



2021 Casino Bylaw Survey

Research Results

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I. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

In 2001, in response to a community petition, Strathcona County created a bylaw prohibiting casinos from operating in the County. Now, in October 2021, Council asked administration to run an online survey to gauge whether residents wanted to consider repealing the current bylaw and consider allowing casinos to operate in Strathcona County.

Obtaining primary data from residents directly will support County officials to make decisions that accurately reflect the perspectives and attitudes of residents. This report will provide a comprehensive review of the steps undertaken in the development and implementation of the survey, as well as a detailed summary of the results. The results from this study were prepared by Phil Kreisel, Ph.D. (Communications); SPSS was used for the data analysis of the close-ended data and NVIVO was used to examine the open-ended data.

The questionnaire used in this study used questions created by department representatives from Legislative and Legal Services. Both SCOOP (the County's online opinion platform) and Alchemer (the online platform used to obtain responses from residents of Strathcona County who were not members of SCOOP) were used to obtain data for this study. Overall, 4,795 responses were received¹ through this study, which occurred from October 20 to November 17, 2021.

Although poll-based data is obtained from people who decide to participate, participants were not randomly selected and access to the online poll is open to everyone. The margin of error for a comparable probability-based random sample of the same size is $\pm 1.4\%$, 19 times out of 20.²

¹ Overall, 1,143 responses came from SCOOP and 3,652 came from Alchemer.

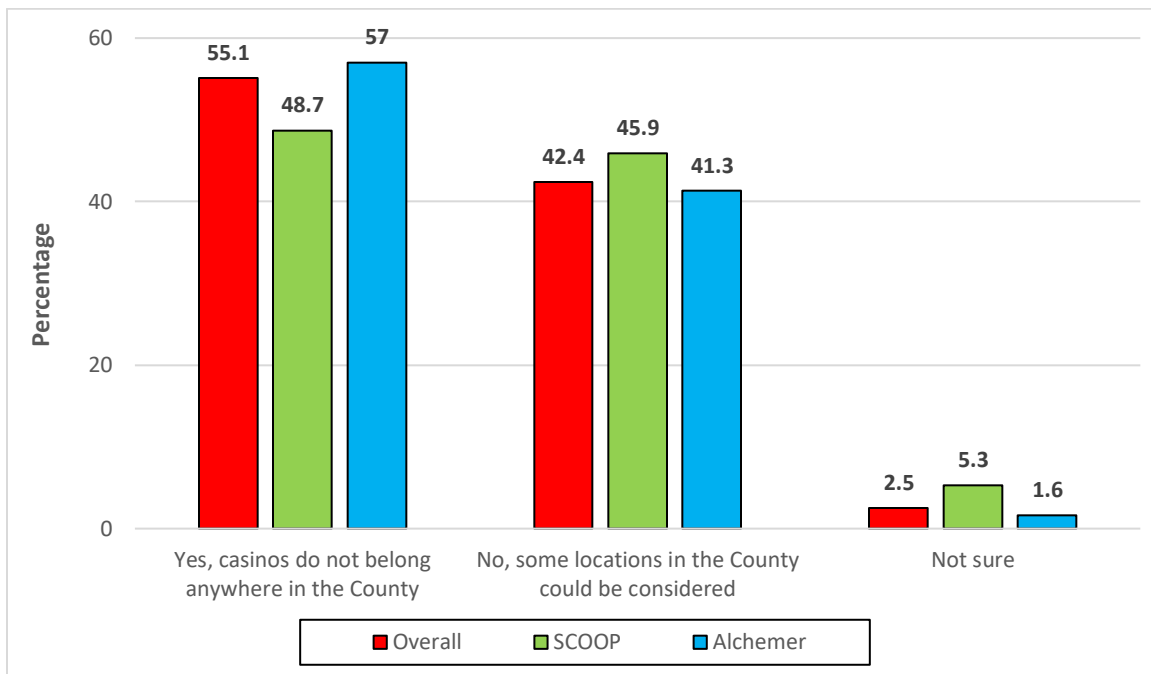
² The $\pm 1.4\%$ is the *margin of error* associated with this study and refers to the potential percentage spread that exists within answers to questions. This means that an answer could be up to 1.4% higher or lower than what is reported. Please note, however, that the data was gathered through online surveys and no controls were undertaken to make this a random sample.

II. SURVEY RESULTS

A. Overall results

Respondents were given background information on the current bylaw prohibiting casinos from operating in the County, and then asked to indicate if they thought that casinos should still be prohibited in Strathcona County. Answering “yes” meant that they felt that casinos did not belong anywhere in the County, while answering “no” meant that there were some locations where the County could consider the development of a casino. Respondents were also given the option to say that they were not sure what should be done. The overall results (along with the results broken down by survey platform) are shown in Figure 1.

FIGURE 1
How people felt about casinos in Strathcona County in 2021



Regardless of the survey platform used to gather the data, it was found that most people felt that casinos did not belong anywhere in the County. On an overall basis, 55.1% (2,640 people) felt this way, while 42.4% (2,035 people) thought that some locations in the County could be considered for casinos. The remaining 2.5% (120 people) were not sure.

B. Open-ended results

A follow-up open-ended question asked people to comment on the reason(s) for their stance. The open-ended data provided by respondents was analyzed with NVIVO to see if there were distinct categories that identified the reasons for supporting / not supporting casinos in Strathcona County.

With respect to those people who were against the presence of casinos in Strathcona County, 43.5% added comments. Many of these comments did not add any new details, but rather were reiterations of not wanting a casino in the County without explaining why they felt that way. There were, however, a substantial number of people who felt that if residents wanted to gamble, they could travel 15 minutes to Edmonton to do so.

After an examination of the NVIVO results, 3 main categories were identified, although there are instances where answers provided by respondents might fit into more than one category. These were as follows:

- **Danger of increased illegal activities:** There were some people who thought that the presence of casinos might result in an increase in criminal activity in the County, including more drugs, addictions and other illegal activities. It was also hypothesized by some that the presence of casinos might erode legal/positive activities such as various types of recreation opportunities, healthy pursuits and family activities.
- **Danger of addiction due to gambling opportunities:** This is based on the accessibility of gambling opportunities if a casino were located in Strathcona County and was easily accessible.
- **A variety of societal concerns:** A variety of concerns are grouped in this category, including comments associated with addiction, healthcare concerns, family issues, mental health issues, traffic issues all stemming from the presence of casinos in the County. Many people were also under the perception that casinos attracted “the wrong type of people” to a community.

A complete list of the original comments associated with maintaining the bylaw can be found in Appendix A.

With respect to those people who were in favor of casinos being considered for Strathcona County, 46.4% added comments. Many of the

comments for a casino came with a caution to make sure that the location(s) were not in or near residential neighbourhoods. Others felt that since residents who want to gamble would drive elsewhere (such as Edmonton) to do so, why not have a casino in the County?

Overall, 2 main categories were identified, although there are instances where answers provided by respondents might fit into more than one category. These were as follows:

- **Fundraising opportunities for non-profit/community/charity groups:** Since there is already a mandate in the province that non-profit groups can get funding from volunteering to work at casinos, having a casino in the County gives additional opportunities for these groups to access funding for their projects. At the present time, groups located in the County are limited to accessing casinos in the Edmonton area or travelling to Camrose for this type of funding.
- **Economic benefits:** Many of those who liked the idea of a casino in Strathcona County felt that there would be tax benefits to the County, as well as the creation of jobs and other economic aspects, such as bringing in additional entertainment.

A complete list of the original comments associated with refuting the bylaw and considering casinos can be found in Appendix B.

Those people who were not sure were also given the opportunity to comment. 53.3% of these people added comments. It was found that there were arguments on both sides pertaining to the potential of having casinos in Strathcona County. Comments associated with those who were not sure can be found in Appendix C.

APPENDIX A: COMMENTS FROM THOSE WHO SAID "YES" (CASINOS DO NOT BELONG ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY)

