAS persons.</p>	<p>A specific park is not being built for FASD clients. Alberta Parks is only providing a lease area for an operator of a facility (i.e., a summer camp). The park is not being limited to any specific group.</p>
<p>Tax dollars are for Alberta Parks and all parks should benefit from them. Taking money out of parks for FAS persons will dilute funding for other parks.</p>	<p>Alberta Parks is not investing any funds or resources into the development or operation of this project.</p>
<p>All parks should be accessible for all people equally. A special park for FAS is discriminatory and not good management of our tax dollars.</p>	<p>Provincial parks will always be available for all Albertans. Alberta Parks is only providing a lease area for an operator of a facility (i.e., summer camp).</p>
<p>To ensure that a quality camping experience is provided, that the camp meets all the provincial standards and that the camp board, staff and volunteers have access to professional development information and support, the camp should become an accredited member of the Alberta Camping Association.</p>	<p>Alberta Parks will forward this suggestion to the FASD society.</p>
<p>Supportive of their efforts and commend the society's work for the FAS persons.</p>	