- 100% against any casino development in the county.
 - A casino brings other issues for the county and residents to deal with, such as gambling addiction, possibly late night drunk driving. Would there be any big benefits to the community other than jobs and revenue?
 - A casino close in proximity during a pandemic when people are more susceptible to addiction is irresponsible.
 - A casino does not enhance the community or attract desirable customers.
 - A casino doesn't belong in Sherwood Park. It is not that kind of community. It's disappointing that we have lost our small county feel over the last 4-10 years. There are several casinos a short drive away.
 - A casino is a family wrecker!!!!!!!!!!!!
 - A Casino only attracts bad characters that could exploit the neighbourhood depending on their luck that night at the tables or machines. Enough of them in the city.
 - A casino will attract the wrong population to the County, and add to crime.
 - A casino will certainly create jobs and revenue but a next result to the community will be an expense - the vulnerable people affected by addiction, personal bankruptcy, families broken, abuse, crime. There are plenty of casinos West of Sherwood Park and plenty of online gambling/casinos online, we do not need a casino in Sherwood Park. thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts.
 - A casino will not honour Strathcona County's brand. Quoted directly from the website (<https://www.strathcona.ca/council-county/facts-stats-and-forecasts/strathcona-county-brand-new/>) Strathcona County's brand defines the community's: 'Can do' spirit: the community is supported and uplifted by social and economic risk-takers, leaders and innovators. Quality of place: Speaks to the energy of our people, who contribute to Strathcona County being a preferred community (in recreation, cultural and services infrastructure excellence), as well as the community's status as an energy engine. Deeply-rooted value system: built on determination, honesty, integrity, freedom, personal responsibility, self-esteem and compassion. Considering the casinos in Edmonton and surrounding areas, I am certain that they do not fit into any of the aforementioned brand definitions. Thank you.
 - A casino would degrade the quality of life in our county. For some families it would be the end of the family.
 - A casino would not be a positive addition to our county. A casino would encourage people to gamble when they should be worried about putting food on their tables. And food prices are only going up, and how is a casino going to help that? There are already enough casinos in the greater Edmonton region!!! I think the county should take the high road and be viewed as a community that cares for its people. While I don't have the research, to me casinos would encourage bad behavior (i.e. encouraging new gamblers who maybe don't have the money), and potentially be a policing problem that we simply don't need.
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- A new type of addiction for many especially seniors. Keep Casinos out of the County.
 - A number of years ago, we had this discussion both at the community level and at the County council level, and the decision was hard and unanimous that a casino was not wanted or needed in the County! I don't believe that this has changed!
 - Absolutely no need to have a casino in Strathcona County!!
 - Absolutely not! Do not let the lure of money sway you. This would totally change our family friendly county.
 - Absolutely NOT!!!! No casinos, nowhere in the county. NO!!! NO!!!! NO!!!! Not under any circumstances. Hope my answer is clear enough.
 - absolutely NOT!!!! Do not allow casinos in Strathcona County. They are not good for families. This is a family community! It gives addicts the chance to support their addictions. And gambling is a very addictive and destructive to family life and a person's well being. Which leads to breaking up of families and theft. A gambler will go to all risks to keep gambling including stealing and theft. IT IS AN ADDICTION! We do not need this in Strathcona County. Edmonton has the most gambling/casinos in all of Alberta maybe even north America. Why in gods green earth do we need more in this area? Please please please do not allow casino's in Strathcona County
 - Absolutely nothing casinos
 - Access to casinos bring with it a bunch of social and personal problems for people that far outweigh tax revenue generated.
 - Addiction is real. We do not need anymore homeless issues within or around the county. Mental Health issues are on the rise.
 - Addictions, money problems, theft, damage to properties...
 - Addictive tendencies lead to crime. We already have issues with late night car contents theft and can only imagine the increase. Sure, some see it as a fun harmless pastime but so is speeding and we restrict that excessively (i.e., time to raise hwy 21 back to 100 kph).
 - Admittedly I do not know about the financial aspect a casino brings to a community but there certainly are addiction issues. Accessibility to casinos is readily available in Edmonton and not necessary for Strathcona County to have its own.
 - After seeing firsthand how a gambling addiction has decimated my dad's retirement savings, I wouldn't want to make it convenient for anyone else to go through the same thing. Thank goodness COVID restrictions for Edmonton and area casinos put an end to my dad 'going for a drive'.
 - All casinos do is encourage people's gambling addiction, and alcohol drinking, which then creates drinking and driving situations. If people want to gamble, they can go to the city. Sherwood Park is for families. Casinos have no place here
 - All it's doing is bringing addiction to our community.
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- Allowing casinos in the county would reduce property values, introduce more crime and addiction to the county, and create a place that is less family friendly, which is one of the huge draws of Strathcona County.
 - Addiction issues, gambling and alcohol. They are unsightly and not an image of a family-oriented community.
 - Allowing casinos will ultimately change the whole atmosphere of the County....and it may not be a positive one. Do we want that?
 - Along with casino's come many issues - the most noticeable being family break-ups and more poverty in the community.
 - Although it might be a good source of income for teams and other not for profit organizations, I am concerned that there would be an increase in violence if there was a casino in the County. It seems out of place with the kind of community we've created. Also, I would be concerned about increased access leading to increased addiction to gambling. There's something very special about our County, let's build things that contribute to the overall health and well-being of our citizens.
 - Although may help economy, generally bad for neighbouring properties in terms of crime, noise and traffic.
 - Although the public benefits from casino fundraisers, I do not believe in the structure and purpose casinos serve. Giving access to those with gambling problems only further enables those bad habits by allowing them in the county.
 - Although there is a potential for income for the County, the risks for the economic and mental health of individuals outweighs the benefits.
 - I am not in favor of Casinos coming to Sherwood Park -- There are enough of them in the Edmonton area if people feel the need for them. Personally, I know of two friends who started going to the Casinos and they both lost their homes due to debt incurred. There is enough misery to go around without bringing a casino here, I understand that everyone is entitled to their own opinion, so I am only expressing my own
 - Another way for people to spend money they don't have or can't afford to spend is not needed in our county.
 - Any area of Sherwood Park that might be chosen as a location for a casino would very likely see an increase in crime or at least become a focal point for criminal behaviour or, at least, for behaviour not suitable for a residential community like Sherwood Park. I do not see this as a viable option to raise revenue as there would likely be negative outcomes in the community that would more than offset any fiscal benefit.
 - Any arguments for a casino circle around money. No mention of any possible negative social impact on our community. There is a casino 10 minutes away in an industrial area in Edmonton. This should suit the needs of those who find gambling a pleasurable pastime.
 - Any economic benefits come at a high cost to the lives of individual and families of those that are negatively impacted by gambling. Loss of jobs, failed relationships and severe debt. Let's do all we can to make Strathcona County a supporter of healthy family life
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- Any monies made through gambling will never cover the costs we pay in caring for the victims of gambling addictions the families, the children who end up in foster care, the business that go bankrupt, the homes and jobs lost and more.
 - Argyll Casino is not that far away; it's a 20min drive there.
 - As a daughter of a gambling addict, we don't need this in our community.
 - As a long-time resident of over 30 years in Strathcona County I am against the casino due to what it can bring into our community more drugs, prostitution, guns more violent crimes and more homeless people
 - As a Police Officer in Edmonton, I see everyday the amount of crime that occurs around and inside of casinos. Part of the appeal of our community is that is it relatively safe and adding a casino could jeopardize that. Before a decision is made crime statistics should be considered carefully.
 - As someone who has worked in a casino and would see how addictive it can be. I just feel like I would not want to see people in my community fall into bad habits out of having a convenient (local) place to go and gamble.
 - as was clearly shown in the original petition against having casinos, there is NO good reason to have one in our County...or anywhere!
 - Attract crime and undesirables.
 - Bad for addictions, gambling and others such as alcohol. Negatives outweigh small positive of a few jobs.
 - Bad habit, leads to problems.
 - BAD IDEA FOR THE COMMUNITY OF SHERWOOD PARK. KEEP IT OUT OF HERE.
 - Been a resident in SP for over 20 years. Still do not see the need for a casino here consider the amount we have in Edmonton. Not a form of entertainment for me and will just drive to Edmonton for that entertainment. Also, not a good use of land development here. No thanks keep them out.
 - Bread & circuses for the plebes.
 - Bring dumpy businesses, attract less desirables.
 - Bringing a Casino in the county may bring jobs on the positive side but also brings financial stress, gambling is addictive, domestic violence, lower property values, Home foreclosure, the breakdown of families. And creates a separation from those who gamble for entertainment and those who are desperate. Do we really want any more negativity in our community? I think not! Thanks
 - Bringing casinos to the county will bring the wrong type of demographic. Crime will increase and property values will go down. This is a family community meant to bring in families not casinos
 - Brings unwanted clientele and crime to the county
 - Casino give free alcohol the more you gamble, more drinking in that environment leads to more drink driving, violence, and more unrest.
 - Casino is not a wholesome enterprise. This is not a sign of progress. Definitely no.
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- Casino operations bring very little positive attributes to a community and promote a toxic addictive disease. We don't need to support this business model or the clients that they serve.
 - Casinos prey on people who can least afford them and should be banned.
 - Casinos add nothing to the quality of life in Strathcona County
 - Casinos aid in gambling addictions. We have lived without a casino in Sherwood Park for this long, there is absolutely no need to introduce it now. There are plenty of casinos in Edmonton and surrounding areas. Keep the county free of casinos. It is NOT necessary.
 - Casinos already exist within a short distance to Strathcona County.
 - Casinos and adult Entertainments should be prohibited in Sherwood Park.
 - Casinos are a cruel business that explores those who fall to game addiction, the vulnerable and quite often the disabled. Please do not allow them.
Thanks.
 - Casinos are a damaging option for raising charitable funds. Casinos promote gambling addiction and become the focus for criminal activities. I've worked in casinos for a number of years and they are not of any benefit.
 - Casinos are a horrible idea and would never support them
 - Casinos are a magnet for gambling addiction. Although the county would make money it would aid in poverty for its citizens. Casinos are also sleazy. Strathcona County has much more class than that!
 - Casinos are a money losing proposition for the people who gamble. If they are more convenient then it is more likely we will have problem gambling in the county which creates many social issues.
 - Casinos are a negative business that relies on people who don't understand math, too many of whom become addicted to gambling.
 - Casinos are a poor tax, taking from people who don't understand financial risk and giving it to sharks who feed on these people. Anyone who pays the poor tax should go elsewhere to get their fix. Strathcona has a better life because of the lack of Casinos.
 - Casinos are a short-term solution but create another problem addition which is a longer-term problem we do not need in the County.
 - Casinos are a terrible idea in Strathcona County. No need for it, go to the big city to lose your money.
 - Casinos are a terrible way to charge a poor tax to people with poor impulse control. Casinos do not enrich people who are near it, or who works there. Casinos take from the common man and concentrate the wealth at the top by abusing difficult to understand, logical leaps against people who are not well versed in math. I completely agree with the bylaw stopping casinos from Strathcona County. Let them go to Edmonton.
 - Casinos are a way of adversely preying on the poor and marginalized of society, making them poorer. Gambling is addictive and it is immoral for a government to benefit from the revenue generated by a casino which can contribute to the demise of an individual and his/her relationships.
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- Casinos are abundantly available in Edmonton and it's the neighbouring communities. Casinos do very little to enrich communities and do much more to enable addictive and unhelpful social behaviours. Strathcona County does not need a casino!
 - Gambling addiction is a significant issue in our society leaving homes, families, children, women, employment needlessly at risk. I have witnessed friends lose everything due to the gambling habits of one family member. Spousal abuse, alcoholism and theft are associated issues stemming from gambling. Society generally also has to expend tax dollars to provide support services to families. The issues created with gambling do not outweigh the entertainment benefit.
 - Casinos are accessible in the city of Edmonton. There is no need for one in Sherwood Park.
 - Casinos are addictive and could cause problems for some people. I like going maybe once or twice a year but there are several in Edmonton.
 - Casinos are addictive and problematic. No thanks!
 - Casinos are an unnecessary amenity within county limits as there are other established gaming options nearby. And unfortunately, casinos do attract criminality both in terms of petty crime, as well as organized crime (money laundering, etc.). While casinos present another kind of entertainment option in the county, the crime and disorder that could accompany such a facility makes me think keeping them out of the county is a wise move.
 - Casinos are available in less than 15min drive from the county, in the city of Edmonton. This family-oriented suburban and rural county can do without Casinos.
 - Casinos are available in the big cities not too far from here. We don't need it!
 - Casinos are bad for society. They promote addiction and take money away from people.
 - Casinos are bad, especially when the gambling doesn't go in your favour. It can be so hard to get over losing money.
 - Casinos are contrary to the family orientation of Strathcona County
 - Casinos are definitely addictive and should not be encouraged to add additional ones as there are enough gambling locations in the region.
 - Casinos are deplorable enterprises that prey on the poor and vulnerable, and they experience no rightful consequences for the poverty and addiction that they perpetuate. As we know from casinos in the lower mainland, casinos can become havens for 'cleansing' drug money and other criminal activity. Strathcona County is a very family-focused community and the presence of casinos here is as anti-family as a strip club. Do not be fooled into thinking that casinos are fun and frivolous places for people with disposable income to play some slots. They are not morally or socially or economically neutral.
 - Casinos are detrimental to family and community values and prey on addictive behavior.
 - Casinos are everywhere, there are already too many. We do not need one in Sherwood Park.
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- Casinos are followed by intoxication, robberies, increase in night drunk driving and followed by police and ambulance sirens. We live here because we appreciate the quiet and low crime.
 - Casinos are frequented by two groups: bored people with too much money, and those who enter the casinos with very little cash or credit, praying for a big win. Putting a casino anywhere in the County is the equivalent of putting a bumper sticker on a Ferrari. That this survey was first emailed out less than 48 hours after the municipal election causes me great concern. Build it you truly believe the County needs the tax dollars, but the quality of life in the Park has been in decline for the last ten years. It's been a slow but steady descending spiral, and a casino would be the poster child for the human pain and suffering those results. If Council likes the idea of putting lipstick on a pig, that's their problem. No, wait....it's a problem for all of us.
 - Casinos are great for having increased employment, higher average wages, capital inflow, increased tax revenues, and more choice for consumers. On the other hand, casinos would also cause much sluggishness and torpor in the human temple and inflict harm on the human body. They can also cause much harm in the family and add to more social problems like drinking alcohol as well if the gambling is not kept under control. Therefore they don't belong in the county and other means of generating income need to be sought.
 - Casinos are harmful for society. If people choose to gamble, they can head into the city to do so. Any tax revenue produced by casinos is wholly offset by the damage caused to society by gambling. Strathcona County does not need this trash.
 - Casinos are just an invitation for crime within the community. Casinos do not belong here.
 - Casinos are linked to criminal activity and our community is attractive for the family-oriented lifestyle this would take away from this value. There is also casinos in close enough proximity for our community to access
 - Casinos are more bad than good
 - Casinos are nearby in other communities and we do not need to build one in Sherwood Park. While they can be entertainment venues and generate tax revenue, they attract a criminal element (drugs, thefts, assaults, gang activity, money laundering)
 - Casinos are not a necessity and tend to be a focal point for crime
 - Casinos are not necessary in Strathcona County. There are several nearby and there are no long-standing benefits to the residents of the county. Often these establishments take up a large footprint and large parking lots that sit empty during the day and the long hours at night invite crime, addiction and increased drinking and driving incidents. It will not enhance the environment or culture or community Strathcona County has worked so hard to establish.
 - Casinos are NOT necessary to Sherwood Park viability. Although it may be fun entertainment, it can be a vice for many individuals.
 - Casinos are not necessary. There are many close by, easily accessible for all. Not needed in the county, as we pride ourselves in agriculture and amenities that cater to fitness and health.
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- Casinos are not needed on our community. They bring in clientele we do not want here.
 - Casinos are plentiful in the surrounding area and add nothing 'community' to our municipality.
 - Casinos are relevant in a community where revenue from casinos can offer residents a higher quality of life. That is not the case in Strathcona County as we already enjoy a high quality of life and resident community services due to our proximity to industry and our exposure to an industrial tax base.
 - Casinos are socially regressive, taking the majority of their profits from those who can least afford it. As a society we need to be working against this concept.
 - Casinos are widely available in Edmonton. No need for them here.
 - Casinos attract a criminal element to the community. It will provide early exposure to gambling to young people that could lead to lifelong consequences. We have a high senior population that may view casinos as recreation and some will spend their savings in a desperate attempt to find companionship and recreation. There are not many alternatives in the county for seniors, especially those with mobility issues.
 - Casinos attract a type of clientele that would not be old to have in Sherwood Park or Strathcona. If you want to gamble there are plenty in Edmonton that are close by.
 - Casinos attract an unsavory element. This is a family friendly community and I'd like to see it stay that way.
 - Casinos attract crime and addiction which we do not need in Strathcona County.
 - Casinos attract crime and contribute to poverty.
 - Casinos attract crime, traffic, pollution and unnecessary parking lots to our county. They should not be allowed in the county.
 - Casinos attract idiots and encourage addictions.
 - Casinos attract people that we would rather not find in our community. Please do not allow casinos!
 - Casinos are not environmentally friendly, have high parking demands, bring crime issues up and will bring fewer desirable people of Edmonton into town. We can consider facilities for concerts and conferences, hotel, restaurants, for like River Cree without the gambling. Horse track is another option to look at
 - Casinos attract the wrong crowd. DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN PLEASE!!!!
 - Casinos belong at a distance like night clubs from our peaceful county. This is a family-based community and addiction should be kept as far away as possible. Gambling is a very mind-altering activity and having it at a distance keeps families safe from it's very silently disastrous effects. Please please please, do not allow casinos in Strathcona. They are harmful and argyle is close enough.
 - Casinos belong in Edmonton. People choose to live in the county because it is a great place to raise children. Things such as casinos will bring other
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- problems into the county which will make families less apt to enjoy their free time outdoors as a result.
- Casinos belong in the city. Not our county.
 - Casinos benefit 'The House' but not the gambler. Many people lose their savings because of gambling, resulting in heartbreak and suffering. Gambling is often addictive. It has no place in Strathcona County. Please DO NOT ALLOW any casinos in this excellent county.
 - Casinos bring a certain type of crowd. An unsafe one. I would know because I work in a casino. They bring in people who are involved in bank fraud, money launderer's aka drug dealers. Casinos also create addiction, Sherwood Park is full of wealthy people, while yes I agree that it generates wealth for the community and helps charity organizations it's also very harmful on people's mental health. With the internet and technology these days people think gambling is easy and they know how to win. They don't. They don't have a single clue how probability works. Yes a casino will create hundreds of jobs however you must be willing to hire only the MOST experienced employees. Having a experienced lawyer is also essential because lawsuits will be slapped in your face left and right. 'You over served me and I lost all my money' 'I slipped on ice right outside your front door' 'You took all my money and I played fair'. With that being said you MUST have trained and professional security who understand the laws about trespass to the person as well as assault to avoid law suits against your employees and employer. The Asian community is also very prevalent in the casino industry, you must cater to their needs which means having Asian food options on the menu. Opening a casino in Sherwood Park will invite people from the city of Edmonton to come and play, homeless people, drug addicts and people who rely on gambling as a source of income. Sherwood Park will no longer be this safe 'bubble' everyone refers to. Have you researched the most popular played tables games? Have you researched how profitable only slot casinos are? Have you researched the quality of happiness in employees under certain companies?
 - Casinos bring a lot of money into a community- they also bring a lot of problems, a main one being gambling addictions. These problems lead to serious family and community problems and are also a financial cost to the community.
 - Casinos bring a lot of negative people into our county. We don't need that
 - Casinos bring a lot of problems like addiction, drugs etc. and we don't want them in our beloved neighborhood
 - Casinos bring aggressive people
 - Casinos bring an element to a community that we don not need in our family-oriented community.
 - Casinos Bring crime and excess traffic / impaired drivers.
 - Casinos bring crime and garbage
 - Casinos bring crime and trash. We don't need it. IF Council decides Strathcona County should have a casino, it should not be in Sherwood Park but rather a destination in a rural area.
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- Casinos bring crime. Casinos target the most disadvantaged citizens. Casinos bring poverty. Strathcona County should promote itself as NOT having Casinos.
 - Casinos bring gambling and alcohol consumption into our backyard. I am concerned that driving under the influence will increase. Our RCMP already have many speeders in our area to watch out for. There will also potentially be increased traffic due to people coming into Sherwood Park to gamble. I am concerned about our children's safety. Right now, we can bike and walk freely and our children feel safe. Please do not add gambling to the mix of this great city!
 - Casinos bring in a not so nice element with their gambling. I feel that it is not a necessary feature for our county.
 - Casinos bring in increased potential for crime. There are several casinos within a 30-minute drive of Sherwood Park, why would we add another in our family focused community.
 - Casinos bring in unwanted trouble
 - Casinos bring loud noisy drunk people no thanks
 - casinos bring more crime - guaranteed!
 - Casino in the County would just be trouble.
 - Casinos bring more damage to a community than benefits. Let's keep the county casino free.
 - Casinos bring more harm than good to a community.
 - Casinos bring other issues that Strathcona including addictions that I do not believe Strathcona/Sherwood Park is equipped to deal with or have the supports in place for. If Strathcona potentially has a casino built here then other supports will also have to be considered.
 - Casinos bring revenue but crime / drug activity will increase as well. Keep Strathcona County a family-oriented community
 - Casinos bring too much risk to the population. They bring crime and violence that is not needed. One of the huge reasons we live in Strathcona County is because of the fact there are no casinos. Sherwood Park is a family first community and the identity would be destroyed if casinos were to be built. Living here we have casino accessible within a close distance. Please do not ruin this community
 - Casinos bring too much Traffic and People for only that purpose. Takes away from our small town feel and potentially increases crime.
 - Casinos bring with them many negative elements that are not discussed in this survey. Those elements need to be considered when discussing this topic. But in the pursuit of money.... things go overlooked and later regretted. Residents have several very close options when seeking access to a casino.
 - Casino's can be detrimental to people's addictions. We see so many families already struggling, let's not make access to casinos in our community easier to destroy people's livelihood.
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- Casino's can bring in tax money and jobs but I feel it also brings illegal activity and criminals that would not normally visit the county
 - Casinos can bring there share of problems both personal and criminal!
 - Casinos can cause more harm than good. These entertainment facilities often target an audience who or hopeful of winning and have a 'just a little more' mentality; therefore, often losing more than they can afford. They create or cause addiction problems. According to a 2013 article from CNN, ' The IAV report cites a Canadian study that finds that the 75% of casino customers who play only occasionally provide only 4% of casino revenues. It's the problem gambler who keeps the casino in business.' Gambling preys upon 'the poor, the elderly, the less educated, and the psychologically vulnerable.' Strathcona County is a wholesome, family-oriented community with support and activities for families and seniors alike, we do not need a venue such as this that has such negative ramifications and often leads to greater economic stress and domestic violence in homes.
 - Casinos can lead to more gambling which brings hurt to families
 - Casinos cater to people with gambling addictions. We should not be contributing to this social problem. It ruins lives every day.
 - Casinos cause marriage issues, bankruptcy, poverty and homelessness. If you want a casino there are two 15 minutes west.
 - Casinos cause so much pain and loss for so many families. There is NO NEED to have casinos ANYWHERE in Strathcona County.
 - Casinos contribute to crime and poverty.
 - Casinos create an extra social cost to the community and ruin many lives. There are already 5 or 6 in the greater Edmonton area. There is also the possibility of a casino bringing increased crime to the community.
 - Casinos create gambling, alcohol and drug addictions. Those addictions create crime. If the County quit wasting taxpayers money, we wouldn't need a casino for the revenue.
 - Casinos destroy families and relationships. They bring unwanted money laundering and crime into the neighborhoods they are built in.
 - Casinos destroy lives. What is the pro here? More money for the county? Ruin lives and get some money or don't ruin lives. Hmmm tough one...
 - Casinos disturb families and relationships. It is unhealthy for the community.
 - CASINOS DO FOLLOW IN LINE OF THE COUNTY VISION,
 - Casinos do more harm than good. They prey on vulnerable people who have difficulty controlling their gambling addiction. This takes money from their families who need it to buy essentials like food and paying for utilities.
 - Casinos do not add anything to our community; they take away by providing a place for people to lose their money; fuel addictions and increase robberies to cover gambling debts. I appreciate that the County has taken a stand against casinos. No amount of tax revenue could make up for the social costs.
 - Casinos do not belong anywhere in the County!! We do not need the associated social costs of casinos in our community.
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- CASINOS do not belong anywhere in the County. Let's preserve the peaceful county for our next generation
 - Casinos do not belong anywhere in the County. There are enough casinos to choose from nearby in Edmonton.
 - Casinos do not belong in a primarily residential community. They lead to addictive behaviour and are destructive to the essential family structure of all successful societies.
 - Casinos do not belong in our community. Our community should surround itself in morals/activities that that invite a family focused environment to our county.
 - Casinos do not belong in Strathcona County. It's as simple as that!
 - Casinos do not benefit family life and it's great that Sherwood Park does not have this type of activity in our community. I have seen first hand how addiction from casinos can damage relationships.
 - Casinos do not generate wealth. They simply take wealth from patrons. Strathcona County should focus on attracting business that create value.
 - Casinos do not positively contribute to society. It is damaging entertainment. There are enough in Edmonton and surrounding areas.
 - Casinos do not provide community benefits that outweigh the negative aspects they bring to communities.
 - Casinos do nothing but collect and distribute money to the owners from those who can least afford it. I don't believe they serve any useful function and should not be a part of our community.
 - Casinos don't belong in Strathcona County. We are a family area and we don't need anything like a casino, it will just bring more problems to our area, and we have enough of that already,
 - Casinos don't belong in this family community. Period. I moved here to be away from such things.
 - Casinos don't check a person's financial situation they allow a person to spend beyond there ability to pay i know people who were not allowed to leave until they pay casinos should also be held accountable for this situation
 - Casinos enable gambling addictions, which can destroy lives and families. Don't allow.
 - Casinos encourage gambling and some people develop the unfortunate tendency to spend money that was designated for food and family needs. I feel strongly that Sherwood Park and the county should continue to promote positive family values.
 - Casinos encourage irresponsible behaviour and use of money. There is nothing fruitful or wholesome in this form of entertainment, and I would not encourage our community to host this kind of recreation.
 - Casinos equals criminality
 - Casinos feed a gambling addiction for many. The County has many seniors who go to Casinos for no other reason to occupy themselves and in the process develop an addiction. Casinos attract a lot of unsavory types which
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- leads to criminal activity, Increase in traffic and late night noise as the result of loud vehicles and drunks.
- Casinos feed addictions, are associated with higher crime rates, attract undesirable patrons, lower property values, and increase drinking & driving. No thanks!
 - Casinos feed addictions. We should not be considering allowing businesses that encourage those with gambling addictions to frequent them. Casinos also bring an element that this family-oriented community does not want. Do not put the greed for potential revenues that the county might receive from casino operations above the family values that have been in place here for decades.
 - Casinos feed into gambling addictions and prey on those vulnerable to becoming addicted to gambling. Primary targets are seniors who have borderline dementia and Alzheimer's diagnoses. They contribute to the decline of seniors because of this. We need to protect those susceptible to gambling addiction and do not have the means to recover. Casinos will put those close to the poverty line, squarely underneath it because of false hopes. Casinos do not belong in Sherwood Park.
 - Casinos generally tend to attract gambling addicts, criminals, money laundering and other undesirable elements.
 - Casinos have helped many sports clubs and others raise funds for their causes and needs, but casinos have also become havens for desperate people to try and win their way out of life's problems with horrible results for many, as we have all heard the many sad stories. As well, casinos are magnets for money laundering and drug dealing. NOT something that benefits any town or community. I would vote against any casinos being allowed to operate in the County of Strathcona.
 - Casinos help lead to debt and family troubles. Strathcona County identifies itself as a community for families. It is not a long drive to the nearest casino.
 - Casinos hurt families. They have no place in Strathcona County.
 - Casinos hurt more people than they help
 - Casinos in Edmonton are close enough, there is no need for them in Strathcona County
 - Casinos increase the crime rate. I wouldn't want one near me.
 - Casino's increase the likelihood of addiction for people which can be extremely detrimental to individuals and families. I do not condone this type of atmosphere being integrated into Strathcona County
 - Casinos lead to addiction for many. The County does not need to profit from the afflictions of others. The County should be promoting more positive community supporting endeavours.
 - Casinos make it easy to lose money
 - Casinos make money for some but they do great harm to communities in feeding off addictions of vulnerable people. Gambling addictions drive crime and have ill effects on families and children. The county has an opportunity to show continued leadership by refusing to host casinos.
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- Casinos may generate a lot of revenues so it is really tempting... but... we are in stressful times. I do not think this is the time to introduce casinos to a small community like Sherwood Park. Gambling Addiction is an awful problem, made worse by stress, and takes its toll on families in some ways as bad, financially often worse, than an addiction to drugs. If people want that kind of entertainment, there are more than enough Casinos in Edmonton. I think we need to have a much better handle on the social issues we have before we add the potential problems often associated with casinos.
 - Casinos may make a ton of money, but they come at a high price. Why would the county even consider facilitating MORE addiction, social issues and the crime and violence that come along with it in our community? There are already too many liquor stores and cannabis dispensaries in Sherwood Park. I'm not promoting abstinence, but we have way more of these establishments than we need. If you want to become just like Edmonton, then you may as well amalgamate with Edmonton. Please understand, however, many of us are raising our families in the county because we AREN'T like Edmonton. We are unique - but we are quickly losing this uniqueness. Please keep the county different - a safe community where we promote wellness through sport, the arts and community events. We don't need the revenue.
 - Casinos never enhance a community. Despite tax revenue, jobs and profit for the casinos, the decision to proceed will be an overall degradation to our community. Why not be unique as a municipality and in its community living standard? And NOT have a casino?
 - Casinos perpetuate addictions that we don't need to encourage here. It also brings in different populations of people that could increase crime in our community. Casinos don't follow the values of our community.
 - Casinos perpetuate gambling addiction. The support for addiction recovery is sorely lacking in the County and the Province.
 - Casinos prey on people with gambling addictions.
 - Casinos prey on the vulnerable
 - Casinos prey on the vulnerable and marginalized community members
 - Casinos prey on the weak and those who can't afford to gamble. Gambling is an addiction that has very serious results. It has no place in our family-oriented community.
 - Casinos promote gambling. Gambling is an addiction. Tack on the higher incidence of drinking/smoking, both of which are addictions. People with addictions cannot help it, but we certainly don't need to promote it or invite it into our community. Casinos would possibly take away from our smaller businesses as well. I feel statistically casinos incite a higher level of crime than non gambling establishments. We don't need that here. Please keep Sherwood Park as calm and peaceful as possible. The incidence of our own crime is already on the rise, let's not escalate that!
 - Casinos provide no benefit to a community and have the potential to harm, especially those who find themselves in dire straits in these uncertain economic times.
 - Casinos result in destruction of family
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- Casinos ruin families. This is clearly an addiction and destroys everyone involved.
 - Casinos seem likely to bring more crime to the County.
 - Casinos seem to bring in the wrong kind of people
 - Casinos seem to bring the wrong kind of people to the park The Park is already changing No need to hasten it along
 - Casinos should absolutely not be allowed anywhere in the County.
 - Casinos should not be allowed
 - Casinos should not be allowed in our community. They bring disorder, are unsightly, and encourage many negative behaviors. There are many options for casinos in nearby Edmonton and it is not necessary to bring a casino here. The prohibition bylaw should stand.
 - Casinos should not be allowed in Strathcona County. All they do is increase the crime rate.
 - Casinos should not be allowed. Strathcona County should remain free of casinos and the potential issues they can bring.
 - Casinos should not be anywhere near our children.
 - Casinos should stay out of Strathcona County. The county has a reputation for being quieter and safer than the surrounding cities and allowing casinos to be built will attract unwanted visitors and destructive behaviour. If people want to gamble, smoke, and drink they can go elsewhere
 - Casinos take money from the people who are vulnerable, make poor choices of their money budget. Casinos draw the wrong crowd of people which leads to crime, breaking into businesses and our homes which we work hard to put a roof over our heads. This County has enough street drug problems already. RCMP do not want to deal with the drug dealers we now have. Leave us alone in Strathcona. Casinos stay far away from us and CHILDREN.
 - Casinos tend to be a hot spot for crime and disorder.
 - Casinos tend to require massive parking lots - which is not a good use of land (perhaps if the casino built a tiered parking lot to reduce footprint). Also, access to Gambling increases gambling problems. I know, because I treat gamblers - and their families who have their lives destroyed. Perhaps if the Casinos were directly involved in funding addiction reduction programs, and paying for people to receive therapy when they identify problem gamblers I would be in support. I get that many people have fun with this activity, and that casinos are often run by service groups raising money for various sports/charities. But there needs to be more of a wrap around vision.
 - Casinos typically amount to a 'poor tax' on people who can't afford to squander their money. If the county needs more money than they are currently taking in, either reduce spending or raise real taxes to be fair to the most vulnerable.
 - Casinos typically bring higher levels of crime, drug use, and suicides in the communities they are in. Not interested in seeing this in our family-oriented community.
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- Casinos were a bad idea twenty years ago and nothing has changed to make casinos a good idea. More and more, people need safe places to live; don't invite a casino into our county.
 - Casinos while being a solid source of revenue are a social drag on the immediate community around it, is a business that is in decline with younger people.
 - Casinos while providing some jobs, taxes and economic diversity do not provide an improvement to the community they are situated in. They attract undesirable components of society. They drain individual incomes, and statistically they increase crime rates.
 - Casinos will bring more drinking which in turn could cause more crime. Gambling is also an addiction that some have. Having a casino is detrimental to our community.
 - Casinos will bring more transient people into our community that is already facing more crime, vandalism and break ins- a casino will perpetuate this issue
 - Casinos will cause gambling problems among those who have addictions to it. It will bring people into the community that we don't want here. Keep casinos out of Strathcona County. Previous Church leader for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said: Gambling is to be found almost everywhere and is growing. People play poker. They bet on horse races and dog races. They play roulette and work the slot machines. They gather to play in bars, saloons, and casinos, and, all too often, in their own homes. Many cannot leave it alone. It becomes addictive. In so many cases it leads to other destructive habits and practices. And so very many of those who become involved cannot afford the money it takes. In many cases it robs wives and children of financial security. Gambling is simply a process that takes money and does not offer a fair return in goods or services. 'There are many evils in the world which young folks need to be guarded against. One of these is gambling. There are various forms of this evil but they are all bad and should not be indulged in' 'The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints does not approve of gambling but strongly condemns it as morally wrong, and classes also with this gambling, games of chance and lottery, of all kinds, and earnestly disapproves of any of its members engaging therein' 'The Church has been and now is unalterably opposed to gambling in any form whatever. It is opposed to any game of chance, occupation, or so-called business, which takes money from the person who may be possessed of it without giving value received in return. It is opposed to all practices the tendency of which is to ... degrade or weaken the high moral standard which the members of the Church, and our community at large, have always maintained' 'From the beginning we have been advised against gambling of every sort. The deterioration and damage come to the person, whether he wins or loses, to get something for nothing, something without effort, something without paying the full price' The pursuit of a game of chance may seem like harmless fun. But there attaches to it an intensity that actually shows on the faces of those who are playing. And in all too many cases this practice, which appears innocent, can lead to an actual addiction. The Church has been and is now opposed to this practice. If you have never been involved in poker games or other forms of gambling, don't start. If you are involved, then quit now while you can do so. There are better ways to
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- spend one's time. There are better pursuits to occupy one's interest and energy. There is so much of wonderful reading available. We are not likely to ever get too much of it. There is music to be learned and enjoyed. There is just having a good time together—in dancing, in hiking, in cycling, or in other ways—boys and girls together enjoying one another's company in a wholesome way.
- Casinos will not benefit Strathcona County. They can create large social problems. Any tax revenue they may create would be offset by the need for social programs, broken families, etc. Gambling addictions, alcohol abuse and addictions are direct results of a casino. I choose to live in Strathcona County because it is a very family friendly county. With lots of activities and programs to support healthy family living. Casinos would ruin the focus of the family unit.
 - Casinos will result in higher crime, we chose to live in Strathcona for the lower crime rate.....if I wanted to live in a dump full of criminals I would live in Edmonton.
 - Casinos will take away from the county feel, Strathcona County is a wilderness, nature area and a casino will be the start it becoming a city Center feel type place to live at which point the people here for the current environment will move on.
 - Casinos would be terrible influence in our community. They promote addiction to gambling which ruins families, siphon money out of the community and into the pockets of already wealthy owners, and put strain on our already underfunded police force with the crime that inevitably arises due to the presence of the casino due to the drinking, gambling and actions of people who spend all night in the casino. There are casinos in Edmonton and that is close enough. Allowing casinos would be the beginning of the end of the community.
 - Casinos would have a detrimental affect on our community. There are many others a short distance away that we don't need one here.
 - Casinos, attract crime, we do not need this in Strathcona County.
 - Casinos, by their very nature, do not add anything to the quality of life we have the privilege to enjoy here in the County. While they may add some jobs - minimum wage jobs only however - their cost to families and the overall safety of the area, far outweigh any benefits. And to suggest that casinos will help with tourism in the area is a weak argument at best. When I am seeking a holiday destination, the last question I ask is if there is a casino in the area. If the County really wants to boost tourism how about supporting the things that make our County unique - such as arts and culture, unique outdoor activities (e.g., trail riding by horse for example). A casino might be an easy answer in the short term; however, the long-term effects cannot be ignored. Please, do NOT repeal this bylaw
 - Casinos... are an excellent place for money laundering. Please take a good look at BC and all their problems with casinos and money laundering!!!
 - Chronic gambling is a social disease. Please do not enable this destructive form of 'entertainment' in Strathcona County. Thank you.
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- Completely disagree with casinos anywhere and prefer they stay out of the county. The negative social impacts of gambling far outweigh any benefit of a casino. Thank you.
 - Concerned about a negative impact on our community, more traffic, more people from outside the community creating a bottle neck in community resources, impact on our local law enforcement and first responders, increase in transient people moving in and out of the county and impact to local bus services and the commute busing service our university students utilize.
 - Concerned about the safety of the county if a casino is built.
 - Concerned about transient population and increased criminal activity, such as impaired driving offences and violence. Also note that gambling addiction is a serious social concern.
 - Concerned that casinos contribute greatly to addictions.
 - costs of increased crime prevention in casino. Increase of gambling addiction in our community
 - Council has enough problems with their addiction to spending foolishly on things like a \$100 million horse barn. We can be different in this county.
 - Creating another opportunity for the addicted to feed a gambling habit is not something I would support! We have enough issues to deal with.
 - Crime has already been increasing. I feel this would be another nail in the coffin!
 - Crime rate will rise. We have enough issues in the county without having casinos add to that.
 - Currently there are enough opportunities for people to gamble including online, VLT's in bars, etc.
 - Dance clubs should be allowed before casinos.
 - Dilutes the local businesses and values around what our community represents. Attracts transient and signals support for a serious addiction.
 - Do not allow Casinos in our nice county. What a way to cheapen it.
 - Do not build casinos here! Nothing good comes from it!!!
 - Do not want more homeless here
 - Do we really need the crime that it will attract?????
 - Do we really want to support another industry that can lead to harm in people's lives? Casinos are entertainment for some, but they do come with drawbacks. I am not an alarmist; I just don't see this as something contributing to our quality of life.
 - Does Gambling Damage the Economy? One of the biggest criticisms of legalized gambling is that it has a negative influence on the economy. Critics say this is because individuals could become addicted and run up large debts. That would mean they had less money to spend on consumer goods and other purchases. This often delays recovery and treatment and allows a gambling addiction to lead to other serious effects, including loss of jobs, failed relationships, and severe debt. Problem gambling is often associated with mental health problems, including depression, anxiety, and mood disorders.
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- Don't need. Just attract bad people to the county.
 - Don't see the need, really. Edmonton, which is right next door, has many casinos, all of which are accessible to residents of Strathcona County.
 - Don't think they are necessary in our small community
 - Don't want Casino in Sherwood Park
 - Don't want them, don't need the problems that come with them. No No Casinos here
 - Draws gangs and crime to the area
 - Easy to go into Edmonton for this type of thing. Not needed in our community.
 - Edmonton is close enough
 - Edmonton is close enough for those interested in gambling. Please keep them out of Strathcona County.
 - Edmonton is close enough; Sherwood Park does not need them.
 - Edmonton is such a short drive away, there is no need for us to have casinos here. On top of that, with the struggle and mental health decline in citizens, due to political choices made by those in power regarding COVID, as THE sole cause of these issues, do you honestly think adding an 'addiction attraction' is the best choice now or for our future? We are not ANYWHERE close to an upswing in mental health, it's declining still! Adding casinos to Sherwood Park will only bring more mental health decline and problems. We do not have a healthy or strong society right now, so to add something that actually exacerbates problems during a time of weakness, is NOT a solution to 'enhancing' our community. Unless your goal is more societal decline...?
 - Effects are negative on community
 - Enough addictions already available, do not need more
 - Even though casinos might generate revenue for the county, they do not align with healthy communities and commonly bring challenges for families who cope with addictions and mental health issues.
 - Extremely apposed! Our home community is peaceful, family and nature oriented. It would draw a wrong crowd and wouldn't fit in to social milieu. It would also bring down the value of property. These are just a few of many reasons we chose Sherwood Park.
 - Extremely concerned if this were allowed in the county. Negative issues come with it: fueling gambling addiction, alcohol consumption, late night activity, loitering. This is a family community; a casino doesn't contribute to that environment.
 - Feel it would bring more crime into the county and would be easier for our young people to start gambling as would be more accessible
 - Financial corruption and should never be allowed.
 - Findings prove that casino and adult entertainment centres bring problems to neighborhoods. Keep the county safe!!!
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- First and foremost, casinos provide easier access to individuals with gambling addictions. Not only does this impact the individual but also their family. Living with an addict is stressful enough and having a casino at their doorstep will increase family dysfunction and violence. As well, casinos tend to draw 'questionable' individuals into the area which Strathcona County does not need. We moved here because we want to live in a safe community. Let's be a unique community and not always have the desire to copy the big cities. There is a casino 10 minutes away. We do not need another so close to our community.
 - First, go walk around any of the areas in Edmonton where there is a casino. Things always look nice when they start but they attract and reinforce unhealthy habits and behaviour for a sizeable amount of people. A casino will not be a net contributor to being 'the most livable neighbourhood' in the long term.
 - Focus on other entertainment businesses first before casinos
 - For SC residents who wish a casino experience it's available just minutes away to the west and there are VLT's in our bars.
 - Gambling addiction has a negative impact on the individual, family and community. Casinos promote gambling and make it more difficult for someone dealing with this addiction.
 - Gambling addiction is real and very detrimental to society. The money collected is not worth it. There are better ways to raise money. Gambling should not be encouraged or condoned in our community. There are plenty of places people can go if they insist on participating.
 - Gambling Addiction will put pressure on our counselling services & programs. Are there not VLTs at a bar along Broadmoor Blvd? As someone who has experienced a family member who struggles with gambling addictions, this devastates relationships, careers, family life and more in such a negative way. If people want to gamble, they can access Edmonton.
 - Gambling addictions are a problem and we should not encourage. Criminal activity associated to casinos will also increase or money laundering, robbery, drugs, and prostitution.
 - Gambling addictions have ruined many families and many lives. I have witnessed several cases myself. My spouse also knows other individuals (two of them co-workers) that have lost their homes, their spouses and their relationship with their children and grandchildren due to gambling addiction. Strathcona County is a better place without casinos that try to shine a pleasant light on the scourge of gambling.
 - Gambling addictions hurt families and I thought Strathcona County supported families.
 - Gambling at a casino is not a healthy activity for mental or physical health - creates financial hardship in some cases and slots are a mindless activity. There are lots of other more beneficial activities in Sherwood Park for residents to participate in. While it allows for fundraising, there are other choices for fundraising.
 - Gambling brings all sorts of bad issues including drunk driving, violence, and gambling addictions when it's too easily accessible.
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- Gambling can be addictive and has destroyed many people and families through excessive debt leading to bankruptcy. Why would we want to create an environment that feeds this addiction?
 - Gambling can be an addiction and we don't want to promote this.
 - Gambling can become an addiction
 - Gambling can quickly become an addiction, not totally unlike heroin or painkillers. It is a way of taking money out of the pockets of your constituents and lining the pockets of the owners and government. There really are no pluses to having a casino more accessible. A more accessible REAL hospital is more needed than a more accessible casino. Where would it be situated? Bremner? We apparently have no space left for developers in Sherwood Park. Let's focus on a healthy road forward.
 - Gambling comes with consequences. Consequences can include financial losses, bankruptcy, losing a job, homelessness, mental health conditions and the breakdown of personal relationships. There are enough casinos in the Edmonton area. We do not need this in our beautiful county of Strathcona.
 - Gambling destroys families and ruins lives! We do not need to promote that kind of lifestyle in our county. Create jobs and income another way! How about a recycling plant to make up for the recycling that can no longer go to China?! There are way better ways to bring money into the county! Use your brains!
 - Gambling does not belong in a family-oriented community!
 - Gambling does not serve any purpose other than to cause financial hardship on the majority of participants. The value of adding it to the ecosystem at face value looks to be profitable - but at what cost? Families, mental health/addiction etc. especially given the current circumstances.
 - Gambling has destroyed a few marriages that I know of personally. We don't need more challenges to families.
 - Gambling has increasingly become a serious family issue for those struggling with addictions.
 - Gambling has ruined many peoples lives, marriages and families. Why would we want to bring this type of convenience so close to home? I understand that there are some financial benefits to the County, but I still say no casino.
 - Gambling is a legal activity enjoyed by many. It creates revenue tax and jobs and an entertainment destination. It also is a revenue source for charity. I ask, why would we NOT repeal it?
 - Gambling is an addiction that has the potential to destruct individuals and families. It has destroyed my sister's family - there is really no coming back from the damages, and community/provincial supports to facilitate recovery are desperately lacking. Sure, the money is nice but at what cost??! The potential destruction of our community's families is not worth it. I would love to see our county take a position against casinos. Let's find some alternate creative options to fund NPOs and government.
 - Gambling is an addiction that tears families apart.
 - Gambling is an addiction. Building casinos is lecherous action as preying on weakness
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- Gambling is detrimental to families. Let's protect our families from this addictive activity that puts undue hardship on family financial health.
 - Gambling is highly addictive and preys on those who struggle with addiction. It contributes to poverty in families which would greatly affect the safety and well-being of children whose parents gamble. There is no safe level of gambling and it has no benefit to our county other than being able to tax it, which is a reprehensible way for our community to fund projects.
 - Gambling is like a slow disease.
 - Gambling is motivated by a desire to get something for nothing. This desire is spiritually destructive. It undermines the virtues of work and thrift and the desire to give honest effort in all we do. Gambling can become an addictive habit and can lead to family destruction as funds are used to gamble instead of on family needs
 - Gambling is not a form of entertainment I support. It feeds on people that should not gamble. The county is a family community and this activity is counter productive for families.
 - Gambling is not good for anyone, and creates social problems.
 - Gambling is one of the worst addictions. Having a local casino only encourages and supports that issue. I'd rather have more small businesses
 - Gambling is seriously addicting and it would attract a certain crowd we may not want in our Sherwood Park
 - gambling is very addicting and there are many seniors in the park and casinos offers bussing, cheap breakfast, etc...
 - Gambling should not be supported for what it brings with societal issues, addiction, etc. However, the other amenities and events that come with casino venues in Edmonton (like River Cree) could be beneficial - concerts, dances, live performance venue, fine dining, conference space, attached to hotel.
 - Gambling, an addiction, takes money out of the hands of the poor and sick.
 - Gambling=Addictions for gambling and more drugs and alcohol abuse. No Casinos
 - Gaming" halls should not be allowed.
 - We need to keep this county as a family-oriented community. Casinos can lead to addictions such as gambling; perhaps loss of money and other situations which can cause instability within families. We should focus on healthy, family-oriented activities which will lead to cohesive and close family units. There are enough casinos in Edmonton which people can go to should they wish to do so. Absolutely NO to casinos in our county.
 - Harm from gambling isn't just about losing money. Gambling can affect self-esteem, relationships, physical and mental health, work performance and social life. It can harm not only the person who gambles but also family, friends, workplaces and communities.
 - Has anyone considered the extra call volume this will generate for an already understaffed emergency service, specifically EMS calls.
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- Haven't missed having casinos in our community and can't see anything positive in allowing them now.
 - Having lived in Sherwood Park for 40 plus years, I feel it has become too busy as it is, I choose to live here because it was quieter and more of a family feel. Adding a casino is not beneficial in my opinion, if people want to go to a casino they can go to Edmonton where there are many.
 - How about more green space, supporting local businesses - restaurants, artisans, building culture and community, rather than a space that encourages gambling and materialism?
 - How is this even a bylaw in this county especially in this day and age when they can give so much money back to the community i.e.: different organizations like lion's club, hockey clubs who volunteer their time to earn funds for their organizations to help their community.
 - I agree casinos would bring revenue, but they also draw other issues that our community doesn't need an increase of.
 - I believe that in the current economy, and the stress level that average people are under, that this would be nothing more than an invitation to spend money people don't have - possibly driving them further into debt, and create a place where people can avoid dealing with reality. This = a BAD IDEA.
 - I am a Sherwood Park resident and business owner. I have had the opportunity to work with many clients in Edmonton over the past 20 years. NOTHING good comes from these places. I have witnessed several families lose everything over casinos and proximity matters. Keep them out.
 - I am absolutely against casinos in Scona County.
 - I am against casinos being allowed in Strathcona County. I can understand that one may think a casino would boost our local economy and create jobs, but negatives such as gambling addiction and the attraction to lower income families to win big negatively impact our community greatly outweigh any perceived benefits. I think our community should focus on creating jobs that don't prey on lower income families and are a potential cause for addiction and the misperception that it is a way for our residents to make money.
 - I am against having casinos in the county as they bring a bunch of other issues with them like an increase of drunk driving collisions
 - I am aware of the industry and there is no need for casinos in the area the only benefit would be to the charities getting an event more often
 - I am aware that there are potential financial benefits to local not for profit groups. I have participated in several fundraisers. I also see the possible drawbacks as well. The main reason for my support for no casinos is that there are enough of them already....
 - I am concerned allowing casinos would raise the drunk driving instances in the county. Also, they are primarily supported by those with gambling addictions and I don't mind that someone with a gambling addiction may choose to buy elsewhere because we can't meet that particular need in this county.
 - I am glad to hear there was a bylaw in place; I think the harm they do to families is not worth the jobs or revenue it could bring. For those who want a
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- casino, they don't have to go far to find one. Also, usually casinos have entertainment, and this could take business away from festival place.
- I am mainly concerned with organized crime.
 - I am not in favor of bringing in a casino. We are a family-oriented community and allowing a casino will change that
 - I am not in favour of allowing casinos in our community. For anyone wanting to participate, there are casinos in Edmonton not far away.
 - I am not in favour of casinos in the county. My feeling is that allowing them would only benefit those who run casinos, with minimal community benefit. I'm sure the developers will say that the community WILL benefit, citing how sports teams and community groups will receive benefit from fundraising opportunities and how it will drive traffic and employment. However, that comes at a cost. I think casinos bring more social problems and concerns than it's worth. Thanks for taking my comments into account.
 - I am opposed to a casino in Sherwood Park. There is easy access to casinos down Argyll and the Yellowhead. This is just about the casino developer making money. It ruins the fabric of the community.
 - I am opposed to casinos because I think they are just another way to get hard earned and much needed money out of people's own pockets, and into the pockets of other people. I feel they take advantage of people's weaknesses and would largely contribute to bringing harm to families in our County. I'm not sure, but I'm thinking they have the potential to attract more crime and violence, which I would hate to see in Sherwood Park. I'd prefer the County's benefits should come by people spending money on goods and services, not benefit from them losing money (spending but not getting anything in return for their money). I feel there are already enough slots and places to gamble in Sherwood Park, and that large casinos in Edmonton are easily accessible and close by should County residents want to go to them.
 - I am proud of our County. Allowing Casinos would open up a whole new can of worms. More people at the food bank. Homelessness. Traffic. Attract different level of people. Drugs and alcohol. Might bring money in but the cons outweigh the pros. Gambling is the root of all evil.
 - I am strongly against Casino's in Strathcona County. There is already a Casino on Argyll Road 10 minutes from Sherwood Park for those who wish to gamble.
 - I am strongly against it. The cons outweigh the pros. We have initiatives for improving mental health and other social issues, casinos are counter productive to these efforts.
 - I am strongly opposed to any casino in the County of Strathcona.
 - I am strongly opposed to any casino or any derivative of one here in the county specifically Sherwood Park.
 - I am strongly opposed to casinos in the county.
 - I am strongly opposed to the county permitting casinos. It feels very wrong to use the profits of gambling as a means of fundraising, particularly at a time when there is a mental health crisis in Alberta and we do not have enough
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- supports in place to help those with addiction. It is very frustrating that every few years we have to deal with this question yet again. Most unwelcome!
- I am totally opposed to the concept of casinos. They dangle the carrot of a huge win and lure customers with lights and sounds. I knew a man who killed himself by jumping off the High Level Bridge (he was a County resident) because of debts incurred from gambling at casinos. Please keep them out of Strathcona County.
 - I am vehemently opposed to any casino operating within the boundaries of the county. Last time this was brought up the community was quite clear in our resolve against it. Please do not be swayed by the empty promises of casino developers looking to create another cash cow.
 - I appreciate that there are no casinos in Strathcona County and I am absolutely against the development of casinos or entertainment complexes anywhere in our county. Thank you
 - I associate casinos with unhealthy lifestyle habits, which doesn't feel congruent with the values I believe Strathcona County has
 - I don't want casinos in Strathcona County
 - I believe a casino changes the culture of our community (Sherwood Park).
 - I believe allowing casinos to open would hurt the already struggling small businesses that already operate in the county! It has been tough over the last couple years and a casino would potentially draw away their business. Protect the small family owned businesses we have!
 - I believe based on the information that we already know that a casino in our community will harm our residents by way of crime and addiction
 - I believe casinos cause far more harm than benefits from cash inflows
 - I believe casinos could be a problem for some people. They are advantageous to some people to the detriment of others.
 - I believe casinos provide little to the public good of a community. Although they may provide funding opportunities for not-for-profit organizations, overall, they have a negative impact on society - feeding addictions, laundering of money from organized crime groups/gangs, increased violence and disorder events within and near these locations. I believe the overall risk far out weighs any benefit.
 - I believe casinos will bring in unfavorable individuals and take away the small feeling it currently has.
 - I believe it increases criminal activity.
 - I believe our county is in such good shape because of the current bylaw. I think that repealing this would be extremely bad for our community in more ways than one. And I think, though it may benefit some financially, it would overall have negative impacts on our families. I feel strongly enough that I would consider moving if this was repealed.
 - I believe that a casino invites increased crime and exploits those who are vulnerable to gambling addictions.
 - I believe that casinos help to foster gambling addiction amongst some people.
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- I believe that casinos should be in the county, but with the condition being on location. Traffic and not taking up agricultural land should be a factor with zoning.
 - I believe that gambling can harm the individual who participates in the activity, and it can lead to considerable debt. This could ultimately have negative effects upon entire families and also our community.
 - I believe that having a casino in a community only invites great potential for more addictions- to gambling, more drinking, carousing at all hours of the day and night, drunkenness and all that so often goes with it - disturbances, drinking and driving accidents on the road and innocent people being killed. Our community in Sherwood Park needs to stick to the decision made 20 years ago. (Yes, our community has changed and it is not for the better. Please let us avoid introducing a casino into the lives of our families and community. Let us honour family values - let us continue having more family activities as has been one positive result of COVID's isolation) rather than inviting more reason for struggle / therapy and more concerns that we can well do without. Thank you for opportunity to express my sincerely offered thoughts on this matter.
 - I believe that Sherwood Park and the county is a special place to live. A large population that has somehow remained feeling small...with its emphasis on small businesses, safety, and having a close community. I am concerned that a casino or casinos may inevitably change this dynamic we and the county have developed and strives for over the years. To be blunt...casinos at times don't attract the best of people.
 - I believe that Strathcona County's ever long bylaw on Casinos/clubs/bars etc. has enhanced the desire to raise a family here. The city is very close which has many viable options for these activities
 - I believe that there are inevitable issues that follow Casinos that we would be best served not to bring into the community. Examples - Money Laundering, Gambling addiction, decreased family time
 - I believe the economic gains will be short term, the jobs created will be low paying and the downside of increased gambling addiction and personal bankruptcy rates are greater than the benefits. Businesses around the casino will not benefit because once someone enters the casino, they will not leave to eat at a restaurant and if they overspend at the casino, they will not have money to shop.
 - I believe the residents of Strathcona County have been provided with lots of other healthy choices in which they can spend their time with family and friends. This is not one area of entertainment which provides any healthy outcomes in the short or long term. Definitely a NO!!!!
 - I believe there are a lot of people who live in Sherwood Park who are highly susceptible to the addictions of gambling and introducing casinos would make that more accessible
 - I believe there are enough casinos in proximity to the county that we should not allow them here. It attracts the wrong sort of crowd here.
 - I believe there are enough other gaming options in the vicinity and on-line without Strathcona County also being an option.
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- I believe there are more than ample access to casinos in the Edmonton area. Casinos are good for the business running them but not so good for the people addicted to gambling. Although casinos can be a light form of entertainment, they also bring with them many social ills. There are many, many other forms of economic development that should take precedence over a casino. I hope we stay casino free.
 - I believe we have enough people with addictions. Gambling is an addiction and destroys families. I also believe but could be wrong that some of the money from casinos goes to different charities. There are different ways to raise money
 - I believe we have enough social issues in the County of focus on. The lure of a few extra social dollars does not outweigh the real needs of people or the social problems casinos are connected to.
 - I believe casinos encourage gambling addiction and destroy families. In all ways: relationships and economics.
 - I do not agree with promoting gambling to support any type of charities. Please do not repeal the bylaw.
 - I do not believe a casino in Sherwood Park would benefit our community.
 - I do not believe casinos revive or strengthen communities. I think casinos increase gambling which in moderation may be fine but ultimately causes families and in turn communities' distress with financial hardship, addiction, crime and so forth.
 - I do not believe that Casinos are an ethical way to generate tax income for the County.
 - I do not believe that we should allow a business that profits off the misfortune and addiction of others in our family-oriented community.
 - I do not feel a NEED for such a facility in the county. Over the years we have had a Bingo establishment; we're actually put back in fundraising funds for our youth groups which no longer exists. Aside from the obvious, Costs of building, upkeep, and potential increase in 'hangout' and possible increase in policing. I believe the county could more wisely and more beneficially direct energies to more constructive projects. If someone feels a night at a casino, there are some within close proximity of Strathcona County. If you really wish to attend a casino? You'll find one!
 - I do not feel that a casino is the tone / draw that families look for in our county. I do not feel a casino will coincide with the peaceful wholesome environment we appreciate here. With COVID being such a detriment to our personal finances, a casino and all it entails can certainly NOT bring any good to our families as a whole.
 - I do not see a value to this type of business in our community. The amount of land that would be required to build, provide parking and the increase in traffic is not needed. In this day there is plenty of opportunity for gambling on line and in Edmonton without adding this to our community.
 - I do not see any need for a casino in Sherwood Park
 - I do not think that they need to be here.
 - I do not think the county needs this. There are casinos in Edmonton.
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- I do not want a casino in the county. They attract individuals of a not so good nature who don't live here. I am concerned about an increase of crime due to these people being attracted to our amazing county.
 - I do not want a casino in Strathcona County.
 - I do not want them in our county.
 - I do not wish for a casino in Strathcona County due to the associations with addictive behaviour and subsequent social consequences.
 - I don't believe a casino represents the values of the community nor would it bring value to our community.
 - I don't believe a casino would make Strathcona County a better place to live. I believe the negative social impacts far outweigh the economic benefits.
 - I don't believe casinos add or contribute to families well being
 - I don't believe it would add value to our community
 - I don't believe that casinos provide any positive benefits to our community. I don't consider gambling a healthy pastime.
 - I don't believe there is any benefit to allowing this. As well it will drive more traffic to the community but only to the casino and not to the local businesses. It will likely increase the incidence of crime, drugs, etc. and as a community that feels relatively safe right now I don't think this is necessary to risk.
 - I don't believe we need to add this element and potential for increased addiction into our environment
 - I don't believe we need to have casinos here, enough in Edmonton
 - I don't feel like Sherwood Park is built correctly for a casino. The only area would be around in behind Costco in my opinion. The fact that we have 5 casinos within 45 minutes of Sherwood Park makes it pretty useless. Also, will draw crime. With addictions, they always bring other addictions to the party.
 - I don't like the amount of traffic it would bring. Let alone people driving home after the casino if they've had a few drinks could cause serious problems. Drinking and driving is illegal but not everyone follows the rules.
 - I don't like the idea of such a business. We have enough pot shops and liquor stores. This is not a positive impact on the family. Let them drive elsewhere for the activity.
 - I don't really see that this would be a benefit to our community. The small amount of jobs that would come would not offset the low tax bracket casinos find themselves in. It would also not be a benefit to add a vice so close to home and encourage daily drop in on the way home.
 - I don't see a reason to have a casino in our community. We have a great community without casinos and there are many in our surrounding area and see no positive reason to have one here.
 - I don't see the need for them here. I have seen much chaos caused by gambling. Heartbreaking.
 - I don't see the need, too many people have addictions to gambling and I don't think we need to add to that in our community.
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- I don't see why we need them. There are plenty of options in the city if people choose to spend their time there.
 - I don't think casinos add anything positive to areas they are in
 - I don't think casinos belong in Sherwood Park, when I moved to this community, I loved that it is a family-oriented community and I don't see how a casino would add any benefits to a family-oriented community.
 - I don't think casinos bring any community value to Sherwood Park. Residents can access casinos in Edmonton if they want.
 - I don't think casinos bring the kind of crowds that would fit in Strathcona County. I am highly generalizing but judging from many casinos in Edmonton, this would not be something I would like to see in this county.
 - I don't think casinos should be allowed in the county! Period!!
 - I don't think it is. It is not essential. Let Sherwood Park stand out for being different. No casinos. Besides, people don't have to travel too far to get to one in Edmonton if they really need to go.
 - I don't think it's a good idea. I've lived here my whole life and now have kids growing up here. Keep the casinos in Edmonton and keep our sweet town quaint. Thank you.
 - I don't think our community is set up for Casinos. While it isn't always the case casinos can bring increases in crime, alcohol consumption and I don't think we have the police presence or measures in place to do it safely. A lot of people chose to live in Strathcona County specifically because of it not having these types of facilities.
 - I don't think Strathcona County or Sherwood Park residents are pushing for this to be allowed, it is more a casino company pushing for this. Residents live here because it is such a nice community to live in.
 - I don't think there should be casinos, but if there does happen to be approval for casinos, I believe they only belong in more rural locations. Not in the heart of Sherwood Park where it is already busy enough.
 - I don't think they help in developing a strong community with family values
 - I don't think this reflects well on Sherwood Park.
 - I don't think we need to encourage people's vices and don't think a casino would attract a law-abiding crowd to Sherwood Park and area.
 - I don't want a casino in my community. The negative side effects are too great.
 - I don't want it strictly because it brings with it lot of unwanted elements and activities in the society
 - I don't want to open up addictions to Sherwood Park residents. When they are far enough away, our residents will not attend - make it too easy to get to and we open up all kinds of issues. I vote for it NOT to be brought here :)
 - I don't want to see a casino here, because it can increase the level of crimes here, and that's not needed. Besides, there's a casino off the Sherwood Park freeway in Edmonton which is close by.
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- I feel a casino will encourage the criminal element to come to Sherwood Park and it would increase crime. Traffic will increase and vulnerable people will be negatively impacted. Please do not let our peaceful way of life to be spoiled by allowing a casino.
 - I feel casinos have the potential to bring more problems than they solve, including drunk driving and organized crime risk. We are in the fortunate position of not needing the revenue from casinos.
 - I feel casinos would bring unsavory elements to this town. I absolutely DO NOT want them anywhere here.
 - I feel like farmland is being eliminated far too drastically to build lots of things we do not need here. I also feel like crime will be higher with building a casino and lead to more gambling addictions that we don't need here
 - I feel like it might attract crime and individuals with addictions such as, gambling, drugs and alcohol.
 - I feel like it would bring the wrong kind of crowds into the county.
 - I feel that casinos will draw people in during hard times and that for many they are addictive.
 - I feel that the easier it is to gamble at a casino the more problem gamblers and increase in crime we will have. Just to attract tourism and possibly more dollars at the expense of the quality of life is greedy.
 - I feel that these are crime magnets. The casinos in Edmonton are awful with questionable clientele. This could bring added policing costs to us. Further the disease of gambling addiction could bring further healthcare issues to our community.
 - I feel there are enough VLTs in the community to service those who feel it is a needed service. I feel there are so many suffering with addictions and gambling is one of them. Not necessary.
 - I feel there is potentially more harm for the people of Strathcona County than benefit.
 - I feel they would add to the problems in our county with people who have addictions. This would increase our policing and social problem costs.
 - I feel we need to consider numerous other ways to use land & funds to give back to the community
 - I have been impacted by addictive gambling in my personal life and it destroys families and people. Let's not make it easier for people to access this. there are plenty of casinos in Edmonton, two of which are within a 15-minute drive from Sherwood Park.
 - I have had a gambling problem in the past and I don't want any part of casinos by my home.
 - I have heard of young children being left outside while their parents were found to be gambling inside the casino Then there are all the addictions to gambling that are very bad!!
 - I have lived in Sherwood Park for over 27 years and have always felt that this is a family community. Having a casino anywhere in the county would that that feeling away! Please leave our family community as it is!
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- I have lived in the county since 2001 and I recall that the petition gave rise to a question asked of all residents as part of a civic election. Results of that poll (Not the earlier petition) gave rise to the bylaw currently in place. I don't believe anything has changed in our community over the last 20 years that our elected council should even consider repealing something that was very clearly requested by a significant majority by way of a special election question?
 - I have never seen a casino improve the areas in which it is built
 - I have personally seen gambling rip families and people apart.
 - I have seen how gambling (casinos) have destroyed marriages; families, & addiction occurs. We absolutely do not need this happening in the county. There is plenty of gambling a/v in Edmonton as well as on line.
 - I have seen how gambling has ruined lives. It was enough when they were allowed in pubs etc. I know you want your almighty tax dollar but at what expense, or do you care.
 - I have seen the effects that gambling has on families. It is devastating. The county has no fiscal need for one nor does it support the values of the community.
 - I have worked for the AGLC for over 15 years. I don't see how a casino would create enough of an economic benefit to Strathcona County. Taxes, sure. Jobs, maybe. I'm sure they would employ persons residing in Greater Edmonton area. Please consider the negative impacts. Organized crime, check. They launder cash at casinos. There are checks and balances, but it still happens. The types that casinos attract are not always the best. A casino would be a black eye on this beautiful community. Thank you.
 - I just don't think Sherwood Park is a good area to have a casino. I'm fine just going into Edmonton for them.
 - I know a gambling addict and she had such a hard time recovering with so much access to gambling in society. I think allowing casinos will open up our community to more gambling addiction and possibly alcoholism. I think the pro of revenue generation does not outweigh possible cons to our community. Thanks!
 - I know a handful of people that have struggled with gambling addiction at some point. They have it under control but it could be more difficult for them if you bring a casino to the county. More people will be holding social events, gatherings there.
 - I know Casinos generate revenue for The County & fundraising opportunities for Not-For-Profit organizations but it comes with pitfalls also such as late-night drinking & addiction issues. Especially during COVID, I think our COVID numbers would increase as would the addiction issues (gambling & drinking, whereas currently these resources are less accessible), financial issues leading to more broken families & could even lead to more domestic abuse. Personally, especially at this time, I do not support adding Casinos to The County as the cons outweigh the Pros.
 - I know many people that are addicted to gambling and going to casinos, making one more accessible in Strathcona County is not a good idea for mental health.
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- I like it the way it is now without the casinos. People can drive to the city for that. We don't need casinos in our county.'
 - I like that Strathcona County is KNOWN as a GREAT FAMILY community and introducing Casinos in our area would greatly reduce the 'family spirit we have here'. Casinos always bring more safety concerns and criminal activity to the areas they exist in. For those who enjoy Casinos, there are plenty close enough in the city of Edmonton
 - I like the family feel of Strathcona County and the fact that we don't have casinos here is one of the reasons my family chose to live here. I am concerned about the increase in drunk driving that may go along with casinos in the county.
 - I live in Sherwood Park for its family friendly environment. I do not want a casino anywhere in the community. Not everything is about profit. If teams want to fundraise, they can do so in other ways. The county can find other revenue streams. I absolutely do NOT support a casino in Strathcona County.
 - I mean do these surveys really matter. Its not like others that had a huge majority even help make a decision.
 - I moved to Strathcona County because it is community, family-oriented. Casinos are counter to this, and break families and communities apart. They do not belong or fit with the wholesomeness of the county
 - I personally don't think that as a county we should contribute to the social problems associated with gambling addictions. Addiction to gambling is linked to a range of serious personal and social harms such as depression and suicide
 - I personally love the family feel of our community. I think bringing in the ability to build a casino may alter that feeling that we've worked so hard for. More research would need to be provided about the effects the community would have towards alcohol gaming environment parking...
 - I play slot machines and go a couple of times a month to the Argyll Casino. However, I am totally opposed to a casino where I live, in family-oriented Strathcona County.
 - I realize casinos are a big revenue generator but I am not in favour due to the negative social and community impacts.
 - I really cannot see any need for Casinos in the County of Strathcona
 - I really opposed casinos. They would be a big step down for our county. They are not classy in the least bit and although they might seem exciting and financially a good idea, their negative impacts (addiction, crime) are much worse than their positive contributions.
 - I really think people have enough issues anywhere and casinos only add to it.
 - I recommend consulting with sociologists, psychologists on the impact this would have on families. I think the metric of building this community needs to be the health of the family. If it doesn't support health and welfare of the family it doesn't need to be here.
 - I see areas in Edmonton and other cities around casinos attracting less than quality elements
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- I see no real long-term benefit to the citizens of Strathcona County other than some job creation and increasing our tax base.
 - I selected 'yes' but would like to add some context to that. If a casino were to be approved, in order for it to be a benefit to the residents, it would need to include restaurants and a venue for concerts and other entertainment events similar to the River Cree. If there was something like that considered, it might be worthwhile considering. If it was just a standard issue casino, then definitely not.
 - I strongly disagree with casinos in Strathcona County. Bad idea! People are struggling enough financially and it will get way worse with access to a casino in the community. Go and park at Century Casino in Edmonton for a day and see what goes on outside of their beautiful casino. We don't need that coming to our community
 - I strongly oppose casinos in Strathcona County
 - I strongly oppose casinos in the county. Let's put people before \$\$\$.
 - I strongly support the prohibition on casinos. The convenience does not outweigh the negative social impacts.
 - I suspect that the county has enough problems with people consuming alcohol (the number of liquor stores in SP suggests as much...) that adding in gambling would be ludicrous.
 - I think all forms of economic growth and entertainment benefit the community as long as they don't become a haven for nuisance behavior
 - I think casino should not be allowed anywhere in Strathcona County. Sherwood Park is built on a family community and I feel it should be kept that way. It also will keep crime down in our community. Also there is access to Casino in Edmonton close in range.
 - I think Casinos in general bring in unsavory events to a community. Totally against changing the current bylaw
 - I think casinos will make Sherwood Park less family friendly and promote addictive behaviors. It will have a negative effect on the community.
 - I think casinos would potentially bring in crime. People can drive a short distance to Edmonton to gamble.
 - I think casinos would taint the family-oriented nature of Strathcona County.
 - I think gambling can be a dangerous activity for many. I think that those fighting gambling addictions benefit from living in communities like ours where that temptation is further away. Those who enjoy casinos 'safely' can access one a short drive away. There is no need to have one in our community
 - I think gambling is not good for our society. It gives false hope to vulnerable people young and old. It can be addictive and make people who are lonely drain people's accounts. Especially people on fixed incomes.
 - I think it is bad enough that the County agreed to let drugs (marijuana) be grown in our fields and sold in our neighbourhood stores. Please, let's draw a moral line and say no to big gambling. People already have access to all kinds of gambling like lottery tickets, 50/50, VLTs, online gambling. If people argue
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that it would help with fundraising, I would argue that we are already fundraising now without casinos. Let's focus on family values, not making money any way possible, including off the backs of addicts. Our goal as a society should be to raise families up, and oppose ideas that create hardship and problems.

- I think it would bring more issues to the County including Impaired driving, etc. There are enough casinos in the city that the county people can attend.
 - I think it would cause harm to our family friendly environment bringing in criminal elements and causing more gambling addictions to those who have them. Not what I want in my community.
 - I think Strathcona County is a place where there is a diverse number of experiences that can be had. However, while casinos are fun, they contribute to the negative urbanization of the community that Edmonton already offers.
 - I think that it would be a lucrative business proposition, a casino in the county but the negative impact would be greater than the benefits to the County. There is a casino 15 minutes from Sherwood Park on Argyll Road. Let's leave a casino out of our county.
 - I think that this would be a great big mistake to allow a casino into the county. The money will not stay in the county. If your organization wants to raise money by working a casino, then apply where they already are.
 - I think there are already enough casinos to serve the entire Edmonton area.
 - I think there are enough places to gamble in the surrounding area & VLT's at most lounges, that there doesn't need to be a casino as well.
 - I think there are fair enough options for casinos in neighbouring cities and counties.
 - I think there are much more innovative and socially beneficial ways for the county to generate extra income and benefit the county's well being to boot! Casinos? What an awful thought! How about utilizing the post secondary talent and engineering talent in the area and build a facility for recycling or at least properly destroying film and soft plastics food comes in through no fault of ours as citizens, so we can clean up the garbage we've been adding to lately? With 2 universities in the local area, we have no excuse! Or how about some more geothermal energy production? There must be something that the county can create through intergovernmental investment that does not literally create addictions as it creates fast income. Come on, we're better than this!
 - I think there are plenty of other options for casinos in the city and I don't think they attract anything positive for the community.
 - I think this is the worst thing that could happen to Strathcona County. There are casinos everywhere in Edmonton and not far from the county. Do NOT taint us!!!
 - I think we have a safe and accessible community that promotes activities that are family inclusive/oriented. Casinos are exclusive to a certain age group and do not contribute to the values which Strathcona County upholds currently and has been known for. Leave casinos to the big city. Let's keep our community focus on family inclusive projects for all age groups.
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- I think we should look at it again in 10 years.
 - I understand free choice comes into play here but I feel it is only beneficial to those who have a gambling addiction to not have a casino nearby. Casinos may support charities, etc. but the cost to some family's lives completely counteracts that. Typically, those who are playing the casinos and losing (and therefore 'donating' to these charities) are not those who can afford to do so.
 - I understand the money that could be filtered down to the county by allowing this but I also understand the other side to casinos and gambling in general. There are many casinos within 15 min drives from the county to engage if one wishes to. The destruction that comes from gambling is something many don't understand as they may not have witnessed the children left in vehicles while parents are inside, the suicides that happen because of gambling being a problem, the domestic abuse that comes from gambling problems, divorces and trauma that come from gambling. The traffic that is already at times ridiculous in the county growing exponentially and the clientele of people that casinos attract along with other concerning behaviors that come with gambling establishments are not overly welcoming. My thoughts come from a place of seeing what the overwhelming number of advertisements regarding gambling in our world today during a time when many are struggling to put food on their tables. It's everywhere and it's sad
 - I urge you to not allow casinos in our county.
 - I want to live in a community that is 'family friendly', meaning no casinos or other gambling establishments, and no cannabis stores. It is very sad that children now see cannabis stores, as well as liquor stores wherever they go.
 - I was a police officer for 30 years and have seen what gambling does to some families.
 - I worry about the crime increasing in my community if a casino is allowed.
 - I would appreciate to keep our community quiet and family focused. Gambling brings a plethora of problems. Let's leave the 'can of worms' on the other side of the Hunday.
 - I would be concerned about an increased criminal element entering the County in relation to the presence of a casino / casinos and related crime increases.
 - I would be concerned about increases in gambling addiction and don't think a casino would make a positive contribution to the social health of the community
 - I would consider leaving the county if casinos were developed and built here
 - I would like to keep Strathcona County more family friendly and I feel Casinos may hinder that.
 - I would prefer not to have any casino developments in the Strathcona County area, for a variety of reasons and concerns to long to express here.
 - I would prefer not to have casino's part of our great community. There has been trouble at the one in St. Albert. I don't see an advantage to having this unnecessary risk to our community.
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- I would rather that energy be focused on things that improve the mental and physical health and wellness of residents, than allowing something that can support gambling addictions and cause other mental and societal problems.
 - I love that Strathcona County is a small community. Bringing a casino into our neighbourhoods would ruin the community, it would make me feel unsafe living in an area with a casino, it would increase crime rates and attract a different population that is focused on gambling. Keep Strathcona family orientated. Our families or Strathcona County should be a priority.
 - I am not opposed to gambling. However, I see the huge financial risks for those that frequent casinos on a regular basis. I feel gambling is becoming far too accessible.
 - I'd prefer not to have them here in our county. It brings more people to the county and lots more negative behaviour from these people. It also puts more drunk drivers onto our streets. Leave the casinos to the big cities.
 - If a casino is allowed ensure you Keep it away from recreation facilities and places people gather. Crime is going up in Sherwood Park and this will make it worse. We can go to Edmonton
 - If a casino is allowed in Strathcona County, my family will move.
 - If a county cares for its citizens, why would they allow for ease of access to gambling, an activity which is known to have addictive, abusive and damaging associations? We should be supporting developments that increase Strathcona County's overall mental and physical health such as parks and recreational activities.
 - If approved I would prefer it be located away far and away from any residential areas. 24-hour gambling and possibly drinking only being bad things.
 - If casinos are allowed then there should be a limit to how many, 1 would be sufficient. It should also be multipurpose for all adults to enjoy. There should be addictions services available for this in the county as well because gambling addictions like others are very likely. I do like that the money would go into the community. I'm not a gambler but a bingo hall would be cool!
 - If casinos are to be potentially allowed, they should ONLY be permitted in 'industrial' type areas. NOT near any residential/future residential areas or schools or parks.
 - If Casinos will be allowed here in Strathcona County, there's a high possibility or probability that 'crimes' will increase in this county such as robbery, stealing, & etc. Therefore a BIG NO, NO to casinos.
 - If council wants information from the public, they should also include the benefits of allowing casino's to be built. Not just the question of if the public thinks they should, without giving the public an ability to make an informed decision.
 - If I'm not mistaken there are at least two casinos in close proximity to Sherwood Park, one of which is under ten minute's drive away. We do not need a casino and all that comes along with a casino in Strathcona County.
 - If individuals want to get the casino experience they can go online or to the Edmonton.
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- If it has to happen keep it far away from schools, libraries, recreation centres or malls. Casinos often lead to increased liquor consumption and having people wander into areas populated with vulnerable or unsuspecting people would be very negative.
 - If only used for fund raising, other than that hard no!
 - If our citizens want to gamble, they can drive to the City. Let's avoid all the potential negative issues, gambling addictions and encouraging our youth to name two.
 - If people really need a casino, they can go to Edmonton. As to taxes earned off of a casino, we have lots of tax money from the refineries. We also don't need the crime that follows with a casino.
 - If permitted, these should have special zoning and enforcement. Not permitted in residential or regular commercial areas.
 - If residents want to go to the casino, they can go to the city
 - If the casino was not near school, parks, neighborhoods and strictly in a commercial or industrial area, on the outside of the county such that those going to the casino would not drive through communities AND the casino was responsible to pay taxes that directly fund County related community projects and infrastructure. If the casino had a space for artists (local and others) to perform for the community.
 - If the County is looking for a new and easy source of tax revenues and maybe a few jobs (with no guarantee they would go to local workers), the more likely reality is that economic benefits are short term and small, but the harm to society is long term and potentially irreversible. Casinos don't lead to other businesses opening nearby because people who visit casinos do not go out to visit other shops and businesses. The money that comes to the casinos mostly stays in the casinos. The negatives of casinos are well documented. They lead to higher crime rates, higher personal bankruptcy rates and lower property values. Studies have shown that people who live close to a casino are twice as likely to become problem gamblers as people who live more than 10 miles away. There are already a dozen casinos in the Edmonton area. Why do we need to welcome an industry that consciously exploits the weakness of the our most vulnerable people?
 - If there was an area dedicated for entertainment and away from schools and residential areas.
 - If they are allowed in Strathcona County, I would suggest a portion of their profits goes towards creation and repair of infrastructure within the county-buildings / roads / overall improvement to the community.
 - If this happens, does county of Strathcona keep the money and then drop property taxes and increase the budget for better air quality measures.
 - If we are close enough to the city that we don't require a full-service hospital, then we are close enough to the same city that we don't need a casino
 - If we want access to casinos, we have easy access in neighbouring regions. I appreciate there not being casinos in our area.
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- If you approve building a casino in the county than you better explain how you will address the increase crime that go hand in hand with the presence of a casino. Speak to the police who have to deal with this issue in St. Albert.
 - If you choose to build it, YOU MUST assume the responsibility of caring/helping those who partake and have addiction issues.
 - If you do decide to repeal the bylaw, please do not allow it anywhere near a residential zone and ensure adequate planning is made for increased traffic.
 - If you look in areas where there are presently casinos even as the newer ones were built the crime in the surrounding areas goes up. The extra revenue made from taxes would not justify the rise in crime our community would definitely see.
 - If you want to gamble, we are close enough to Edmonton. Prefer a decent Hospital would serve people better.
 - I'm afraid that allowing casinos to operate in our county would bring with it more crime and illegal activities
 - I'm all for increasing entertainment options in the county but promoting gambling will inevitably introduce many other social problems that go with gambling. If people want gamble Edmonton is not far so we don't need them here
 - IMO- The casinos are better Not in our County. Folks can drive to Edmonton. Addictions are high enough in our city and having a casino will only add to the social problems we are currently having
 - I'm concerned about the negative social impacts of a casino. Higher addictions, higher crime, and putting lower income individuals at higher risk (they disproportionately gamble) are my concerns. This will cost us more in the long run through health, community, mental health, and social support services being accessed in higher capacities. The money wasted at a casino by individuals could instead be used to buy local goods and services that will economically benefit county citizens.
 - I'm in favour of allowing and encouraging large event spaces, such as for concerts, but I am not in favour of casinos.
 - I'm more than happy there are no casinos in our lovely family focused community. This 'need' is easily met for those interested a short drive away so there is no need or benefit to having casinos within the county.
 - I'm outright opposed to casinos. There are so many opportunities for wagering and betting so I certainly don't want any more venues for people to lose money that should be going for food, clothing and shelter.
 - I'm staunchly opposed to casinos in the county. Gambling is dangerous and can destroy families and livelihoods
 - In all honesty, if someone truly wanted to go to the casino, they would make the drive into Edmonton.
 - In my opinion a casino in the county would lead to a higher crime rate
 - In my opinion casinos can do a lot of harm that will impact on families. There is a casino on Argyll Rd. That is close enough! We should encourage fitness, not gambling. Please NO Casinos!
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- It would be one more thing to provide mental health support for. There's already enough supports needed for pandemic related issues (i.e. increased domestic abuse, opioid crisis, etc.) in the county. Why would we invite a venue that encourages addiction, alcohol use, and visitors who come just for the casino in this supposedly family friendly town? There are enough casinos in the Edmonton region already. Leave the casinos out of Strathcona County!!
 - In my opinion the cons outweigh the pros many times over. Another addiction promoter that we do NOT need for residents to develop. The drainage of internal wealth from the community leaves less \$\$\$\$ to spend on productive community businesses and family needs. Once established it will be owned and controlled from outside the community. For those who have a strong urge to gamble we already have adequate casinos close to Sherwood Park - e.g.: Argyle
 - In my opinion the downsides of casinos far outweigh the few possible positives. Please do not allow casinos in Strathcona County.
 - In the Capital Region we should create a strip like Vegas that all Casinos reside and be an attraction for tourism as opposed to putting them up everywhere just to reach populations that wouldn't drive to destination gambling but may if it was in the community thus lower the chances of locals getting addicted.
 - In the Edmonton regional area there is already a sufficient number of casinos to meet the demands of players. Being a volunteer for organizations that host casinos I sense the players enjoy the larger facilities. A smaller local casino will have to compete with this.
 - In the interests of promoting wellness, healthy relationships and improved mental health, it is in the best interests of everyone to NOT have any casinos in Strathcona County.
 - In the troubled times we are currently entrenched in, it would be irresponsible of any level of government to promote or condone any activity that has potential for addiction and social decay. We already have enough issues with alcohol and drugs, ... why compound these problems by adding gambling?
 - Increase in Transients
 - increased crime rate, drug traffic, money laundering, prostitution and impaired driving. Need I say more.
 - Increases crime!
 - Invitation to increased crime in the area if developed
 - Is there a positive about allowing casinos to exist in the County? Gambling is a serious addiction issue for so many. Please keep these places away from us.
 - It can create an unsafe environment in the county!
 - It could be a very bad choice to allow casinos here. It could cause increase in crime, violence. As well, it could affect the finances & quality of time of families in the County. It could also lead to gambling addiction!
 - It is a quiet county, there are enough casinos available within a short drive of the county. Casinos do not add anything beneficial. They are not a preferred entertainment venue and it is not a necessity. Even if it there was a casino
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built, it would soon become an eye sore while bringing the value of the neighborhood and communities close to it down.

- It is a terrible idea and I can't imagine why the county would even consider repealing the bylaw.
 - It is an amenity that is available in just a short drive in Edmonton. Although another source of revenue and taxes, they attract the wrong type of customers, crowd and ultimately makes it more convenient for people to lose their wealth and will have an overall detrimental effect on our community and quality of life.
 - It is not a benefit to our community and will only attract problems
 - It is not a far drive to Edmonton to enjoy this entertainment. Don't need it in the county.
 - It is not fair to profit on ppl weaknesses. Please don't open casinos in the county. This would ruin my marriage and financial stability
 - It is pretty sad that the country has so many liquor stores, cannabis stores and now even consider a casino especially with so many others of all of the above within a 5 min drive into Edmonton. Way to go country for even the thought of having this garbage in our community.....
 - It is unnecessary, there are so many casinos already in surrounding areas. I fail to see how a casino would benefit the community.
 - It will destroy family, it can cause crimes, stealing and not a good example for children.
 - It will hurt smaller businesses amid a pandemic even more
 - It will potentially increase the occurrence of drinking and driving. Patrons sit for hours at the casino drinking and playing.
 - It would be a shame to bring this kind of activity into Sherwood Park. People are in enough financial/emotional distress without having this here.
 - It would be too easy for a local person to make the decision to drive home drunk because they are close to home.
 - It would make living in Strathcona County a less appealing place. If people really want to go to a casino, they can quickly access those in Edmonton.
 - It would not be a good idea to allow casinos In Strathcona County. People struggle with addictions and gambling now. Making it more readily available does not help
 - it would ruin the community. Brings sketchy people we don't need & lowers property value
 - It would take away from the feel our community has. It is not a city but a hamlet no casino!
 - It's enabling addictions. Do you want local people to lose it all, steal from their neighbours? Get a job.
 - It's just unnecessary.
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- Its not necessary to have a casino in Strathcona County as there is a casino on the Fort Road and one on Argyll Road in Edmonton - 10-15(ish) minutes away, if people want to play.
 - I've always admired the family-oriented community in Strathcona County and allowing casino developments will erode that foundational culture of our community. Please do not repeal that bylaw.
 - Just a bad omen!
 - Just do not like the idea of Casinos anywhere in Strathcona County as it is a known fact that there are people who can and in all likelihood become addicted, which leads to social problems. What I would like to know is why we constantly have to make yes or no decisions, and who is pushing for Casinos this time?
 - Just don't like the idea of permitting something enabling potential life destructive addiction.
 - Just don't want opportunity to bring crime into area. If there was a report about crime not increasing with Casino being built then sure but I worry about drinking and driving
 - Keep casinos out of Strathcona County. They do nothing to add to the County and are already (too) readily available in Edmonton. Our community is not enhanced - rather it's a detriment.
 - Keep it out of the county. No need for that gambling addiction center here. For those that need to gamble, Edmonton is not far for them to go.
 - Keep Sherwood Park family oriented. If kids can't go, it doesn't belong here.
 - Keep the casinos in the city
 - Keep the casinos in the city. Retain the community we have.
 - Keep the community FAMILY oriented.
 - Keep them in Edmonton. Try to attract some more high end restaurants instead!
 - Keep this OUT of our family community!! Casinos generally fleece the poor for the sake of the middle and upper class. Plus, they come with societal challenges. How dare you even consider this?
 - Last thing we need is to promote gambling. Absolutely no way. Let's focus on problems we already have and not introduce new ones.
 - Let people go to Edm and St. Albert for casino fun. It can bring trouble unnecessarily. It can create new addictions. Sherwood Park is so family friendly, let's keep it that way.
 - Let us keep the small town feel of the county. A casino might bring in jobs but it will also bring in people who might be desperate enough to hope a casino win will solve their cash flow problems. These are trying times, many people do not have enough money to live on. Let's not make it easy for them to lose what little they have.
 - Let us remember what sets this county apart from a lot of other places! Let's keep the family focus and the community atmosphere and not bring in a lot of other elements. There are casinos close enough it one desires to go to them.
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- Let's keep the County Casino free!
 - Let's not bring a gambling addiction to a county that is healing from COVID 19. Mental health is much more forefront than bringing gambling into the equation. Money would be better spent on green initiatives
 - Live here for a quieter life. Do not want a Casino here.
 - Look at the casinos in Edmonton. Would you like to live next to any of them?
 - Los casinos no benefician al poblado es una ruina
 - Lots of casinos a short drive away, we don't need any in the County.
 - Lots of options in the city for Casinos and likely more desirable than a smaller option in the County.
 - Majority rules. I have no need for a casino.
 - Many casinos nearby for those that want to gamble
 - Many other casinos within the surrounding area - no need for another one in Strathcona County. I also believe organized crime is attracted these facilities.
 - Many people gamble away much needed money and some have lost homes. Gambling does not make money for people. They ultimately always lose. Strathcona County should not be condoning casinos. Gambling can also cause domestic violence and poverty.
 - Many studies have confirmed the crime rate and pathological gambling behaviour increase and cause long term harm to individuals.
 - More crime, drugs and alcohol. There is a casino 5 minutes from Strathcona County
 - More dining restaurants or a major store anchor like The Bay before any casino
 - Most of us in the county store do not want a casino in our communities.
 - My belief is that casinos are predatory and exploit those with addiction. I would further say there should be a ban on video lottery terminals. I understand the economic benefit but would be skeptical that it adds more in income than it takes away in other regards.
 - My wife and I do not believe that this is a value-added business for Strathcona County. It is not a positive influence for our community.
 - Negatives far outweigh any positives. Do not allow. Keep Strathcona County healthy and great.
 - Nevada is the place to gamble for those with that motivation. Council intent should be directed towards the homeless and the hungry. Only a short life remains to the oil industry. Council should be working on attracting new industry to provide replacement jobs for the previous oil worker employment.
 - Never ever. Don't need the crime and social problems that come with mob run casinos
 - No casino
 - No casino period.
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- No casinos at all. I have seen first hand the negative effects they bring in other municipalities.
 - No casinos in County please
 - NO CASINOS IN SHERWOOD PARK. CASINOS ARE NOT NEEDED IN THE COUNTY.
 - No casinos need to be in Strathcona County at all. There are many in Edmonton and Camrose- no thank you
 - No casinos please
 - No casinos please, bad for mental health
 - No casinos! Brings in gamblers with addictions and riffraff! I've noticed that panhandlers are showing up in Emerald Hills, Edmonton's bums don't deserve to be in our community!
 - No casinos!!
 - No casinos, it is really bad for communities
 - No casinos. I don't understand why this question is even being raised.
 - No casinos. We don't need organized crime. We don't need to feed addictions and then try to say we a healthy community.
 - No casinos.
 - No good comes from them. It drives addictive behaviours, and puts people closer to financial ruin.
 - No good for youth and will allow others outsiders to come here for creating mess in Sherwood Park.
 - No I think there are enough gambling establishments around. There is one located just off the Sherwood Park freeway, two just off the yellowhead, one just off the airport and one at west Edmonton mall. I think that is enough.
 - NO is NO as far as I am concerned. A lot has changed in the County over the past 20 as you stated, however, people's lives are suffering already from the economic downturns and just putting bread on the table has become difficult for many. NO casinos!
 - No need for a casino here - keep them out!
 - No need for a casino here in Sherwood park. We don't need a gambling hang out
 - No need for casinos in Sherwood Park. There are enough in Edmonton.
 - No need for this type of facility and the challenges that come with it here in SC
 - No need to create more people coming into Sherwood Park daily- Roads are already full of vehicles, let alone from other towns or cities! Not enough patrolling already, let alone having to double enforcement - also casinos should stay in Edmonton - leave Sherwood Park alone!
 - No need to draw more bad habits to Sherwood park. There's enough as it is
 - No need to increase opportunities for gambling. Very damaging to many families
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- NO NO NO to Casinos anywhere in the county. Period.
 - No reason at all to have a casino in the County. It's actually quite ridiculous that we are discussing this.
 - No thank you.
 - No to a casino in Sherwood Park
 - No to a Casino in Sherwood Park. Bingo is good enough for a fundraiser. It's mostly lonely people/seniors that go to casinos. Encourage affordable sports and build a seniors centre in Strathcona County.
 - No to casino because it can create crime, it can create broken relationship family, and it's against God's will.
 - No to casino's don't need or want the extra traffic or garbage or anything else that comes with them
 - No! Leave the casinos in Edmonton. It brings homelessness and addiction so please don't build a casino in Sherwood.
 - No, don't need the headaches and stress involved in a casino.
 - no, no and no
 - No, no, no! Our community does fine without one. Drive to Edmonton.
 - No, Sherwood Park is a great place to be. Why add a casino and cause issues!
 - Nobody wants to live near a casino. I feel that especially as people try to recover financially from the pandemic, it would be a bad idea.
 - Noise disturbance Safety for community
 - Noise, traffic, drugs, alcohol, smoking, lowlifes
 - None required in County - enough already in area - closest is 7 kilometres away in Edmonton. We don't need to spend tax payer money to research or study.
 - Nope nope nope. We have enough issues with alcohol & drug addiction - we don't need to feed into gambling addiction, too. We have survived well enough without them so far.
 - Not appropriate for our family community
 - Not appropriate in residential areas.
 - Not at all interested in having casinos here. There are lots in Edmonton to choose from. Thanks for the survey! :)
 - Not enough information was provided on this topic, you have not demonstrated the pros vs cons for this decision.
 - Not having the same feel In the county if one was put in.
 - Not in our community please. There are more than enough in Edmonton.
 - Not in the best interest of families in the county
 - Not interested at all. The negatives largely outweigh any potential benefit to our community.
 - not necessary
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- Not necessary in the county.
 - Not necessary. There is enough in neighboring communities. Very little upside for the county. Also, Alberta has added the ability to play online. Not necessary.
 - Not needed here.
 - Not needed people can go to Edmonton
 - Not needed. There are casinos very close by in the city for those who want to attend. We do not need to attract the crime and fuel gambling addictions.
 - Not really. Don't like gambling, or people who gamble.
 - Not required in the county.
 - Not right for the area. Would take away from small business in the area for lunch and dinner options. Brings the wrong kind of people to the area.
 - Not the image Strathcona County should be giving. Casinos are dangerous for young adults as well as though with a gambling addiction.
 - Not the kind of place I want to call home. We are better than this. Please don't allow casinos
 - Nothing good comes with them or their surrounding areas. Keep them out!
 - Nothing has changed in terms of needing a casino in Strathcona County. The only thing that is still out there is the continued financial interest by some for a financial gain in owning/operating/ and tax revenue. We have managed quite well without a casino; I have not heard anyone state 'we need a casino' here; and I believe the negative societal impact on the community outweighs any benefit.
 - I grew up with a father who gambled. I am now 74 and can still remember the angry, bitter man who came through the door after losing at gambling. It may not have been a casino but it was what we called a 'blind pig' a place run by someone in their house to tempt people to gamble. Consider what most families will go through when you allow gambling to take place. Please don't use the 'Tourism Card: to try to push this through. There is a poem that children learn what they see - seeing their parents go out to gamble will only create more social problems and destruction of families (parents, grandparents, wives, husbands, children, friends, etc.) Perhaps looking at 'gamblers anonymous' statistics and family breakups etc. might shed more light on gambling destruction. I hated to see how my father reacted and his behavior on my mother and the rest of the family. Also, his own shame remained with him at least until the next paycheck. There was no psychological help for him. Sherwood Park use to pride itself in a 'Family' place to live. What happened to that idea? When angry persons arrive home because they have lost their paychecks, children, parents, siblings and extended family all pay the emotional and financial price. Thank you for giving us a chance to speak about this matter. There are plenty of casinos in Edmonton. The destructive emotional investment to our families is enormous.
 - OMG !! Absolutely, positively, without a Doubt. NO !!!! The slot machines in the bars have caused enough trouble for people, we DO NOT need a casino around here to add to it!!!
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- One of the great things about Strathcona County is the small town feel and the community connection. I feel a casino would impact this significantly, increasing traffic, potentially increasing crime rates, and removing what keep us unique. While the revenue generation is a positive, I think other avenues need to be considered in order to generate interest in our community and increase tourism. Strathcona County should not become a stopping place for gambling, but a community that attracts visitors who will shop local and give back to our community.
 - One side effect of casinos is the attraction of a criminal element which is not something the county needs.
 - Opposed due to the social costs of gambling which would then be passed on to all taxpayers - increased crime, need for social services/addiction supports. Strathcona County is a mobile affluent community. Those 'interested' can easily access casinos a short drive/transit ride or flight (Vegas) away.
 - Other than making money for the owners, there are no socially redeemable qualities to casinos.
 - Our community doesn't need the issues that come from Casinos. Period. Full stop.
 - Our community should not be creating or adding to the gambling addiction. We have other more serious problems to deal with in the county.
 - Our county is having a strong and balanced economy and absolutely does not need extra income coming from gambling industry which may introduce crime activities in our neighbourhoods.
 - Our crime rate is bad enough we don't need to add to it by building casinos.
 - Our family of 6 (all Adults) vehemently oppose casinos in Strathcona County.
 - Our hamlet was not designed to be as big as it is. Schools, infrastructure, etc. are not in place to have any more traffic than we already have!!!! STOP already!!!!
 - Over the years I've had to volunteer in casinos for fundraising commitments. It's not the kind of business I would like to see in Strathcona County. It would detract from our community rather than enhance it.
 - Part of the reason we live here is not having casinos! I wish there were no VLTs also!
 - Part of why we decided to start a family here was to avoid things like the casino. I would very much appreciate it staying prohibited.
 - People can go to the city for that
 - People that attend to Casinos have a gambling addiction and thereby, as an example, use their money to play the slots or table games and lose their money and then fall in the category of looking for financial/other assistance, such as the food bank, to fill the void that they have created by themselves. The house always wins, no matter who is playing.
 - People that can not control their gambolling addiction do not need easier access to lose their life savings.
 - People who have lots of spending money might consider donating to the needy, e.g. Hope Mission and other such services for the homeless.
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- People who speak of economic benefits of Casinos to a community fail to acknowledge the greater harm that befalls individuals and families who experience the downside of casinos.
 - Perhaps allow Bing's for local fundraising
 - Personally I do not want casinos to operate in Strathcona County.
 - Personally, I don't think that casinos have a place in the county at this time. How would a casino benefit our community? Would it draw tourists? I know that many community groups would like to have a casino to help them with their fundraising/budgets, and it would be exciting for them until they can't get volunteers to count money in the wee hours of the morning. Strathcona County should focus on bringing more beneficial businesses to the area, filling up the empty bays, and supporting those businesses that are already here. Perhaps consider an outdoor pool, which would be highly beneficial to the community. There are so many things that would make our community better than a casino.
 - Playgrounds for stupid people that destroy families.
 - Please consider the increased risks of mental health, addictions, drinking and driving that is associated with casinos in an area. Please do research into this.
 - Please do not allow a casino to be built in Strathcona County, especially in Sherwood Park.
 - Please do not allow casinos in our community. Our family has been directly impacted by gambling and it has no place in my community.
 - Please do not allow casinos in the county.
 - Please do not allow them. There's simply no need or demand for them.
 - Please do not allow. Build more churches instead
 - Please do not bring casinos into Strathcona County. The county has always been a family community where kids can grow up in a safe place. Bringing casinos to Strathcona County could jeopardize this.
 - Please do not build a casino in our community
 - Please do not even consider casinos in Strathcona County!! Want to continue to enjoy the somewhat safe haven that our community is. Casinos would NOT contribute positively to the health and well-being of our community; lots of potential for all sorts of problems- more likely that it would detract from our health & well-being as a county.
 - Please don't waste any further tax dollars on this issue. Leave the bylaw as it stands.
 - Please keep the bylaw as casino's are not just harmful to those who go but to the whole family structure when gambling becomes addictive.
 - Please look at other places casinos are now established, they seem to be accompanied by liquor stores, cash loan place, pawn shops, etc. This is not what I want in Strathcona County.
 - Please no casinos.
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- Plenty of Casino's in Edmonton, I do not believe we need additional night time entertainment which may also contribute to shady characters coming to the county.
 - Possible increase of crimes
 - Possibly attract undesirable individuals from Edmonton
 - Profits for the community.
 - Quit selling out our community to corporations.
 - Raising money for non-profit groups and charity through gambling is not an option. Don't do it.
 - Really in order to make an informed decision there should be more information provided as to where the casino would potentially be located, and what the revenue would be used for, or where specifically it would go.
 - Regardless how many 'amenities' are affixed to any notion of a casino, the negative impacts to the community far out weight any slight short or perceived benefits. Rescinding The bylaw will inevitably result in Casino development proposals! NO
 - Research clearly shows casinos lead to higher crime rates. It impacts property value. And it promotes gambling, drinking and other addictions. A casino has no positive effect in a family-oriented community like Sherwood Park.
 - Research shows that casinos have a negative effect on the growth of housing values and rent (see Huang, Humphreys & Zhou, 2016, in Papers in Regional Science).
 - Residence in Strathcona County have access to Casinos in Edmonton. We don't need casinos here.
 - results in crime increase
 - Right now, people are dealing with financial loss and desperation from COVID and the downturn over the past few years. Gambling is recognized as an addictive activity, and combined with desperation, people may end up blowing their money to try and get the jackpot. Casinos are a money-making business, that's why they exist. The chance of payouts is slim. In my view, we do not need to put this temptation so close to home in our community. They easier it is to access, the more tempting it is. Just keep them out. Not having casinos is one of the reasons that makes the county so family friendly. Let's keep it that way.
 - Risk of other social and mental issues due to gambling and debt. Not worth it
 - Ruins lives
 - Safety risks due to casinos grow and they're not appropriate for our community. They allow feeding unhealthy gambling addictions. Gambling is not a virtuous act; good cities should encourage virtuous action. Strathcona & especially Sherwood Park are a family community, casinos aren't appropriate for a family community. It's a night life activity & Sherwood Park nights are quiet & I wouldn't want that interrupted. They attract bad crowds the same way strip clubs do. Our family does not want casinos in our community.
 - Seems completely unnecessary.
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- Sherwood Park and Strathcona County have always had a certain 'feel' to its community. One of the reasons people choose to live here. If we encourage more diversification in the community, we lose the type of community it is. We become no different than Edmonton. We lose the welcoming feeling for the type of community we have developed over the years for families. Keep diversifying without thinking about the consequences and we will continue to diversify the types of crime that occurs on a regular basis.
 - Sherwood Park could use something like the River Cree. Hockey rinks and restaurants.
 - Sherwood Park has already overdeveloped as a community and a casino would push it further away from being small and safe. It is already getting large and unwieldy. Plus, it would require more development which is against any climate goals and destructive to the environment
 - Sherwood Park has always been a family community. I feel that having casinos would increase crime significantly.
 - Sherwood Park has always sustained its economy and lifestyle without having these establishments from coming into the county. There are slot machines and pubs if anyone needs socializing. Our fitness facilities are tremendous, the last thing Sherwood Park should consider is changing the lifestyle and the way Sherwood Park has always been. Which has always been aimed towards health. If the county wants to look into investing in establishments that will promote socializing, there are many more options to consider rather than a casino. There will be more vehicles on the road all hours of the night. Driving while intoxicated will rise as it will be a large establishment and there will always be people who don't follow legal order. As well as the possibility of theft as you are planning to locate it next to higher income properties in Sherwood Park. Comparable to the clubs in Edmonton, if an 18 year old can find safe transportation to and from the city. There is no reason anyone can't do the same with the casinos in Edmonton. And if you can't afford the cost of a cab, then the casino isn't the right place to be going.
 - Sherwood Park is a very family-oriented place and I think a casino would make it less desirable for families. I certainly do not want a casino and would not want to live near one for myself or my family.
 - Sherwood Park is a family community. Casinos are within easy reach to Sherwood Park in Edmonton.
 - Sherwood Park is a family community. People move here to raise their families. There are enough casinos and/or gambling establishment in Edmonton, so I do not support allowing casinos in our community.
 - Sherwood Park is a family community. There is no room for a casino here.
 - Sherwood Park is a family orientated community, and I believe Casinos take away from that. There are plenty of Casinos in Edmonton if someone wants to go to one.
 - Sherwood Park is a family-oriented community and I want it to stay that way. There are too many negative effects from gambling such as addiction and drawing a negative element to the county.
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- Sherwood Park is a family oriented, safe community. Casinos bring gang related activity, drugs and crime to the area. There are 2 casinos in close proximity to Sherwood Park and I do not support one in my community.
 - Sherwood Park is a family-oriented community. Casinos tear families apart.
 - Sherwood Park is a nice and respectable community, allowing casinos would attract unwanted people and cause gambling problems. I would never support any council members who vote to repeal this bylaw
 - Sherwood Park is a nice community and bringing casinos in would bring additional issues and concerns such as people losing money at casinos can bring financial difficulty for people and as a result theft, robbery, assault in desperate attempts to resolve their financial difficulties.
 - Sherwood Park is a small community where family matters (I hope!) Casinos belong to large city like Edmonton. We don't want the noise and busyness of a city that is why we moved here. If this happen, I guess its time to move on to a new city. There are better projects to prioritize first.
 - Sherwood Park is a strong community for families. Having a casino does not fit a family-focus.
 - Sherwood Park is a very family-oriented community. A Casino is not needed at this time.
 - Sherwood Park is already losing its sense of smaller community. Leave the Casinos for Edmonton.
 - Sherwood Park should retain its status as a friendly family-oriented community. Casinos bring lots of other issues and there are lots of casinos in other parts of the province that can be easily accessed for those wishing to use them.
 - Should have been on the election ballot as it was last time.
 - Should not be allowed in a family community. What is the RCMP experience with a non restricted environment?
 - Should not be allowed in Strathcona County
 - Should not be allowed. Transient clientele in the community is on the increase as it is, casinos would only make the issue worse. The county does not need added tax revenue, not from a casino source anyways.
 - should not be here, as gambling is an addition.
 - Should there be one in the future, its placement ought to be far far away from residential neighbourhoods. Thank you.
 - Slot machines ruined our family financially and eventual divorce. I would not wish the emotional helplessness experienced because of addiction on anyone. It is all consuming!
 - Smaller community's casinos tend not to provide not for profits with significantly less returns vs Edmonton casinos. Puts Strathcona County not for profits in position of preference for Edmonton casinos.
 - So many problems are associated with casinos. Addictions, drugs, we don't need them.
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- Society is experiencing enough problems without adding additional opportunities for lives and families to be hurt and or destroyed by gambling.
 - Some doctor friends in Singapore told me about the effects of allowing casinos there. The government thought it would be a good idea and bring in a lot of revenue from Chinese tourists. Instead, the social costs due to gambling addiction, family conflicts, increased poverty/bankruptcies, depression, and suicide among local Singaporeans far outweighed any benefits to the country. Also, I work next door to a casino, and it is a magnet for homeless people and causes increased crime in the neighbourhood. We've had to put up a high fence to curb the prevalent theft.
 - Strathcona County has a history of supporting values friendly to a family-oriented community. That is the reason our family chose to live here in the first place. I plead to the current council that we not open the door to a casino in our community.
 - Strathcona country is a great community to raise families. Casinos do nothing to help families. Please keep them out of Sherwood Park.
 - Strathcona County does not need casinos. There are other ways to make money without taking advantage of people with gambling problems
 - Strathcona County has a sterling reputation...casinos and the crowds they attract are a detriment to this
 - Strathcona County has had a reputation over the years as a peaceful community where its members coexist and get a long in harmony. Allowing casinos to open in Strathcona County would bring the wrong crowd to our community and unwanted disturbances to the peace and safety of our county. I would strongly insist that as a community we do not allow this motion to pass.
 - Strathcona County is a family community that does not need the problems that Casinos bring.
 - Strathcona County is a family friendly community. I am concerned what allowing casinos might do to 'bring down' the clean & safe community. I appreciate the potential advantage to charities, but at what cost? If casinos were allowed, I would like to see them well away from residential and community areas. Preferably off on some distant land miles away from the city and away from rural neighbourhoods. I think it follows along with not having used car lots. We don't want to attract 'rif raf' or less desirable elements to the county.
 - Strathcona County is a family-oriented community. If people feel the need to gamble there are a number of casinos in the Edmonton area to accommodate those that wish to gamble. Not worth the risk of higher traffic volumes, the potential crime that could incur, and the harm that gambling could cause families in the County.
 - Strathcona County is a family-friendly community. Casinos and family-oriented communities are not a fit. We've lived here 30+ years and will consider leaving if a casino is brought to this community.
 - Strathcona County is moving away from being a safe family friendly community, with a liquor store and a cannabis store every few blocks. Do
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- not allow the casinos to also fill our community, people can go to Edmonton to get their gambling fix.
- Strathcona County is served well enough by having casinos within its immediate proximity. Other than a bit of property tax revenue, which will simply supplant revenue from another business that would have been on that site, casinos would add nothing to the county and, in fact, detract somewhat from what makes it unique compared to many of its neighbours.
 - Strathcona County prides itself on being one of the most desired communities to live in in Canada (although we've fallen down the list recently according to stats) so we feel we should continue to focus on family, community, healthy lifestyles, green spaces and not contribute to an industry that could lead to addiction, crime, costly addiction problems and unfavorable fallout from having a casino in the County. Is there anything wrong with stopping the insane growth of this community when affordable housing & focusing on getting our community residents through the fallout of this global pandemic should be at the forefront?! We are only minutes (literally 12 or 13 minutes) away from casinos in Edmonton. This constant quest for tax \$\$ by our council has got to slow down. No doubt it's to pay for the Bremner (which was passed without community input) and the over budget Agriculture venue planned in Ardrossan. I understand the need for some type of centre but not to the extent that taxpayers will be paying for decades to come. Let's focus on what makes Strathcona County such a great place to live, it's not casinos.
 - Strathcona County seems to already be on a rise for crimes and such and I just think adding a casino will increase these more.
 - Strathcona County should encourage healthy habits, not gambling. Casinos have no part in a healthy, vibrant community.
 - Strathcona County should NOT pursue casinos.
 - Strathcona County still has that small town feeling. Friendly communities and people. Casinos would ruin that. If people want to gamble, there is plenty of casinos close by in Edmonton to go to. Casinos would ruin Strathcona County.
 - Strathcona County/Sherwood Park is family-oriented and should stay that way.
 - Strathcona does not need the extra night traffic and noise that comes with a casino. There are plenty of casinos nearby in Edmonton for people that want to gamble.
 - Strongly against. Traffic is already getting out of control and our once quiet community has grown. Let's keep casinos out of Sherwood Park please.
 - STRONGLY oppose casinos in Strathcona County. I am offended this 'investment' would even be considered in this family and community-oriented county.
 - Strongly oppose casinos in the County.
 - Studies have shown that casinos make a lot of money off the backs of gambling addictions. Addictions are a real problem for 5% of the population. This is just wrong. Keep the existing bylaw.
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- Supports gambling and substance addiction - along with organized crime. Gambling is affiliated with the above concerns. Our community is much better without it.
 - Thank you for promoting this survey. The signs popped up all over in the past day or so. A resounding NO to casinos in the County!
 - Thanks for sending this survey. I didn't even know that there was a possibility of a casino
 - The above question is worded wrong I do not want a casino in the county
 - The addition of a casino will not enhance the lives or wellbeing of our citizens. Casinos are available elsewhere.
 - The answers possible should be no. Or hell no. VLTs are bad enough.
 - The Argyll Casino is 10 minutes away - no need
 - The Argyll Casino is a stone's throw from Sherwood Park. There are plenty of available options. We do not need to invite the potential social issues that a casino has into our community. The potential tax revenue is certainly not worth it.
 - The Capital Region has ample casinos. Please don't allow them in Strathcona County. Their absence is part of why I choose to live here.
 - The casino should be away from all residential areas, a proper transportation study completed and lots of public engagement on a potential location. A casino would bring valuable revenue to the county and create more jobs. The development of farm land should not be considered as that is already being over developed with recent projects in the county.
 - The casino would not benefit our community, it only attracts more criminal activity to our town. The casino on Argyll isn't that far away if you need to gamble your life away!
 - The cities of Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, St. Albert and Leduc are close enough. Casinos have the potential to change the family dynamics of SP unnecessarily.
 - The city has an abundance of casinos which are less than a 20-minute drive. Why bring that type of service and all that comes with a casino to our family friendly uniqueness?
 - The cons outweigh the benefits
 - The cost or detriment of Casino Gambling to a bedroom community such as Sherwood Park, Strathcona County - What are the negatives of casino gambling? This often delays recovery and treatment and allows a gambling addiction to lead to other serious effects, including loss of jobs, failed relationships, and severe debt. Problem gambling is often associated with mental health problems, including depression, anxiety, and mood disorders. Social costs of gambling fall into nine groups: crime costs, business and employment costs, bankruptcy, suicide, illness related to pathological gambling, social service costs, direct regulatory costs, family costs, and abused dollars. Strathcona County would not benefit.
 - The county already allows money Martens and panhandlers. Casinos would bring in so many other issues and concerns. This is a family community.
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- The county citizens have made their opinion clear - no casinos! Do not allow casino developers to pressure councillors, against the will of the people.
 - The county doesn't need more low-income people in it, no need for a casino at all.
 - The county has enough challenges with addictions do we need to make gambling more accessible? I think NOT! In addition, I am not sure we should be having facilities that attract elements of crime in the County.
 - The county is fine without any casinos, for some people that want to go to casinos, it's only a 15min drive south to Argyl or the same north to century.
 - The county needs to attract higher paying jobs and not entry level service industry type jobs. A casino will provide zero value to the largest majority of residents. Focus on the vision established for Strathcona County and then ask yourself how a casino aligns with this vision. Actually...pass this along to each elected official as I would love to hear their response publically.
 - The county promotes a healthy lifestyle with families in mind. This goes against all of that. Strongly opposed!
 - The county's focus has always been to provide a family friendly environment and I don't see how casinos would be beneficial to the people who call this home.
 - The current opportunities for gambling e.g. Buddy restaurant on Broadmoor Blvd. (near Sioux road) are already a concern!!
 - The damage to families when people gamble uncontrollably, I would like to discourage. Let's take care of our community and look out for our members by eliminating the temptation.
 - The decision was made a number of years ago, this should not be revisited!
 - The house never loses. The primary beneficiaries are the owners ... and those they pay off. Why would we want to expose and potentially harm our county residents by encouraging gambling, especially in times like these.
 - The location would be my biggest point of concern/interest. I believe if one was to be built it should be out of 'family' use areas. Mindful placement is key.
 - The minute SC Council allows a casino in Sherwood Park, I am moving.
 - The money generated by casinos for the community does not off set the damage done to individuals and families.
 - The money made by the county on casinos is not worth the increased addictions and breakdown of so many families.
 - The negative impacts of casinos outweigh the positive impacts.
 - The negative side effects from having a casino in the community are too great. If people want to gamble so badly, there is one that's a five-minute drive away in Edmonton. We are fine without one.
 - The negative side of casinos out-way any benefits, i.e. higher levels of crime to the surrounding area, increased social disorder and calls for service to emergency responders
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- The ONLY way I would support casinos in the County, is if the VLT's were removed from the bars.
 - The operators always suggest that funds go to charity and they encourage tourists. What they don't say or mention including government officials is the addiction to gambling, destruction to family and life style. The County of Strathcona, does not need Casino's to be a positive and attractive environment for its citizens or visitors. Its a known fact that Casino's attract money laundering and other criminal elements. Council should be consulting not only with the public but the RCMP and the City Police. I moved to Sherwood Park knowing there were no Casino's. I hope present Council has the wisdom not to follow the greed of a few select individuals. Council needs to speak not only with its residents but to social service groups, addiction centers and family violence advocates. Our County does not need now or in the future, Casino's. Prior Council displayed its wisdom and followed the voices of residents in refusing to allow Casino's. I hope present Council shows similar judgement.
 - the pandemic has affected many families financially, and a casino can encourage addictive behaviour - increased traffic in the area - Sherwood Park has taken care to build a 'community' atmosphere. A 'casino is a significant step away from this,
 - The premise of a casino is that there are more losers than winners. Most patrons can't afford to lose their pay cheque but go to casinos anyway which leads to more social harm than good.
 - The problems and issues that casinos bring far out weigh any potential benefit to be gained. I DO NOT want to live in a community that has a casino. Problems associated with casinos such as Crime, drugs, addiction issues such as gambling and drunk driving, more transient persons, garbage/vandalism. These are not the kinds of elements I want in a community such as ours that is very family oriented. These are not the kinds of influences I want my family to grow up around, this is why I don't live in the city! This is a big reason I chose to live here in Strathcona County.
 - The real-world downsides of Casinos and their effects on society are at least the same and likely more severe than they were in 2001. The decision-making process should include current 2021 feedback, but should revisit the rationale for prohibiting them in the first place. The only one that wins when a casino is built is the operator....
 - The reason we moved to Sherwood Park is because we have all the amenities of Edmonton and zero of the trash/crime that goes along with it including casinos
 - The short-term vision of economic benefit for county will cost us in societal and family economic degradation. I understand this is to help offset the MSI 40/6% but honestly - the damage in addictions, marriage debt and general keep it for a fun activity. I totally get the attraction and mixed emotion if we don't offer it here, they will go elsewhere. What are our values and what is the price we put on those?
 - The slight increase in tax revenue does not offset the other issues these types of industries bring to a community. Additionally, it is difficult to know how participants who would use any potential casinos with actually engage. With several months change from previous gaming habits does anyone know
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whether participants will want to return to in person gaming. Are the current casinos in the surrounding communities that over subscribed to justify additional ones?

- The social cost for casinos far outweighs any economic gains.
 - The social costs of casinos far outweigh any economic benefits. And as for tourism.... casinos are an 'easy' fix. How about we keep Strathcona County unique and come up with better, less out-dated ideas. And let's focus on things like infrastructure. With Sherwood Park growing as quickly as it is, we need to make sure we have good roads, schools and oh, how about a hospital where patients can actually stay overnight when needed.
 - The social costs will be very high, caused by over drinking, gambling and will also put a strain on the first responders. There are plenty of facilities close to Sherwood Park for anyone who desires this type of entertainment.
 - The societal and economic costs of a casino far outweigh any potential benefit. There are more than enough casinos in the province already - let's keep Strathcona County as a safe space from this kind of influence.
 - The whole idea of casinos is based on the theory that one can 'get rich without having to put forth any effort'. Strathcona County has always attracted people who are hard-working and responsible. Let's do our best to keep it that way!
 - There are more than enough locations with VLT's in Sherwood Park and proximity to Casinos in Edmonton for those who wish to gamble, would negatively impact a huge number of local licensees
 - There are 2 casinos in east Edmonton only 10 minutes from Sherwood Park. One on Fort Road and the other on Argyle Road. There is no need for a casino in Strathcona County.
 - There are a ample amount of casinos in Edmonton only a short drive from Strathcona County that people can go to. Statistics show that crime does increase when casinos are introduced to a new area.
 - There are a lot of places with VLTs for those that like them. A casino would be tacky and unnecessary
 - There are a sufficient number of casinos in the greater Edmonton region, and as such there is really no need for another one especially in Strathcona County.
 - There are already casinos close enough in Edmonton. No need to have one in the county. Increased crime, transient population etc. can result. No thanks.
 - There are already casinos easily accessible in Edmonton. The space for potential casinos could be better used to create more useful infrastructure for the county.
 - There are already several casinos already in existence (Argyll Road Casino, Downtown Casino, Yellowhead Trail casino) and I don't feel Strathcona County needs to attract more access to gambling in our residential and family community.
 - there are already too many gambling locations in the Edmonton area. another Casino will only cause more residents to destroy their family financial Welfare.
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- There are already way too many people who have gambling addictions. Let's not contribute to the problem.
 - There are better ways to encourage tourism in our community that do not have the negative impacts a casino could have. We also know gambling is one of the fastest growing addictions and this would provide more opportunities for individuals to become addicted. Such addictions gave negative effects on the families in our community and this does not fall within the vision of Strathcona County which values strong and healthy families.
 - there are casinos at eia ,argyle rd, fort road st albert and River Cree. people who want to gamble can driver to anyone of them.
 - There are casinos close enough in the City for people to go to.
 - There are casinos close enough into Edmonton. After working 20 plus years in emergency services I have seen what types of issues these places have I trounced into the areas and it is not pleasant.
 - There are casinos close enough to the County that those who want to patronize them are still serviced. No need to have them in the County.
 - There are Casinos close to Strathcona County that people can access.
 - There are Casinos in Camrose and Edmonton. Just not necessary.
 - There are casinos in close enough proximity to the county. We moved here specifically for the safe, family-first vibe the county has and would be disappointed to lose that community feeling and all that comes with casinos and its surroundings
 - There are casinos in Edmonton. If people want to go to a casino, it's not a long drive.
 - There are casinos in Edmonton. That is enough.
 - There are casinos in other communities close enough to Sherwood Park. A casino is not necessary
 - There are Casino's within a short distance so no need for any to be within the county.
 - There are enough around Edmonton
 - There are enough around we don't need one in Sherwood Park
 - There are enough casinos available in surrounding communities for Strathcona residents to attend. We do not need to attract that crowd into our community.
 - There are enough casinos in and around the city of Edmonton for anyone wishing to enjoy what one has to offer. The River Cree will be open 24/7 beginning December 1st, 2021 for those who feel the need to spend all their hard-earned cash gambling! Strathcona County does not need to lower itself to these standards for the sake of a few who wish to entertain themselves in this way!
 - There are enough Casinos in Edmonton, we don't need one in the county just to save a 5-minute drive. All it would do is decrease the value of the surrounding area.
 - There are enough casinos in Edmonton.
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- There are enough casinos in Edmonton. There is no need for them in Strathcona County.
 - There are enough casinos in Edmonton/area - I realize it is a money maker for various charities, however, I also believe it contributes to money problems for many individuals
 - There are enough casinos in near by communities to satisfy the gamblers. If Strathcona did build a casino, it would need to be a considerable distance away from any residential housing. Casinos draw in trouble. Our community does not need that headache
 - There are enough Casino's in the area within very close proximity of Strathcona County. As well there is also an overwhelming amount of On-line gambling options today. There is no requirement for a Casino in the Strathcona County area. There are close casinos to go to now within a reasonable travel distance.
 - There are enough casinos in the Edmonton area
 - There are enough casinos in the Edmonton area without having one here. The temptations to win money are great enough, I don't think we need to add more.
 - There are enough casinos in the Edmonton area. I would prefer gambling NOT happen in Strathcona County. Thanks for asking for public input.
 - There are enough Casinos in the Edmonton area. Not a great place for community values to take hold.
 - There are enough casinos in the greater Edmonton region. In fact, one casino is about 5 minutes away from Sherwood Park. The negative impact to our community is not worth it!
 - There are enough casinos in the surrounding area to cover those that gamble. Strathcona Country does NOT need one. What we do need is more shopping other than two dinky Walmarts half the size of the one 12 miles down the road in Fort Saskatchewan
 - There are enough casinos nearby
 - There are enough casinos nearby in the Edmonton area. Although some view casinos as entertainment, it has too many negative aspects. The county does not need the problems that will come with casinos.
 - There are enough casinos close to us in the city.
 - There are enough close by in Edmonton
 - There are enough in Edmonton and it find their presence lowers the health and safety of the neighborhood
 - There are enough in Edmonton within short driving distance for those who wish to access a casino. We do not need any here in Strathcona County.
 - There are enough in the city, no need to encourage transient people to our 'safe' community
 - There are enough in the surrounding area. They cause traffic congestion and rowdy behavior from some patrons. And seem to draw in various types of crime.
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- There are enough opportunities for gambling with VLTs, on line and casinos nearby in Edmonton.
 - There are enough organized crime people living and operating in Sherwood Park. Casinos in Alberta are well documented as places to launder money.
 - There are enough other casinos in the Edmonton area for those who think they need them. Strathcona doesn't need the related problems.
 - There are enough problems for families without adding debt and gambling addictions and possibly an increase in theft
 - there are enough problems with VLTs in Strathcona County, we do not need casinos too
 - There are enough struggles with addiction - alcohol, drugs, gambling, etc. Why enable people to further impact their lives in a negative way? There is nothing positive about this idea.
 - There are enough that are easily accessed.
 - There are far too many addictions out there already.
 - There are far too many casinos in the Edmonton and surrounding communities as it is. I do not see any advantage to any casino in Strathcona County
 - There are lots of casinos in Edmonton that are easy to get to. I like the family atmosphere in Sherwood Park and I like that there are few bars here.
 - There are lots of casinos in Edmonton, we do not need any in Strathcona County. Strathcona County is a family-oriented community and should remain as such.
 - There are lots of surrounding area casinos so not needed
 - There are many casinos in nearby Edmonton that people can access if they feel the need.
 - There are many casinos within a short distance of Strathcona County, for those interested in visiting. I would prefer for our community to stay casino free. Activities that occur at and around casinos can result in the overuse of alcohol and drugs and result in other illegal activities as a result, and I would prefer that those activities not be drawn to our community. I feel that permitting casinos in Strathcona County could decrease the safety of our community, which is one of the reasons I love living here!
 - There are many close options
 - There are many people who think they can get easy money to pay their debts, however often they are the ones who go deeper in the hole when they lose all the money they do have, in their pockets and even more.
 - There are more negative impacts of casinos than positive. The consequences can include financial losses, bankruptcy, losing a job, homelessness, mental health conditions and the breakdown of personal relationships. Let's keep casinos out of the county. We have plenty in the Edmonton area already.
 - There are more than enough casinos within a reasonable driving distance from Strathcona County for those who wish to attend a casino. The cost/benefit of a casino is 'too costly' with not much benefit. If we get one
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casino, why can't we have more? Another reason not to go down that road. Please do not even consider a casino for the County. Keep the County as it is now.

- There are much better ways for revenue than casinos. Casinos do so much more harm than good.
 - There are negative social and economic impacts if a casino is built - its not good for any community
 - There are numerous casinos available throughout the Capital region - we don't need anymore.
 - There are other ways for our community to generate extra revenue. Let's focus on supporting our small businesses that don't rely on the vulnerabilities of its community to be sustainable. If someone wants to gamble, there are many casinos in Edmonton that are easily accessible.
 - there are plenty Casinos within a short drive from the County. they would make no valuable contribution to our community. extra policing may be required at closing time.
 - There are plenty of casino options within a reasonable distance to Strathcona County. We can remain unique by being casino free.
 - There are plenty of casinos already operating in Edmonton and surrounding areas. The increase in traffic, noise, potential public nuisance and increased places to smoke would be detrimental to our county in my opinion. There are far healthier and more positive types of recreation that Strathcona County could pursue.
 - There are plenty of casinos around Sherwood Park that the public has access. By building a casino in Sherwood Pk would put a strain on our first responders as well as enhance gambling editions, an increase in drinking and the ripple effect would take a tow on families, our health care, etc.
 - There are plenty of casinos available in Edmonton. This not something we need here.
 - There are plenty of casinos close by in Edmonton, so it wouldn't be a necessity.
 - There are plenty of Casinos close enough to be supportive to those who prefer that type of outing.
 - There are plenty of Casinos in Edmonton
 - There are plenty of casinos in Edmonton that are not far away to get to
 - There are plenty of casinos in our area. We do not need one in our county
 - There are plenty of casinos in the area. There's no reason besides less travel to a casino in Edmonton.
 - There are plenty of casinos in the city
 - There are plenty of casinos in the City of Edmonton for people to go to. We don't need to add to the availability of casinos with people struggling with gambling addiction.
 - There are plenty of casinos in the region, No need to repeal the bylaw. The additional policing costs for the casino traffic are not needed.
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- There are plenty of casinos near to Strathcona County for those who wish to partake in gambling. It is not something our family-oriented county needs at this point in time. Even if it is only for consideration, I think we should avoid this type of activity as much as possible.
 - There are plenty of Casinos within a half hour drive from SP. No need to have them here.
 - There are plenty of casinos within a more than reasonable distance to Strathcona County. Keep the 'smaller' community feeling as long as possible. The influx of people from outside the community will not be of benefit in this situation. There are much better ways to attract patrons and gain quality exposure for Strathcona County.
 - There are plenty of casinos within driving distance from Sherwood Park. We do not need the demographics it brings to our county.
 - There are plenty of casinos within easy driving access to Sherwood Park. It would bring more crime and DUI's to the area.
 - There are plenty of opportunities for gambling on VLT's in the bars around the county and I for one do not consider gambling to be particularly desirable. Compulsive gamblers have ruined many families and making it easier for them isn't necessary. Those who for whatever reason 'need' to go to casinos can find plenty enough around.
 - There are plenty of places people can go to gamble if they wish. The county is a very family friendly place, don't ruin it.
 - There are plenty of small bars, restaurants and lounges that have VLT's in the county. VLT's do not provide the full casino experience but let small business have this income instead of concentrating it a large casino operation.
 - There are several already in the Edmonton area. We have gotten by just fine without them and we can carry on just as well without opening that door.
 - There are several casinos in Edmonton, for those interested.
 - there are too many folks struggling with debt and addictions already; please do not add to problems with a casino.
 - There are too many social costs associated with Casinos
 - There are too many casinos and VLTs already. I remember when there was a shooting and suspect was shot dead at St. Albert casino. With so many addiction problems, we don't need another casino.
 - There are too many people suffering from addiction in the County as it is. This is not just a 'tourism' venture. The presence of casinos can become nefarious and have no place in a County such as ours. There are already casinos within close proximity of the County. Please do not allow the bylaw to change. Thank you!
 - There are too many VLTs already
 - There are very few if any positives that come from Casinos, Sherwood Park has become what it is today which almost everyone agrees is a wonderful place to raise children and find a safe place to live. Can anyone believe that a casino would add to the Culture or safety of the community. Ask the RCMP if it would add to their work load!!!
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- There are VLTs in bars in Sherwood Park for those who want to gamble. This fact also supports the bar/restaurant as a business. A dedicated casino would have a significant negative impact on these businesses.
 - There enough casinos elsewhere, the county does not need one
 - There has not been a need for 20 years so why now. If people want to gamble, they can go to the city.
 - There is a casino 10 minuets away from Sherwood Park, in the Edmonton area casinos tend to degrade the area and not enhance them.
 - There is a casino 10 minutes away on Argyll Road. That would be the same distance from one side of Sherwood Park to the other. We don't need another casino in the vicinity.
 - There is a great social cost to casinos as seen with gambling addiction on the rise. 2. Also, there is a casino close by on Argyll Rd. so we do not really need one in this County. 3. Surely, we can find healthier, family-friendly ways to attract tourists to the County.
 - There is a very large casino just 10 km away. So, there should be NO need for one in Strathcona County
 - There is already a casino 10 minutes away from Sherwood Park, there is no need to allow one in the county. What's next? Nightclubs?
 - There is already a casino close by on Argyll, that should suffice. Don't want the extra crime and people around.
 - There is already an over-abundance of casinos in Edmonton and other areas close-by. Casinos create many social issues that are uncalled for in the County.
 - There is already so many people struggling with mental health, especially during COVID. Casinos would affect addictions, mental health, increase crime and would not have any lasting benefits for the economy or our community.
 - There is both pros and cons to a casino being built here. This is a way to being in revenue, help with sports organizations and others, and another form of entertainment. On the flip side, there maybe cause for concern for illegal activity happening there, addiction troubles, violence, etc. But at the end of the day, it is one's personal choice to enter this establishment and gamble, drink, eat, etc. If one does not like to partake, then they can just keep moving along. If they do want to have fun, welcome them in. We have more resources to help those who have addictions, and if they have the strong will power, this should not affect them. Because you know there will be people using this as a platform to squash this idea. I am all for a casino, it will definitely help the county, if its built right and ran wisely.
 - There is easy access to casinos in Edmonton.
 - There is enough casino around and enough hurting families. Please, no Casino in Strathcona County.
 - There is enough addiction problems and now online gambling is available so no need for more.
 - There is enough casinos close that we do not need it in Sherwood park. There can be more crime related to them
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- There is enough places for people to go to casinos in the area already. People already have addictions as it is.
 - there is enough tax base that casino \$\$ not needed. don't need the headaches that go with casino locations
 - There is enough VLT'S & Casinos close by as it is.
 - There is much more to a casino that the funds that not for profits receive and can never compare to the immense social impact to individuals and families. Our community demands the best, that does not include a casino!!
 - There is no benefit to having a casino that would ever outweigh the damaging community and family problems that stem from gambling addictions. Addictions that are ignited by casinos. It's not worth it, please don't allow them.
 - There is no good reason to have a casino in Strathcona County.
 - There is NO good reason to open the door to this. Morals are worth more than money and I hope that's not what this is all about; money. That would be a disgrace and I would leave the county immediately if this passes to Potentially allow casinos in
 - There is no need for a full-fledged casino anywhere in the county. People can go to Edmonton or surrounding area if that's what they want to do.
 - There is no need for casinos in Strathcona County. There are many problems that go along with casino operations (i.e. increased crime, addictions, etc.). There are more than enough casinos very nearby in Edmonton. We do not need casinos in Strathcona County.
 - There is NO need for casinos to be built in Strathcona County. Gambling has ruined many families, Strathcona County is a family community let's keep it that way. Within 20 minutes from Sherwood Park there are 2 casinos.... That's keep it that way!!
 - There is no need for Casinos to be in the county. There are more than enough casinos in the greater Edmonton area to satisfy those looking to gamble. Also AGLC is starting to approve online gambling as well.
 - There is no need for one in Sherwood Park, as there is one close to the end of the Sherwood Park Freeway. approx 15 min drive.
 - There is no need for them at this point. Maybe some time in the future, but we have enough issues to deal with.
 - There is no need to introduce the residents of Strathcona County to a Casino. Casino visits can cause damage to families, as it can become most addictive with loss of money, its quick and simple. We don't need any more family problems than we already have. The best of people can make this a regular place, unfortunately.
 - There is no place for a casino in Sherwood Park. Our community is quiet and does not need one.
 - There is no place for casinos in Strathcona County, there are plenty around if people need to throw there money around rather than spend it in more useful areas and help the unfortunate
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- There is no place for them. It will create hang outs for younger members of the community. Gambling should not be encouraged. It will also cheapen the community.
 - There is no reason for the type of industry or entertainment in our county. The county would be better served to invest in a vocational training, high tech or community service that builds up residents rather than one that impoverished them.
 - There is no reason whatsoever for Strathcona County to allow casinos. No benefits lots of downside
 - There is no room for them in a family community like Strathcona County.
 - There is NO WAY we need casinos in this county!!!! There are enough of them in the regional area for those people that frequent them to get to. DO NOT, I REPEAT, DO NOT RUIN THIS COMMUNITY WITH CASINOS!!!!!!
 - There is one 5 minutes away on Argyle, we don't need one here. Please keep our community as is.
 - There is one on the Fort Road and one on Argyll.
 - There is only one pro - property tax. It does not outweigh any of the cons. It would bring no value to the county of Strathcona whatsoever!! it would bring with it more problems than you could imagine. It does not support the surrounding businesses, as the concept is to keep the patrons in the Casino for their whole visit.
 - There is plenty casinos in Edmonton making it unnecessarily
 - There is plenty of opportunity for compulsive gamblers to get their fix at the VLT slots available everywhere
 - There is such a problem with people with gambling problems ending up with nothing when they pass away. We do not need to encourage gambling. There are too many VLT's already without casinos.
 - There are too many existing gambling opportunities without the casino
 - There is zero benefit to having a casino in Strathcona County.
 - There must be other businesses we can attract that don't come with social problems that the county will need to fund to remedy
 - There should be just 1 not a bunch like the hotels that keep popping up in the county
 - There's a casino on Argyle which is very close. We don't need a casino in Sherwood Park to contribute to the negative behaviors.
 - There's no need unless the casino directly benefits all residents to offset the residential taxes and reduce them for Strathcona County citizens.
 - there's plenty of casino options around for people to part with their money
 - There's plenty of casinos elsewhere near here.
 - There's plenty of casinos in the Edmonton area already.
 - There's too high a cost socially and financially. Also, as seen in situation in BC, extremely hard to keep the criminal element out of it.
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- These are hard time and I don't think we need to add to gambling issues and draw in the types of people who would utilize a facility like a casino.
 - these facilities do not add value to our community or its members - nor do they support the quality of life we have grown to enjoy.
 - They are a detriment to people who really can't afford to the addiction of gambling
 - They are parasitic to anyone who may tend toward a gambling addiction. If constituents have to go further to gamble, they may go less often.
 - They are proven to cause many people to become hooked and gambling which is a burden on all of us as well. You bring in many people who do nothing to add value to the community merely add unnecessary traffic and likely some crime
 - They are trouble and attract often troubles ppl. There is plenty in the city we don't need one here.
 - They attract trouble, feed addiction and will make it easier for locals to access who already struggle with that.
 - They bring in trouble makers and ladies of the night. Not a community based minded business. There are casinos close enough in the city we do not need our own.
 - They bring more traffic, transient visitors and add nothing to the community. There are plenty of casinos within a short driving distance that residents and non-profit fundraisers can access.
 - They bring with them folks down on their luck or who have serious gambling addictions who don't amble responsibly". Usually, drugs and alcohol involved with these folks as well which we don't need in our County."
 - They change the location they are located. They bring in more crime and drunken disorderly behaviour
 - They do not benefit the county and attract criminal activities
 - They do not need to be brought into the county. Find other healthier recreation activities that create sense of belonging and positive contributions to the community. Casinos do not develop a sense of a safe and caring community which Sherwood Park and Strathcona County currently pride themselves on.
 - They don't belong in the county. There are plenty casinos in Edmonton we do not need any in Sherwood Park.
 - They don't have a place in Strathcona County.
 - They fuel addiction and attract criminal activity we do not need casinos here people can go to the city
 - They provide no real benefit to the community
 - They shouldn't be allowed in Strathcona County. If people want to gamble, they can go to Edmonton or somewhere else. We don't need more things to enable addictions in the county.
 - They take advantage of vulnerable people, that can become addicted and harm themselves and their families.
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- They will do more harm than good.
 - They would not bring any good to our community.
 - this bylaw was already presented and passed years ago along with the wording at the time that if passed it could NOT be revisited. It's time to stand firm in our beliefs & stop caving into the 'we need to change everything' culture. Stage west Hospitality despite their pitch main concern is their monetary gains and not what is best for the population of Strathcona County. This survey also needs to be put out there for the general public who have no access to computers nor social media.
 - This family friendly community does have a need for a gambling establishment at this time.
 - This is a beautiful community with a small-town comfort. A casino would totally change that. No, a casino does not belong here.
 - This is a family community and casinos are not required. This is not a 24hr town.
 - this is a family community, with good values. Casinos tend to attract the wrong crowd and gambling addiction destroys families, which casinos make it easier to support addictions especially when they are in the community
 - This is a family community. Casinos are not intrinsically a family activity. Our community is about healthy recreation geared to families. Although I do not have anything against a person going to a casino, it's not the kind of activity that belongs in a community geared to family life.
 - This is a family community. We don't want the influence of what can be brought into our community!!
 - This is a family-oriented community and casinos have NO place here.
 - This is a family-oriented community. Casinos potentially bring problems with them such as addiction and theft to feed that addiction. The 2 don't mix.
 - This is a family-oriented community distinct from Edmonton. If people want that sort of thing, Surely they can drive into Edmonton for that.
 - This is not an entity that belongs in a family community.
 - This is not the best way to generate thoughtful discussion on the issues of casino in Strathcona County.
 - This is still a family-based community and we do not need the grief, corruption, and poverty that casinos produce.
 - This is why we live here, to not be near these particular destructive facilities. Who comes up with these ideas? Councillors backed by developers? Absolutely not please.
 - 'This makes me wonder what council members have to gain by floating this question. Unfortunately, I'm not confident that council is being completely forthright and wonder what special Interest is being catered to. Sherwood Park is not a metropolis, it's a community for the people who reside here. Casinos are not a community service or benefit.
 - This should have been a question asked of the council candidates
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- This should not be allowed; it is addictive and brings the wrong values and goes against the mage and culture that the county has maintained for a long time. It's what draws people here. Not every community needs a casino.
 - This was brought up before. Kids are left alone to wander while parents' gamble. Increase risk to children and also can contribute to increased vandalism and crime.
 - This was once a family friendly community. Now it's ridden with crime. Alcohol and weed sold on every corner. We don't need a casino and its trash here too.
 - This would allow more individuals from all over into our community. The casinos usually bring about a poorer demographic, at this time I don't think a casino is helping the individual at all.
 - Though I am very much against casinos operating in SC, if they were permitted, I would hope revenues would be used to offset residential property tax assessments.
 - To be frank, the homeless population has been growing considerably in Sherwood Park. It's very noticeable, and there are lots of people coming from Edmonton. We don't even have the necessary supports for homelessness here, and I feel bringing a casino in may exacerbate the problem. Not only did we have the strip mall fire, but we have pan handlers on many corners now. Yes, I know pan handling is not illegal. But why are we considering bringing casinos in when there is a link between gambling and homelessness? Strathcona County needs to be prepared for the homeless population it has now, and the assured increase casinos would bring in. Beyond the facts of homelessness and casinos, it is disgusting to see that massive abomination of a house on highway 14 knowing it was built on the foundation of addiction. We need to put forward developments that benefit the community more, not something that will bring issues that need to be addressed.
 - To me having worked as volunteer, many of the clientele seem to not the type of people we should be encouraging to be congregating in one place in the county.
 - Too addictive. Takes money away from needy families
 - Too many close. It's not needed.
 - Too many people have issues re gambling, do not add to temptation having a casino in the County! There are casinos very handy to Sherwood Park that people can travel to.
 - Too many people have their lives ruined by not knowing or not admitting they have an addictive personality. This generates unhealthy families that lead to destabilized communities. We'll just end up spending tax dollars trying to repair the damage that allowing casinos into the community will cause.
 - Too many undesirable issues come along with casinos. Hard NO.
 - Too much traffic late at night no matter where it is located.
 - Totally against casinos in Sherwood Park
 - Unless all the funds went to non-profit groups in the county
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- Unless we can easily and promptly provide the necessary addiction services and security services required when Casinos are present in a community, we should NEVER EVER allow them. NEVER!
 - unnecessary
 - VERY STRONGLY do not feel they should be here!!!!
 - VLT's as well as gambling tables, etc. have no place in a family-oriented community as money lost and therefore wasted by individuals is money taken away from children.
 - We addressed this question many years ago. Strathcona County is a family-oriented community that is designed to ensure a sense of community and trust. The development of a casino in our community will change the nature of our rural/urban balance unnecessarily.
 - we all drive to Edmonton to play...lets keep it here
 - We already have VLTs. Having a casino does not put money back into the hands of residents. It may help to fund programs and perhaps some services but it will not meet the needs of the majority.
 - We also don't need anymore liquor or weed shops!
 - We are a bedroom community, and do not want the transient population, even if that means more 'tourism dollars'; nor do we want to shift the culture of our town from family-oriented to hosting gambling events. I do not enjoy the gambling vibe of the River Cree - why bring it to Sherwood Park?
Sincerely,
 - We are a very family-based community and I think this might cause problems. Increase gambling problems, increase intoxicated persons within the area late at night.
 - We are already dealing with far to many additions and poverty problems, why would the County even consider adding more avenues where people can lose money close to home. If it is to generate revenue for the County then I am really upset that the County is stepping this low. On one hand council wants to add more addition counselors (gambling is a major addiction for some) on the other hand you add more temptations.
 - We are already taxpayers, who support many recreational venues. I do not want to support any casino project that may need indirect County support, now or in future. I don't like the business, I don't want it supported by any by-law change. I don't believe that it will not become infected by criminality, nor do I want to support ANY casino activity that further encourages by its accessibility, damage to family strength through uncontrolled gambling, neglect of parental support or increase on family stressors. NO. Sports and culture need to rely on user fee or tax support.
 - We are close enough to Edmonton for those who wish to gamble. There is already a traffic problem in Sherwood Park and a casino would add to it. Also, bad influence on the younger generation.
 - We are close enough to the city where many other casinos are. I loved to SP because it has the small-town feel. I don't want one built here
 - We are not a large city. I think a casino wouldn't be disruptive and possibly encourage more gamblers and drunk drivers all hours
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- We are so close to the Argyll casino that we do not need one here. We have bars with VLT's. Let's not glamorize the reality that gambling is a waste of money and highly addictive. I would not support my child seeing a casino in our daily travels in our county.
 - we are within 15-20 minutes away from 2 casinos in Edmonton. We do not need one here.
 - We do not believe in gambling. It is a huge problem for some people. we had a friend who committed suicide because he lost EVERYTHING because of his gambling.
 - We do not have a need as there are many facilities in easy access to the county.
 - We do not need a casino here. There are a number of casinos in Edmonton within a short driving distance for those people in Strathcona County who wish to visit one
 - We do not need a casino in Sherwood Park. Let's keep our community family friendly.
 - We do not need a casino in the Sherwood Park Area. It does nothing but encourage crime where ever this casino ends up being. Nobody wants this casino anywhere near their place of residence. It means increased criminal behavior, increased addictions, increased policing, increased garbage, and increased mental health issues. Furthermore, even though I'm not a farmer, it will eat up valuable agricultural land we cannot afford to lose. Leave these places in Edmonton where they belong.
 - We do not need a casino, there is plenty in Edmonton.
 - We do not need a casino. They bring no benefit to the community. I'd rather see more recreational spaces specifically for youth. There is barely any places for youth to go and hang out especially at night. There are lots of close casinos in surrounding areas if people really need one.
 - We do not need 'a place to gamble' in this community. There are enough things going on to make our safe community 'not safe' anymore! Furthermore, there already is a Casino on Argyll Rd. which is close enough if people feel the need to gamble!!!
 - We do not need casinos in our county.
 - We do not need more traffic or the petty crime that will surely increase to feed gambling addictions.
 - We do not need or want additional avenues for gambling addiction, drugs, money laundering and foreign interference in our county. It is bad enough that our provincial government is peddling gambling in its TV ads.
 - We do not need or want casinos in Sherwood Park! It would bring more drugs and crime and transients to the Park No Thank You!!!
 - We do not need this kind of thing in our county.
 - We do not need to encourage additions for the sake of making tax dollars. There are plenty of casinos around now.
 - We do not need to encourage anymore gambling AND we definitely do not need more traffic out here. I am sick and tired of people using Glenbrook Blvd
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as a short cut to Baseline Road. It is constant vehicles and definitely not safe for anyone to cross, let alone kids. As for the speed limit, there isn't one. THE POLICE sit across the street in full view of anyone coming down the street and definitely DO NOT WRITE ANY TICKETS.

- We do not need to encourage elements that have proven addiction and criminal issues.
 - We do not need to promote addictions in our county. Poor business if we have to rely on these types of facilities in the county.
 - we do not want casino in Sherwood Park or Strathcona County
 - We do not want to expose our young minds to this addictive past time and we don't want the clientele that it attracts coming from other communities that to gamble in the county. Let's build more to support the arts and athletics, make our natural spaces more accessible and intriguing and improve our citizens quality of life by encouraging them to do things that will expand their mind and strengthen their bodies. Healthy, happy, strong citizens makes for a better future for the county. Casinos only bring addiction, poverty and desperation. If we want more people coming to the county let's draw them in with the good not the underside.
 - We don't have the money now to cover all the needs for alcohol and drug costs and harms in our community. We certainly don't need a gambling deficit created too. Not having casinos is a protective factor at a policy level. You would be well advised to keep.
 - We don't need a casino in Sherwood Park.
 - We don't need a casino, I'm sure we would have the traffic for one, but we don't need that kind of nuisance in our area.
 - We don't need a casino. It raises crime rates and is an addiction. Why would we want our families and community exposed to this?
 - We don't need any more gambling - people struggle these days with addiction a lot, we don't need add another one children are paying the price for it makes me mad to think about it to change the bylaw
 - We don't need casinos in Sherwood Park. We already have lots of VLTs and casinos close to Sherwood Park. We also have enough drinking establishments as well. So it's not needed now or ever.
 - We don't need casinos.
 - We don't need casinos. They are not productive or beneficial to anyone's life but rather they can perpetuate existing struggles that residents in our community may have and can cause more issues. Just because they 'make money' doesn't mean it's a good option.
 - We don't need more crime and criminal elements in our community.
 - We don't need one here. There's a casino 10 minutes down the freeway! People have enough problem with gambling issues without putting one in their backyard
 - We don't need one, Argyll Casino is right there
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- We don't need outsiders coming here to play in a casino. It's a bedroom community with a lot of youth. Please don't add to the problems the world is already in.
 - We don't need the extra revenue -it's not worth the crime
 - We don't need the people a casino attracts in our community. Causing more addiction in our community with drinking and gambling.
 - We don't need the traffic and also it is an obstacle for people dealing with addiction to gambling.
 - We don't need them. Gambling is addictive and causes so many families' harm. We have enough casinos in Edmonton already and don't need anymore
 - We don't want all of the inherent problems that come with casinos.
 - We don't want to encourage to more gambling Edmonton have a lot of problems with crowd over there so don't bring trouble to the county
 - We feel very strongly that casinos should not be allowed in Strathcona County. Our community is very family-oriented and we wish to have it remain that way.
 - We have a beautiful, and safe community. It has been a wonderful place for us to raise our family. Our children were able to participate fully in sports without any casino related funding. We see no place for casinos and family-oriented communities.
 - We have a wonderful county and casinos will degrade the quality of how amazing it is. It is not necessary to have them when the city of Edmonton and a number of them within very close driving distances for the people that would like to go to them.
 - We have Edmonton to gamble, we should keep Sherwood Park a family hamlet, more children, parents and grandparents live in Sherwood Park when more adults who use casinos live in Edmonton, and Edmonton isn't to far away
 - We have enough addiction in the county, we do not need to add another trigger point.
 - We have enough areas that our money is thrown at, I don't see any reason for a casino to be put up in Sherwood Park, other than to be an eyesore and another cause for issue later down the road.
 - We have enough casinos in the region. Included are those in Edmonton, St. Albert, Century Mile at the airport, as well as on the reserve west of Edmonton. Gambling is an addiction and we do not need to compound that problem by allowing us to even consider repealing this bylaw
 - We have enough casinos surrounding us.
 - We have enough issues with addictions in the county. There are casinos close enough for residents to access.
 - We have enough issues with home invasions, vehicle break-ins and other criminal activities that we don't need to add anything negative that casinos may bring into the mix. There are casinos close by in Edmonton. I believe
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- casinos lead to problem drinking and uncontrolled gambling and will attract more unsavoury people to our community. My vote is leaving the bylaw as is!
- We have enough liquor stores and cannabis stores, no more support for addictions that just destroys families and the economy
 - We have enough opportunities to tempt people into addictions (i.e., gambling) There are lotteries and casinos in Edmonton for those that want the and VLT's here so casinos are not needed. Being closer at hand would be a challenge for the youth.
 - We have multiple casinos in Edmonton which is a short drive. Let's leave them there.
 - We need to consider what is good for people instead of greed on both the part of the county and the individual. We already have lots of things that are destroying peoples lives and families, such as smoking, alcohol and cannabis stores in abundance and now online betting in the form of sports and casino gaming. Please be promoting good things instead of adding now adding a brick-and-mortar casino. Which I am sure will increase crime as well
 - We need to develop alternate forms of fund raising so that people aren't pressured to support an activity that encourages addictions and financial issues to develop. Casinos are also used by crime to money launder. We don't need that here.
 - We need to focus more on mental health, not saving a few dollars in taxes. They are more important problems out there that building a casino.
 - We neither need nor want casinos in Strathcona County
 - We pay more to live in Sherwood Park because it is a family first community. Opening casinos, strip clubs, night clubs is heading in the wrong direction.
 - We picked Sherwood Park based on things such as not having bars and casinos. Please keep it safe and clean the way it is!
 - We solved this problem years ago. Why are you plaguing us AGAIN with this?! I am not happy about your insistence to deteriorate our community and county. Casinos are exploitive and money grabbing. NO! NO! and always NO casinos in or near Strathcona County
 - We still feel like a safe small town. I'd like it to stay that way.
 - We surrounded by casinos don't need them here!
 - We would like to know interest in casinos recently? By who? Developers? We feel casinos aren't a good fit in Strathcona County (we're not opposed to them) as casinos in Edmonton are close by and we can maintain additional green space for the growing number of people moving here
 - We've been through all this before, moons ago. I guess we'll better understand how many councillors got elected to push this through. Maybe they intend to attach it to the Ag Center?
 - What is the point? There are a number of casinos in Edmonton and region so why have any in Strathcona County?
 - When looking at the history of casinos in the Edmonton area, we can see several cultural issues that arise from them which have a negative impact on communities. They are generally not sustainable - there is high employee and
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lease turnover, resulting in additional social supports being needed for individuals, and additional vacant spaces in the buildings. They breed several addictions and ruin families. Casinos are generally built with some kind of municipal partnership, and often leave the partner supporting the business. I'm sure Strathcona County tax payers aren't interested in having taxes go toward any floundering businesses. There's nothing positive about them, and there is one in Argyll, 10 minutes down the road. People who want to gamble can go there. The additional need for police forces, and all support services involved in rising crime rates would need to be called in. They're very flashy to begin with and will deteriorate into a gross, abandoned parking lot with burned out signs and crumble of walls - just like Baccarat did. No thanks.

- Where? Taxes? Promotes addiction.
 - While casinos may be viewed as a benefit to the county, both in entertainment and tax revenue, the long-term negative effects far outweigh any benefit. We are in a mental health crisis currently, and the county needs to be ready to help our citizens both now and in the years to come. The effects of COVID on mental health will be felt for years to come. Couple that with Bremner, the ag Center and other large developments, I ask the council to take a long term, citizen focused view regarding casinos. We need to be visionary in our leadership, thinking outside the box at new revenue streams and helping local businesses thrive.
 - While the revenue would seem to be a good thing, the downsides are too many. My biggest concern would be an increase of daytime drinking that accompanies casinos, as they are normally operating during daytime hours as well as evening. There's also the issue that casinos tend to draw the less financially stable population, which would be detrimental to the wellbeing of our community. Casinos just wouldn't fit in a community like Sherwood Park, unless the aim is to make the citizens poorer.
 - While there are tax benefits to Strathcona County, the bulk of Casino profits leave the area. Some people enjoy gambling as entertainment and participate sensibly. However, for a number of people it is an addiction with financial and family problems. Such addictions should not be encouraged in Strathcona County. Our society has enough problems without adding to the list.
 - While they help charities with fund raising it is to the detriment of the gambler's families. There are other beneficial ways of fundraising than gambling.
 - why are we giving all our money to Edmonton we like to gamble, I know one of the reasons it didn't go threw was they thought it would bring in more crime. get real we aren't saints in the county crime is everywhere.
 - Why bring casino to our nice quiet community. Leave them in Edmonton!
 - Why would the County promote gambling, and gambling addictions?
 - Why would we allow they in??????
 - Why would we make it easier to develop and sustain gambling addictions which result in people losing their homes?
 - Why would we need a casino? There are so many casinos in Edmonton. Let's keep Sherwood Park the small community we know and love.
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- Why would we want to promote an addiction which tears families apart and puts community members at risk? Some will say that individuals will find a place to go anyways and we should take advantage of the revenue stream. That is a poor example of protecting your community members. We should not be that desperate to find ways of using vulnerable individuals to support the revenue stream for Strathcona County.
 - Why? Curious as to why we would need or want one.
 - Will bring in crime, drugs, and take away from what little police presence is available to rural residents. Not about to encourage another incident like at the St. Albert casino.
 - Will bring too many people from outside the county into the area at late hrs. Does not belong in a family community.
 - Will just cause trouble.
 - With a casino already being on Argyll Rd at 71 St in Edmonton, anyone in the county who wishes to partake in some casino action, can make that 15-minute drive from Sherwood Park's Western edge. There is no gaming need to have one in the county with all the assorted baggage that comes with it. From a county income position, is that who we are? No, we are Heartland based?
 - With all the wellness initiatives put forth by the county I feel having a casino contradicts those messages. I know they can be fun but for some people they ruin lives and break families apart.
 - With Casinos comes other problems. Crime increases. People get into debt. Mental health issues when people have gambling problem. We are going through mental health issues with COVID let's not add to this
 - Within Sherwood Park I would be concerned about surrounding property values decreasing. If approval was given for a more rural site, I would be concerned about an increase in crime especially given the number of acreage developments surrounding Sherwood Park.
 - Worries about possible increase in crime, traffic issues
 - Would love to keep our county casino FREE
 - Would need a much higher police presence.
 - Yes. Times have changed over the last 20 years. Casino cooks be if it many of the organizations and clubs in and around Sherwood Park and be a great venue for casino night fundraisers
 - You want to bring in a casino because you are money hungry and don't care about the family.
 - There's much more important things that could go up in Strathcona County than a casino. So, no there should not be. There are plenty in Edmonton
 - Yes, keep them out. In all of the county. The social, policing and addiction problems aren't needed here.
 - People can drive into Edmonton for that, we don't need them here.
 - Not near schools. Traffic will increase. Crime increase? Homeless increase?
 - Increases crime
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- No casino please I like that we are still a quiet family atmosphere.
- We do not need a casino in the county. The harm outweighs the benefit to a very few. Anyone who needs to gamble can access the facilities in the city
- We have a quiet community, we don't need the hassle of what a casino would bring and the noise and people outside our community that would come here

APPENDIX B: COMMENTS FROM THOSE WHO SAID "NO" (SOME LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTY COULD BE CONSIDERED)

- is good for business and jobs. Will bring lots of people from rural to do shopping, stay in hotels, bus to tours to hotels etc.
 - It would create hundreds of jobs
 - Strathcona residents go to the casinos in Edmonton or play lottery machines in bars. It would be nice to have a casino in the county
 - VLT's in the County so why not Casino. It would keep the money in our community, jobs and helps out Charities where VLT's do not help Charities. Definite yes!!!
 - Appropriate parking. Increased revenue for voluntary community groups and organizations. Adequate monitoring and enforcement. Least disruption for residents who may live near site. Transparency and reporting of casino activity
 - 1 casino, not many :)
 - 1 Max
 - 1 would be good, any more and it would start to be an issue
 - Would it allow local non profits to access another funding source. I don't think it will tarnish the community, and it would keep more money in the county
 - A bingo hall would be welcome alongside a casino!! The communities would all benefit from it.
 - A casino along with an entertainment venue, such as a comedy club along with live entertainment and dance floor would be a great addition to a casino in the park.
 - A casino and horse race track would be ideal. The track at the airport is very poorly laid out for patrons.
 - A casino and resort type facility in Sherwood Park could bring entertainment and tourism dollars, similar to the River Cree.
 - A casino brings in monies to the county, it would benefit community support for community activities.
 - A casino could help attract more people to Strathcona County
 - A casino could provide an additional source of revenue for the County provided it is not located in or near a residential area.
 - A casino in our County will create jobs for those have difficulty traveling into Edmonton for work.
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- A casino in Strathcona County would be fantastic for non profit groups for fundraising opportunities
 - A casino should be considered as an anchor for a destination development in the county. With the plan to build a large field house, the location of this field house and casino should be done in conjunction. Areas near hotels should be considered to build a 'destination' in Sherwood Park that can hold large events, tournaments, etc.
 - A casino will bring in employment opportunities, within various phases from the build to opening!
 - A casino with a titty bar!!!
 - A casino within the county would provide a great opportunity for people to socialize. Put a music venue in it as well as another chance for people to enjoy live music.
 - A casino would be a great addition to the community
 - A casino would be a great addition to the community due to the jobs it will create, the money it will generate for the county, the government, and not-for profits, and the recreation opportunities it will provide. Ethically, I believe allowing a casino in the community is fine. Casino's have self-exclusion programs and resources for anyone that may have developed an issue. Similar to alcohol, casinos are something that has been deemed fit for society, and leaving money on the table for another community to collect simply makes no sense.
 - A casino would be a major employer for the area as well as a tax contributor
 - A CASINO WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT ADDITION TO OUR COUNTY.
 - A casino would be another attraction towards making Sherwood Park a local tourist destination in combination with the proposed multipurpose ag facility. It would add more entertainment and dining options and provide more employment opportunities.
 - A casino would be good for the local economy and tax revenues
 - A casino would be more useful to more county residents than the AMPF, which needs to be cancelled.
 - A casino would be ok as a standalone business in the right location, perhaps out in Emerald Hills near the hotels. A casino should not be near any of our recreation facilities or schools.
 - A casino would be very popular. It's nice to have activities in the Park.
 - A casino would bring jobs and entertainment to the county rather than having county residents travel to the city.
 - A casino would bring money into Strathcona County. It would be great to have a local place where groups are able to fundraise instead of having to travel to Camrose. We have a much larger population than Camrose - this city has had a casino for a number of years.
 - A casino would bring revenue to the County and surrounding businesses. As long as the development is in an appropriate area that does not impact residential neighborhoods.
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- A casino would help bring in people to our area. A casino would help raise money for sports teams, repair roads, help bring in revenue to the county. I would enjoy not having to travel into the city to go to a casino.
 - A casino would negatively impact the over all family friendly atmosphere of Strathcona County. The county is also not set up to handle the potential increase in addictions/mental health and crime that tend to follow casinos into their surrounding communities. However, Strathcona County could use some more elder friendly spaces like a bingo hall so that older residents don't have to travel so far to participate in a social activity that also increases cognitive functioning and resilience.
 - A casino/entertainment complex would be a great addition. But not a vlt hall. A casino with table games, lounges and possibly a sports facility. The saint Albert Casino should be a case study of what not to do.
 - A great way to generate revenue and host fundraising events.
 - A high end casino hotel complex in conjunction with Festival would help create an entertainment district in a dead location
 - A large scale first class casino with high end hotel attached in the vicinity of Sherwood Dr. and Hwy 16 would be a significant tourist attraction and local economic contributor.
 - A location for a casino would have to be strategically identified. Ensuring quick and easy access to the facility, but also not to hinder or disturb any local households. Emerald drive would be a option to have it located in a business complex, but must ensure it is positioned a fair distance away from the community.
 - A lot of employment opportunities for people who have been struggling. Possibility of a live entertainment venue which would be nice.
 - A lot of public consultation would need to be done with the addition of a casino in the county. While I am not against a casino, it would need to be zoned appropriately.
 - A lot of residents travel to Edmonton to casinos. We should be able to support one here
 - A percentage of revenues need to go back into community groups as one of their sources of fundraising
 - A single location within the community could be planned for the benefits would include; reduction in commuting for residents who do use casinos, better opportunities for social and non-profit organizations to work the casino to raise funds that assist the community
 - About time. Our non-profits can use it.
 - Absolutely need casinos in Sherwood Park
 - Additional revenue for recreational programs.
 - Adds to the economy. Pe pole are driving out to casinos so why not have one here. The eating and entertainment are a great service for us
 - after government has completely trashed our economy and lives with the retarded covid restrictions, we need something
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- All depends on location and who would run it.
 - ALL LEGAL SOURCES OF TAX MONEY SHOULD BE ACCEPTED
 - All registered charities in our region have to travel to Camrose for casino fundraising opportunities to receive a fraction of the monies that Edmonton casinos provide. Maybe AGLC needs to have a better distribution system in place. A local place would make it more fair possibly.
 - All the casino's, City and St. Albert/Strathcona County should be included in the pool for all non-profit organizations to draw from. Unless that has already changed and County organizations can already draw from casino's other than just St. Albert.
 - Allow a casino in the industrial, business districts only. Ie: auto mall road area, north of Hwy 16 industrial area. Not in shopping center, stores, or hotels, near residential or schools.
 - Allowing a casino would allow our schools and other non-profits to have a bigger casino pool and be able to have a fundraiser sooner than every three years. We would also not have to drive all the way to Camrose for these fundraisers! This would help our community money stay in our community! Make it a large venue like the River Cree with high class dining, live events, etc. a destination for a date night! Not just for gambling. This could be a great addition to our growing community and fantastic for our non-profit groups.
 - Allowing for a casino in the appropriate location will provide benefits for local non-profit organizations, as well as increased tourism and benefits to local businesses.
 - Allowing resort style casinos would be great for entertainment and tourism, keeping economic dollars within the county and providing big city amenities to residents and guests
 - Allows us to further diversify the economy plus the revenue would be great. Think of all the county residents that go to Edmonton casinos. We could keep that in the county.
 - Already go to Edmonton casinos county is losing tax revenue by blocking casinos being built in the county.
 - Already too many casinos in the greater Edmonton area. No need for it in a family focused community.
 - Always is good for the county to diversify employment opportunities beyond our usual oil and gas support
 - An area like Emerald hills near the hotels would be great. Prefer not in a residential area. A location near the yellowhead would keep the incoming visitors out of residential areas.
 - Another choice for folks to enjoy if there's enough interest.
 - Another opportunity for our not for profits to get funding thru the volunteer program in casinos, also a new tax revenue for the county, casinos are also entertainment venues for live music adding to the opportunities for local artists to get bookings.
 - Any form of entertainment, especially a dinner theatre, would be appreciated!
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- Any new job opportunities for county residents would be a welcome improvement.
 - Any one who is going to gamble will find a place. It is a short drive to east Edmonton. Be safer for clients and keeps the \$\$ in the community to have a casino in the County.
 - Anything to bring more jobs and people to the county is a good thing. A casino would only encourage people from the greater Edmonton area to come to the county and patronize the local businesses.
 - Anything to reduce taxes and create jobs!
 - appropriately situated and well-taxed (read no tax breaks), they could end up being a boon for the county - providing local job opportunities and tax benefits. if properly done, could also contribute to the counties ability to host smaller concerts and entertainment acts. I would like to see a corresponding interest in addiction counselling fostered by the county.
 - As a 23 year old I would love to have a casino locally for nights out with friends and family instead of having to travel into the city!
 - As a growing community we might as well embrace a casino too.
 - As an active gambler I would rather my casino tax dollars stay in this county rather than go to Edmonton
 - As far as location I think that it should be close to Highway 16 so that it has easy access for people based outside of Strathcona County. Emerald Hills seems to be a good location.
 - As indicated in the preamble, Strathcona County has changed. It's time to modernize thinking and provide this type of venue in Sherwood Park. It would be great for non-profit organizations and charities to be able to access gaming proceeds from their own community.
 - As long as it is a classy facility that incorporates dining, entertainment, event space etc. (similar to River Cree). But I would not be in favour of a trashy casino like the one of Argyll Road.
 - As long as it is nowhere near residential properties
 - As long as it's on a location away from residential homes I'm ok with it.
 - As long as revenue was funneled back into the community and jobs were offered first to people in the community... If it has to be a first Nation casino my answer changes back to no....
 - As long as the casino is built far enough away from residential, I'm all for it. Close to highway 16
 - As long as the casino is not in a residential area, or close to residential areas
 - As long as the casinos to continue to support money flowing to the non-for-profit sector as has been done in the past, I am in favor.
 - As long as the Development Authority follows the land use bylaws set in place there may be a place for a casino in the county. It must be in a respectful place for all residents and not inter fear with anyone's life.
 - As long as the late night traffic/activity is not disruptive to our residential areas, I don't see anything but advantages. Particularly in the area of local
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- service offerings. Sherwood Park needs some fine dining and night life options! Joey's, albeit a fine establishment, is not fine dining ☹️
- As long as the zoning does NOT allow a casino to be built in a residential area, I have no issues with it.
 - As long as there are direct community benefits such as revenue sharing with charities, sports teams and other social campaigns then I'm all for casinos. Restricting legal businesses because of some people's morality is not right
 - As long as there is the ability for organizations to work and create revenue for their cause. It would be helpful
 - As long as there was thorough consultation with the community prior to approving (or denying) a casino build, there should be no issue.
 - As long as they are away from schools and neighborhoods, there are transit options so there isn't an increase in drunk driving, I'd be ok with a casino developed off of the Highway
 - As long as they are not near a neighborhood.
 - As part of a recreation and entertainment complex. Comparable to River Cree and easily accessible to public transportation (cabs, Uber. Etc)
 - As someone who was born and raised in Sherwood Park and has chosen to raise my family here, I appreciate the vote and decision made in 2001. Our community has not lacked anything or missed out on anything by not having a casino here. We are located close enough to other options if someone wanted to have that experience. I believe besides the convenience for sports teams that may choose to work a casino for a fundraiser, the negative impact a casino would have on our community such as those who struggle with gambling addictions, or personal financial loss, now have the convenience of it here. Our youth will have it easier to go hang out in Casinos and sadly I believe depression would go up in our community for those already struggling and who may go to a casino just to get out of the house and have somewhere else to go. I have yet to hear of a community be grateful for having a casino. Please vote No.
 - As Strathcona County continues to grow. I feel it's inevitable that gambling establishments will enter our community. If we do it right there can be many advantages to having a casino in the county.
 - As you're getting older and need someone to drive you most places, especially into Edmonton area, it would be very nice to have one in Sherwood Park. Many people enjoy it as just a bit of entertainment and a nice place to eat. Thanks
 - Away from any public recreation facilities/schools (Millenium Place/Ardrossan Rec Centre). Away from residential areas.
 - Banning casinos is moral despotism and it absurd the County has this authority.
 - Bars should be allowed in Sherwood Park. and get a cactus club
 - Be a great boost for employment opportunities for some local residents that otherwise have to commute to Edmonton to work.
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- Be a great way to bring revenue back to the county and create jobs that were lost from the Covid epidemic that destroyed many jobs.
 - Before approval, we would need to understand the cost/benefit of the proposal. This is unlike residential development where we do not care whether there is any benefit or not.
 - Believe they should be allowed based on location and that the design aesthetic is held to a specific standard.
 - Beneficial for job creation
 - Beneficial to non-profits and charities to have a casino in 'our own backyard' so volunteers would not have to travel to help out. Many casinos for rural Alberta non-profits are held in Camrose, which is a pretty far drive for volunteers. Could also bring revenue into our community.
 - Better fundraising opportunities for local non-profit groups.
 - Better to keep the money here instead of people spending in Edmonton
 - Bring it on!
 - Bring jobs and money to the county
 - BRING ON THE CASINOS!!!!
 - Bring the casino and money it generates to the local community, first Saskatchewan, rural Alberta, Vegreville etc will join in and help support it
 - Bringing a casino to Sherwood Park would mean more jobs and a great income for the county. I'm all for it
 - Build a casino and I'll drop a 1000\$ the first day
 - build a lot of casinos
 - Build it and I will go
 - Build it!
 - Build the casino with tourism in mind. Perhaps combine with other amenities to attract out of town business.
 - Business and jobs are important for the county. Placement is key.
 - By Strathcona County I hope you mean Sherwood Park. Can't wait.
 - Can the county run a casino and have the profits go to our tax income?
 - Casinos generate revenue and charity funds. It's about time we get with the times and stop having our county money go into Edmonton.
 - Casino and bingo fundraising opportunities for sports and other non-profit organizations should be available in our own community.
 - Casino and horse racing track in the country by the multi-plex facility to fund it. Somewhat similar to Camrose Ag Grounds. Sports and schools could benefit from fundraising and allocated funds from a casino. Location needs to make sense otherwise could be an unwanted nuisance in a quiet community.
 - Casino funds assist many charities... although negative to many... casinos are quite helpful...
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- Casino needs to be in an area not close to residential properties. Adequate parking also necessary
 - Casino revenue helps support amateur sport and local not for profit groups. If managed and located properly, it would be a great addition for these groups and additional entertainment options for residents. It would also help with tourism to the community. We need to quit pandering to the vocal religious factions only.
 - Casino revenue will benefit local charities and create jobs. Data shows that the crime rate doesn't increase with the existence of a casino and it would draw the public to the local facility who would otherwise travel to Edmonton casinos. They have become more of an entertainment centre than a gambling den of years past.
 - Casino should be incorporated into the proposed horse facility and the proceeds from the casino can assist in paying off the debt associated to said facility. Thus eliminating the burden on taxpayers to pay for this exclusive property.
 - Casino should not be near or in proximity of any houses.
 - Casino with a hotel can bring revenue to the city
 - Casino would be awesome
 - Casinos and entertainment usually go hand in hand so it would be a potential draw for tourism from the greater Edmonton region that local businesses may benefit from. Other than some events at Festival place, events or locations that will draw people into Sherwood Park/Strathcona County for evening fun and recreation virtually do not exist.
 - Casinos are a fact of life. Banning them from the county just means the loss of a revenue stream. My bigger concern with casinos is the negative impact it can have on so many people and what can be done to mitigate the risks.
 - Casinos are a great opportunity for no -profits, youth sports, etc to earn funds for their organization. The County has so many groups who could benefit from this fundraising opportunity! Those who have gambling addiction are not going to be led astray by a casino in their hamlet. They only need to drive 10 min down the Sherwood Park freeway to find a casino, so keeping casinos out of the County isn't stopping them.
 - Casinos are a lucrative business. They are also a place where addictions can manifest into destruction. People have a right to make their own choices. But if there is to be a casino developed in the county in the future, there needs to be equal effort in offering Addiction Services to those who struggle.
 - Casinos are a recreational environment for adults. Although bad reputations are placed upon them for the possible addictions and although the weight of gambling is a conversation not to be avoided, it would create a fun new environment in Strathcona county. It would great jobs and allow individuals to spend a night out near home instead of having to drive in to Edmonton. I do not believe the bias and the cons of a casino should cause a bylaw to be in place. Many individuals use casinos responsibly and should not be punished for others mistakes. Thank you
 - Casinos are an excellent fundraiser
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- Casinos are an important part of the current culture and they should be allowed in Sherwood Park.
 - Casinos are an important revenue source for many community organizations. Having previously worked in a casino I can see where people may be against having one in Sherwood Park but I think the benefits outweigh the risks.
 - Casinos are draws for criminal activity such as money laundering which brings along with it all kinds of negative activities.
 - Casinos are fun when regulated
 - Casinos are good for the community
 - Casinos are good revenue for the county provided they are in the right area.
 - Casinos are great fundraisers for sports teams.
 - Casinos are great. Our seniors community is the fastest growing age range in our county and casinos are a nice place to meet and socialize.
 - Casinos are like any other properly run business...a plus for the area.
 - Casinos are mostly used by seniors that have nothing else to do and drive to Edmonton. Time to change the laws and allow in Sherwood Park. Times have changed.
 - Casinos are much more than gambling venues - they are entertainment centers that can be used for live performances, eating out, shopping, etc. which enrich communities and provide many economic benefits.
 - Casinos are not the sin buns of the past they are now entertainment centres.
 - Casinos are operating throughout many communities in Alberta without any issues and are providing jobs for many people. I believe Strathcona County should allow casinos as they do provide benefit.
 - Casinos are the scourge of society. Their damage and negative influence far outweigh any benefit that they have to a community they are in.
 - Casinos as I understand it are a valuable resource for Non-profit organizations to raise funds for their causes, it will also provide jobs & other economical benefits to the region. It will also bring negative Gambling addiction issues, but generally are manageable. There is also entertainment value such as live entertainment & food variety.
 - Casinos assist charities and provide jobs.
 - Casinos attract a lot of the wrong kind of people! They attract gambling people, addicts especially! I think it will downgrade the area!
 - 'Casinos attract people with very low entertainment prices, very high-scale entertainment and very low liquor prices in comparison to what the mom and pop restaurants or the fine dining establishments have to have,' Vaughan said. 'They suck five to six per cent of the revenue out of the local businesses and the businesses with small margins just go under. That has been the experience in St. Louis, Atlantic City and Vancouver, as well.' I believe small businesses have been hurt enough over the past two years.
 - Casinos attract people, allowing more opportunity for other related businesses. More business may provide some relief for property taxes.
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- Casinos bring a lot of revenue and keep our local people working. I personally love going to the casino, if we had one locally, I wouldn't be bringing my hard earned money to Edmonton to spend. If I could keep it in the community I would.
 - Casinos bring employment opportunities as well as entertainment and dining options.
 - Casinos bring great revenue into a community
 - Casinos bring in funds for volunteer organization to help our community grow and help those less fortunate
 - Casinos bring in revenue.
 - Casinos bring money and jobs. The ripple effect of a well-run casino that brings great entertainment will support a lot of people. Just do it.
 - Casinos bringing a lot of money for some of the struggling clubs for our children to enjoy I have work to several of them for my children when they were younger and we did get a lot of money and it did help our clubs. Also their dinner specials are very affordable for seniors
 - Casino's can and often do become large income providers for the municipalities they reside within. That being said there needs to be clear and open lines of communication between the casino and the municipality especially between casino security and local law enforcement. As many have large conference centres attached to them, it would make sense to limit the building of it/them to the hotel district in the Sherwood Dr/Emerald Hills area.
 - Casinos can attract tourism, revenue, and good paying jobs to our county.
 - Casinos can be a benefit to the community - job creation, fundraising for local organizations, etc.
 - Casinos can be a fun place for adults to hang out, and could bring major revenue to the county with concerts, special events etc.
 - Casinos can be a good source of revenue; any potential location would have to make sure there would be no disruption to residents. (ex. Light pollution, parking, increased traffic)
 - Casinos can be great places for community group and sports team fundraisers. They can also be entertaining (e.g. not only the gambling but also as a venue for concerts and other events). A casino would bring additional tax revenue to the County if one was ever built here. The County should not be the morality police. Once we make it through the pandemic (or learn to live effectively with an ever-present Covid virus), it's up to adult citizens to behave responsibly. Besides, County residents gamble all the time (lotteries, raffles, fundraisers, etc.). Furthermore, the County is not only made up of young families. Single people living in the County need to have some fun too, and the County is sorely lacking in that regard.
 - Casinos can be really great for charity organizations. One of the yellowhead would attract many non residents. If you don't like them, don't go.
 - Casinos can bring great profit and employment to the area, and can be fun and social places to meet up, but can also bring negative behaviors to the community. If a casino application is approved, the community will probably want to ensure proper addiction supports are also investigated as well.
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- Casinos can bring in lots of revenue for the county that can be used to support our citizens, and our local sports teams could do volunteer work to receive funds to support the kids. There needs to be a limit on how many casinos maybe based on our population, and where the casinos can or cannot be located. Maybe casinos should also have to financially provide for the addition of addictions counselors within the county network of providers.
 - Casinos can really help non-profits.
 - Casinos could also attract 'local tourism'.
 - Casinos could be located in industrial areas, not near residential areas.
 - Casinos could bring much needed new jobs to the county
 - Casinos could mean job opportunities for County residents. And they are not illegal. Go for it!
 - Casinos could provide new jobs to local residents. And fundraising opportunities for local organizations.
 - Casinos do have a place in Strathcona County. They would provide economic benefits for the entertainment sector.
 - Casinos do not mean more gambling we are adults who should be free to make our own choices with out the bigger risk of some wanting to drink and drive leaving Enoch or an Edmonton casino
 - Casinos don't bring a criminal element so why not? A lot of good tax paying citizens like going to casinos.
 - Casino's draw a different crowd of people. I do not believe our community would benefit from building a casino and drawing that crowd to a very family friendly community. I believe families are drawn to our county for reasons like it does NOT have casino's. Thank you for your time.
 - Casinos for the win. Good jobs. Keeps people in the county. Keeps people off the streets
 - Casinos generate great revenue for non profits. It would be great to not have to travel to Camrose to fundraise.
 - Casinos give the opportunity for sport teams to raise money in Strathcona County as opposed to other fundraising opportunities. Instead of people heading into Edmonton to go to a casino on Argyle Road or on the west end of Edmonton. It would assist the county in another revenue stream and not lose that money to other areas.
 - Casinos help non-profit organizations raise money
 - Casinos in an area where parking and traffic won't interfere with the people living in the area would be OK
 - Casinos in Strathcona County helps bring in new residents and forwards the economy
 - Casinos in Strathcona would be great
 - Casinos offer a large number jobs from food service, floor staff to security. Also fundraiser ops for groups.
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- Casinos offer opportunities for community non-profits to volunteer for donations to be put back into the community. Currently all teams must try to get opportunities in Edmonton to be able to do this. A casino would also add an adult entertainment venue that again Edmonton benefits from with Strathcona County residents utilizing their facilities.
 - Casinos prey on the people who can least afford to gamble. It provides no benefit to our community. It will only detract from it.
 - Casinos provide 24hr jobs. Responsible gambling is an activity that Sherwood Park should be mature enough to manage and enjoy. The profits could benefit many citizens in the Park! It's time to evolve
 - Casinos provide a great fundraising opportunity for sporting teams.
 - Casinos provide a great income for community organizations. Currently we have to go to Camrose to work at a casino
 - Casinos provide a valuable and unmatched source of funds for a variety of excellent community groups and I have full faith in the ability of the RCMP and county peace officers to manage any anticipated increase in disturbances.
 - Casinos provide entertainment opportunities that currently do not exist in this county.
 - Casinos provide tourism and economic opportunities within our community.
 - Casinos raise substantial monies for charities and not-for-profits. With that in mind, perhaps approvals could be granted with restrictions attached: where they could be established, how big they could be and how many would be allowed.
 - Casinos require a large building, which brings in funds to the county. A casino would also create a large number of jobs.
 - Casinos should be allowed but limited in location and number of developments. I believe casino revenue should also be split with local charitable organizations. There is great demand by organizations for those charitable funds and Strathcona County should not be exempt from casino development. There are already VLT's in bars. A proper development could be a tourist draw allowing for music venues, meeting space and fundraising capability that does not exist. But the county needs to ensure any development is done properly and casino's do not proliferate the community.
 - Casinos should be allowed in Strathcona County due to the population.
 - Casinos should be allowed in Strathcona County with appropriate management and supervision because they can provide jobs, a boost to the economy and an opportunity for a greater range of events in the area.
 - Casinos should be allowed. They provide excellent fundraising opportunities for local teams and property taxes
 - Casinos should be located on major routes or along highway 16, provide enough parking and ideally close to a hotel. Casino should also have a venue for concerts and conferences to integrate into the community
 - Casinos should be permitted as it will create additional entertainment for residents without us having to go into Edmonton. It will also create revenue for the county.
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- Casinos should include additional community resources such as recreation facilities, ice rinks, hotels, gathering areas, halls. Casino and restaurant are not enough.
 - Casinos should only be allowed if they significantly contribute to County revenue (e.g., profit sharing, special tax levy, etc.).
 - Casinos sound fun, let's do it
 - Casinos support addictive behaviors, as well as consumption of alcohol. Both of these can attract and support individuals who need other help...not to be supported in their addictions. I worry about drunk drivers leaving at night, families being financially affected because a family member is that much closer to a casino and more. I think as a society we should not be condoning so much of these negative activities and supporting people who need help. Fun can be had in other ways. If the County were to repeal the bylaw, I feel they should balance the effect of that with checks and balances to limit the possible negative issues.
 - Casinos will bring employment to the county, as well as an entertainment venue. This should not be subsidized by taxpayers in any way.
 - Casinos will bring more drugs and crime into our community.
 - Casinos would allow eligible groups to raise funds by having volunteers work at casinos.
 - Casinos would be a great idea for the county. Keep people in town doing something local.
 - Casinos would be a great source of revenue and an opportunity for a local entrepreneur to open locally
 - Casinos would be a huge boost to volunteer clubs and sports teams. These volunteers should not have to travel to Camrose, St. Albert, etc. to give their time for great causes.
 - Casinos would be great for fundraising for different sports, organizations. Don't have to go to city.
 - Casinos would help our non profits so much. Our school uses casinos to raise money but we have to go to the Camrose casino. Having one closer would mean not having to travel and being able to have them more often than every 3 years.
 - Casinos would offer much needed fundraising to not for profit organizations in our county. In the proper location, i believe this would be an added boost to our local economy and would not affect local residents' way of life or change in property values.
 - Casinos would provide Strathcona County with a lucrative and untapped tax base while attracting minimal crime. I think moving forward with attracting a world class development is a no brainer.
 - Charitable groups use casino funds earned for helping Charitable organizations in the local community, Presently Sherwood Park is totally dependent on Camrose Casinos about every 2 to 3 years which is way too long between Casinos.
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- Charitable proceeds from a casino could help many worthwhile groups in the community.
 - Charities in Strathcona County benefit today from working at Casinos in other communities. It is important that Strathcona County show support for charities in our community by allowing for Casinos to operate here.
 - Charities within Strathcona County could use the money gained from a nearby casino.
 - Circumstances and the way we live has changed over the last 20 years. However, anyone should be free to apply and have Council decide.
 - CITY COUNCIL SHOULD NOT PROHIBIT BUSINESS IN THE COUNTY, BUT GUIDE IT. AS LONG AS IT IS BENEFICIAL TO THE COUNTY.
 - Community consultation will be key.
 - Community groups would have better access to more casino fundraising opportunities and revenue. Currently inequitable distribution of funds and difficult to get volunteers to go to Camrose.
 - Competitive business and should be allowed
 - Contribute to fundraising for local non-profits. It would be very nice to not have to drive to Camrose to work a casino.
 - Could a greater % of casino profits go to non-profits? I understand that currently now its ~15%. Would requiring that to be raised sweeten the deal for the NIMBY minded in Strathcona County?
 - Could be very beneficial for the county!
 - Could benefit our local economy
 - Could boost tourism and economic growth
 - Could bring extra revenue into the county and should have local charities supported.
 - Could make money for the county instead of Strathcona County members going into Edmonton to spend their money
 - Council members must not impose their personal ethical/religious/moral convictions on the population of the area they serve. To 'allow' casinos is not up to them. The population has to decide if they 'want to have' casinos.
 - County could use revenue for improvements
 - County residents should not be allowed to impose their selfish religious/moralistic views on citizens as a whole.
 - County residents travel outside of Strathcona County working casinos to raise funds for their various sports teams and charities. It is hypocritical of the county and citizens not to allow a casino in Strathcona County. If you want funds from casinos, you need to also have regulations that will allow a casino. Not allowing a casino is a perfect example of 'not in my backyard' but wanting the benefits of casinos being in our neighbouring towns and cities.
 - County residents who frequent casinos are currently taking their business outside of the County. Those revenues could stay in the County. Not for profit group have to travel to Camrose or St. Albert to work at casinos. A
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- casino in the County would be much more convenient and eliminate the need for long distance travel, often very late at night. Perhaps a casino/restaurant/ entertainment venue could be incorporated into the proposed multi-use facility to allow for full utilization of the facility. The location is not near a residential area so traffic and 'not in my neighborhood' would not be a concern.
- County-based 'not-for-profit' organizations have been dependent on casino revenues generated outside of SC. As a result, declining access to AGLC funding has negatively impacted volunteer-driven initiatives within SC. Let's enable greater opportunities to raise funds locally, for the greater good of SC community enhancement projects.
 - Creates jobs
 - Creates jobs and taxes dollars for the county....
 - Creating Jobs
 - currently a large number of people attend the casinos in Edmonton, keep the money local
 - Currently charities are required to go to Camrose casino to raise funds. The amounts received for a weekend casino are about 1/3 of what Edmonton charities would earn in similar casino.
 - Currently, charities go to Camrose to work and receive monies from casino gaming. It can be up to 3 years between casinos for these charities. In Edmonton that number is about 2 years. The charities in our county could benefit from having a casino in the county.
 - Currently, our non-profit organization must travel to Camrose every three years for our casino fundraiser. The logistics of organizing enough volunteers willing to travel to Camrose over the course of the two days is a nightmare. Having a casino within Strathcona County would be so helpful to organizations like ourselves.
 - Deeper problem? I'm no expert. But what I'm told addiction is never just about the 'The Thing' it's usually connected to other pain. Could Sherwood Park mandate other rules? Could our community be the casino that mandates a full time councilor? A church office in the building? What if addicted gambler came to Sherwood parks casino? 'Hey let's go check out Sherwood Park' and they ended up talking to councilor or Pastor? We could only dream hey? Are we asking the right questions?
 - Do not have it anywhere near residential areas.
 - Do not think casinos need to be in this area as Edmonton and surrounding areas are so close and those that desperately need a casino can travel
 - Done well this can be a boon and add to the County instead of adding to Edmonton
 - Don't see why not. Better than the revenue from Sherwood Park residents going into Edmonton/elsewhere.
 - Don't think we need them here
 - Double edged sword. Brings in employment, spin off for restaurants, entertainment and hotels and crazy money. As well are problems- traffic,
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- gambling problems/ issues. Are the infrastructure and supports in place such as policing, transportation, parking.
- easier to drive or bus to it rather than the long drive to the city. us seniors go anyhow so might as well make it easier for us plus they have nice cheap but good food served there and quality entertainment sometimes.
 - Edmonton, Camrose and other centres have had Casinos with little or no problems.
 - Employment opportunity
 - Ensure it had a different type of entertainment venue within in. Comedy club, or a nightclub. Something to create more jobs as well.
 - Entertainment would be a great idea locally
 - Every other municipality has casinos and are able to generate dollars that can be recycled into the community. It can provide dollars to non profits. Why not keep County dollars and residence in the County, otherwise they will just content to contribute to other municipalities and their groups
 - Excellent for local charities. No problem with crime
 - Excellent opportunity to increase tax revenues and tourism to the area. If included you have a multi sport area facility and conference center it would be a huge boost to the local community.
 - Feels like there could be more information and considerations for us to consider -- this seems to be a measure of 'gut feel' or something. Basically, asking for our pre-conceived opinion vs. informed opinion. Essentially, what has changed since 2001???
 - For casino in Strathcona County/Sherwood Park
 - For fundraising would love to be able to complete our hours here in Strathcona vs heading into Edmonton, Camrose etc
 - For many sports teams' fundraisers, parents need to drive to Camrose for a casino. It would be nice to have one in a closer location.
 - For our children's school, we need to wait years to get access to the Camrose casino. This would allow for fundraising sooner and closer to home.
 - Fun entertainment, hire only people that live in Sherwood Park!
 - Fundraiser opportunities
 - Funds support charity
 - Gamblers will keep going to casinos. Put them in industrial areas.
 - Gambling can be a pleasurable activity for many people, but problem gambling can of course lead to addiction and, consequently, breakdowns in family, work and other relationships. The same can be said for alcohol and cannabis, but these are readily available in the County. While not a user of casinos myself, I believe that a municipality should generally not ban a legal activity. The municipality, however, should have the power to approve or reject development of a casino on such factors as location, traffic flow, noise, signage, etc., as for any other business.
 - Get one built soon Not 20 years down the road
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- Get over yourself Strathcona County - you take the money from the proceeds but don't want to sully your hands by having on in your neighbourhood?
 - Get over yourselves. Traffic is worse at school pick up and drop offs. The people who will mostly go there and Strathcona residents. If they are 'criminals' they are already in our 'nice community'.
 - Get place for fundraising
 - Get with the times! Of course, Strathcona County is big enough for a casino.
 - Given the close proximity to casinos in Edmonton and surrounding areas, it makes no sense to ban them here as we just drive business and customers away. We need to be business friendly, particularly in our current environment.
 - Given the shortage of funding for non-profit organization, access to a casino as a fund-raising venture could be helpful. Having more than 35 years of experience, I would think knowing the return on investment would be helpful info to provide NP orgs.
 - Go if you like casinos. Don't go if you don't. No one is forcing you to go. It's just another attraction people can use if they want
 - Good for tourism and economy :)
 - Good money maker for schools
 - Good money raiser for sports and schools
 - Good money raising forum for non-profits and charities
 - Government of any sort should not inhibit business. Period
 - Great employment opportunity for our residents
 - Great for business
 - Great for tourism and revenue.
 - Great fundraiser for the community. Keep people who use casinos in the park.
 - Great fundraising opportunity.
 - great idea! we have everything else, why not a casino!
 - Great idea. One less reason to stay in the County and not give our money to Edmonton.
 - Great opportunity to create jobs and possible fundraising opportunities for local groups.
 - Great opportunity to increase traffic from the city, another avenue of income for our hotels and restaurants, another entertainment option.
 - Great revenue source for the county.
 - Happy to see this discussion taking place once again.
 - Have the casino under the Edmonton region.
 - Having a blanket prohibition makes no sense. Its removal is key to explore any reasonable further discussions. It isn't 1955 anymore.
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- Having a casino keeps the money in the area, and helps grow jobs in the county instead of going to the surrounding areas
 - Having a casino within the county limits would help our local groups with fundraising without having to travel 2 Camrose and other areas where the potential take home is less than it would be in the Edmonton metro area.
 - Having casinos will help fund lots of local sports teams for all the youth in the county.
 - Having to travel to other centres like Camrose for fund raising for our kids seems wrong. Why not have something here closer to home.
 - Help our kids in our community with being able to work at a casino. This allows single parents and all families to help pay for sports etc. Great dining and somewhere to go for date night, concerts.
 - Horse racing would be awesome. Camrose does well with their casino and they utilize it for school and sports fundraisers. I think as long as it's tasteful and the money goes back into the county then it would be great for us.
 - How to ensure safety and security of the community if a casino were to be approved.
 - Hurry up and get one built
 - I am active in several non-profit groups and it's a huge challenge to have to travel to Camrose to do our fundraising. These groups rely heavily on fundraising through casinos.
 - I am against blindly prohibiting certain projects in the county. That said, extensive reviews of the impact of a casino in the county would have to take place before approval.
 - I am fine with them but to see the money that they would generate be put back into the community for good should be the goal
 - I am in favor of having casinos in Strathcona County. It will likely bring in revenue and also the opportunity for fundraising for charitable organizations.
 - I am in favour. Would be nice to have this as an entertainment option.
 - I am in support of casinos being included in the County. I think that they would bring in revenue, create jobs, and attract more people to our community which are all positive things.
 - I am not a casino person, but if someone is to go to a casino, then we could keep the money for that in Sherwood Park, and hopefully use the tax income for good.
 - I am sure there are many people who live in Sherwood Park who go into Edmonton to play at a casino. Why not keep the money in the park. A casino would also be another source of revenue for the County through taxes.
 - I am vehemently opposed to casinos in Strathcona County. This is a nice, quiet place to live and casinos would spoil that. Also, there is no need as there are enough within a short drive for those who want them. Why is the County considering this?
 - I am with a non-profit and we need casinos to help pay our expenses. Right now, we have to go to Camrose to make \$18,000 every 4 years. A new casino
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- in Sherwood Park will give us more opportunity to work that casino and get the money needed to operate our non-profit seniors activity centre.
- I believe a casino could be an economic asset to the County, however an such business should be located in a non-residential area.
 - I believe a casino would add an entertainment option that many residents could enjoy. As well it would provide more convenient fund-raising opportunities for local teams and non-profit organizations. A responsible casino that monitors activities closely and provides appropriate warnings and options for addiction assistance would be acceptable
 - I believe a casino would be a good source of revenue for the County based on everything we have gone through over the past 18 months
 - I believe a casino would draw people to our community and also keep a lot of casino patrons in our community instead of spending their money in other areas of the province.
 - I believe Casinos provide an entertainment benefit for some in our society and current provincial laws provide an opportunity for charities to benefit from this social activity - a casino in our county would be convenient for our citizens, provide additional jobs, and potentially provide a means of income from local Charities
 - I believe it time the county/country moves forward with all ventures and added opportunities for everyone."
 - I believe it would keep Sherwood Park money in Sherwood Park. Otherwise, we drive into city and spend our money elsewhere. Casinos provide more than just gambling. Concerts, buffets, etc
 - I believe that casinos are a valuable tool for fundraising not only in our communities but the surrounding areas. For anyone who has done foundry in the past driving miles to a 'nearby' casino, especially in winter, is no fun.
 - I believe that for the county to continue to have low property taxes and strong revenue all revenue sources should be pursued. As long as builders of casinos are willing to put money back into the community, I see no problem with them in the County.
 - I believe that the county could benefit from having a casino. Maximum 2 in Sherwood Park and one in Ft. Saskatchewan.
 - I believe that the revenue directed to NFP organizations would be beneficial. I would like to see a bylaw giving all Sherwood Park and Strathcona NFP's priority in working the casinos.
 - I believe the County could benefit from having a venue similar to the River Cree. Its not just a casino but a venue that could attract larger entertainers/performances to our community.
 - I believe this is a good idea and saves people from going into Edmonton
 - I believe this is an exciting opportunity for the county!
 - I believe this type of business is best suited towards the out skirts of town. More space, won't impede with other business or traffic, hours are later, so near housing is not ideal. But I do think the county can benefit from the taxes a business like this can provide.
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- I believe this would be a great way to grow the community and get more traction into Sherwood Park. I also believe that creating 400+ jobs is a great thing and would keep Strathcona County thriving!
 - I believe we should be encouraging development in Strathcona County. It feels very stagnant. It would be great to see other incentives (reduced lease/lease caps etc) to encourage larger businesses to set up in the county. Not just industry.
 - I dislike casinos BUT consider it a tax on the stupid & so a chance for some revenue that will go somewhere else if we don't give people the chance. My supervisor used to do research on gambling addiction + I was living in a place that newly allowed it. In sum, there was a ton of money allotted to awareness & treatment but almost no one accessed it. Granted, in part, b/c most with addictions won't cop to their problem! But mostly ppl stop when they want to / when the money's gone so it's not devastating society like it's detractors love to sensationalize.
 - I do not object to the idea of a casino in Strathcona County. I do believe there should be a cap on how many are allowed (I suggest only one), as well as a requirement in terms of distance from any residential areas (eg 3km, and/or restricted to industrial areas).
 - I do not see the harm in casinos. I generally don't go to them but the few times I have, I really don't see them as a problem.
 - I do not think there is any issue with a casino being granted a development permit in Strathcona in the right location. Casinos bring large revenues to local charities. Sherwood Park residents often have a disposable income for these types of activities as fun nights. As a resident I know that we visit casinos a few times a year and are deterred by having to go at least as far as Argyl which means a designated driver, high cab costs and realistically a higher percentage of impaired drivers returning to Sherwood Park. If casino developers have an interest in this community it should be on the table.
 - I do think a casino in the county could be a good idea and a good way to bring extra revenue in as well as offering job to county residents. The question should be carefully studied e.g., the size, the location and the outcome of a casino, traffic increase, etc. before going ahead. Probably not too close to residential areas to not disturb the residents but not too far neither. Also the access to the future casino is an important question. Easy access by private car AND public transport is essential. The question of a new line (shuttle) or adding stops to current busses line toward the future prospect casino is something to consider.
 - I don't favor casinos but if the revenue they generate is good and a suitable site can be found away from residential, schools and shopping centres they might be appropriate
 - I don't gamble but do know it is a form of entertainment and/or excitement like sports for some people. I am aware of addictions and the hurt they bring but I'm assuming any gaming would be taxed by the County for revenue. With our Covid economy, oil revenues disappearing (for our planet) we need to find other sources of funds to provide the services we have grown to appreciate.
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- I don't know how business works but I feel like a casino in Sherwood Park could increase revenue and traffic into Sherwood Park.
 - I don't particularly care whether people choose to gamble or not, that is their choice albeit something I wouldn't choose to do. My only concerns would be around safety (area traffic, drinking, and help for those with gambling addictions) and location in conjunction with design - build it somewhere and design so that it isn't an eyesore.
 - I don't see any reasons why we shouldn't have one
 - I don't think casinos are a big attraction for the general public. They can draw people in with live entertainment and a good restaurant. One thing to consider would be if/how it would benefit Strathcona County
 - I don't think the County should be in the business of deciding personal morals.
 - I don't use myself but don't see why one shouldn't be allowed here. Keep our money in the county rather than going to outside city
 - I don't want too many slot machine parlours, but a casino with table games would be a fine addition to the county. The biggest risk is gambling addiction, so supports and promotion of those supports should be available.
 - I enjoy going to the casino once in a while for entertainment and usually meet many people from the county there. I would rather spend my money at home rather than in Edmonton
 - I feel as long as the required steps are taken by the developer and that they operate in a more commercial space this could be good for the county. I wouldn't want to see any closer to residential areas
 - I feel like casino would provide a different sort of entertainment so people wouldn't have to go outside the community. I can't think of a down-side except that it potentially encourages gambling which has all sorts of ramifications for problem gamblers.
 - I feel that the addition of a casino would allow the attraction of many related businesses. Hotels and venues for live shows such as comedy acts, live music, and other performing arts. There is always the negative aspect of addictions to deal with but people with these addictions will seek out their vices no matter where the establishment is. The added jobs with construction of a facility and the staffing of it, I feel, would outweigh the downsides.
 - I feel there is nothing wrong with a casino here. There is a much larger population than in 2001.
 - I FEEL VERY STRONG THAT CASINOS SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN THE COUNTY. GREAT SOURCE OF REVENUE. MANY PEOPLE FIND GREAT ENTERTAINMENT VALUE IN CASINOS.
 - I find that they can be entertaining. I do worry about those who end up having problems dealing with gambling.
 - I formerly lived in an area with a casino. The monies raised benefited the community immensely and the organizations hosting events were able to get much needed funds
 - I fully support a casino being built in Strathcona County
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- I go to the casino once in a while in St. Albert. It would be nice to have one closer to home. Would local charities benefit from a casino?
 - I have extensive experience in the casino industry (20+years). I strongly believe we would see economic benefits, as well as new employment opportunities.
 - I have no issues with casinos being allowed in the county
 - I have no problem with casinos in the County. For those who wish to go to them, they are close by in Edmonton. Allowing them in the County would also give access to community groups to 'volunteer' and raise money from a casino. They are severely disadvantaged compared to Edmonton non profits as local groups need to go to Camrose which is logistically challenging, and they do not make as much money (or can do them as often) as those in Edmonton.
 - I have no problems with Casinos being located in the County
 - I have visited and played in many casinos around the world and it is an interesting way to enjoy an evening. If people do not want to go to a casino that is their prerogative but those of us who enjoy playing should be able to go to one in our own area.
 - I have visited the Argyll casino many times and believe a number of nursing homes and the 55 club arrange visits to various casinos in Edmonton. I see no reason Sherwood Park should not have a casino.
 - I hope the council has loads of UCP members because Kenney does not do anything for Liberals. It's an old boys club and unless you are River Cree and backed by your reservation, this is a pipe dream.
 - I know many residents that go to casinos in Edmonton it would be nice to not have to drive to the city. Sherwood Park should benefit instead of Edmonton. Also it would create many jobs! It would also benefit local sports groups. When my daughter was younger and they did fundraising the parents have to volunteer at casinos again it be nice to do that locally.
 - I know many who access Edmonton casinos so I believe Casinos would be a steady money maker for the County. Using Colchester area allows easy access from the Anthony Henday.
 - I love casinos, they are something to do when you're bored. Sherwood Park is boring
 - I love the idea of a casino in Strathcona County! It would be a very good thing for the community.
 - I love the idea of not giving my money to Edmonton when we want a night out.
 - I miss having a bingo hall even though I don't go often.
 - I personally feel it would keep people & their money in the county where as now they have no choice but to go into the city & spend their money there! What the county really needs is a casino that provides live entertainment! I love going to the casinos in the city & watching live bands play & I can't do that locally as I would much rather spend my money in my own community then take it elsewhere
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- I personally would love a casino in Strathcona County
 - I rarely gamble. Maybe once every 2-4 years. That being said, when I do, there is nothing relatively near to me at all. It's pretty much an hour drive away to the nearest
 - I realize some of the councilors and others making the decision about the casinos have never been to a casino but I would just like to point out casinos attract a lot of seniors and give them something to do. Just like going to a bingo.
 - I see many seniors at other communities who enjoy spending their time there. It would be nice to stay in the area when having out of town guests for simple excitement and dinner.
 - I see no harm in there being casinos within Strathcona County. It seems safe to assume it would actually benefit our economy in way of creating jobs and revenue.
 - I see no issues with allowing casinos in our community. It's a form of entertainment that many would appreciate however I certainly wouldn't want to see it operating 24/7.
 - I see so many Sherwood Park residents in the Edmonton casinos, we should be spending our money locally. Also, I know that the wait list for clubs to run a casino is long, but the money generated is sorely needed. You keep asking us to 'shop locally', there should not be any exceptions.
 - I strongly believe bringing a 'casino' to the county can and will bring lots of benefits to our local economy, such as job creation. I believe that there are a abundance of our young adults (21-30) that would see a job at a casino more desirable and beneficial. Especially the young adults working while enrolled in full-time post secondary education where you are limited to jobs that fit your school schedules.
 - I support it. The sky won't fall if the County approves a casino. Those who want to go to a casino will and those who don't will stay home. I'm tired of uptight religious right dictating what others in the County can or can't do.
 - I support the option to keep gaming revenue in our local economy. The associated tax collected can help offset the social costs that our municipality incurs to assist individuals with gambling addiction, instead of allowing other jurisdictions to capture the revenue whilst outsourcing the costs.
 - I think a casino could bring a boost to our economy and be a benefit our county.
 - I think A casino could bring a lot of revenue to our charities by allowing them to support and work there. It could create a lot of jobs in the area could also bring a lot of revenue to Sherwood Park and would be helpful to lower our taxes.
 - I think a casino could bring in some good revenue to help the county.
 - I think a casino in the Sherwood drive and Pembina Roar area would be a great location. There are hotels nearby and it is accessible from the yellowhead.
 - I think a casino is a fantastic idea!
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- I think a casino would be a great addition and something else to do within the park for those who can't travel far
 - I think a casino would be a great addition to Strathcona County
 - I think a casino would be beneficial for charities in the County, assuming the AGLC still allows for this. Right now, we have to travel to Camrose or into the city. It would be nice to have a facility nearby.
 - I think a casino would be good for our economy :)
 - I think a casino would be good for the county as it would generate additional income and such that would benefit all residents living within the county
 - I think a casino would be good in Sherwood Park
 - I think a casino would be good in Strathcona County. It would create jobs and revenue for the community
 - I think a casino would create jobs and allow sports teams to fundraise within Sherwood Park. I don't think the casino in St Albert had any adverse effects on the community. A casino in Strathcona County is a great idea.
 - I think adding a casino/ entertainment centre enriches our community and brings more jobs. It is a better tax option for the county as well, as opposed to zoning Bremner.
 - I think allowing casinos in Strathcona County would allow for more accessible fundraising opportunities for children's activities.
 - I think Casinos are good opportunity for Sherwood Park. I am sick and tired of driving to Camrose to do fundraisers when we can have one right here!
 - I think casinos would be good for the economy and help Strathcona County with business rather than people going to Edmonton
 - I think casinos would bring in more revenue for the county. It would create more jobs and would keep local people here instead of going into the city to play. I think adding a stage would help as well and potentially draw in performers who wouldn't look at the county as a stop otherwise
 - I think having a casino would be great! No more driving to Camrose for casino fundraisers.
 - I Think having a single casino would be a boon for the economy and employment in Strathcona County
 - I think having casinos would provide extra revenue, create more jobs and make the county a more attractive place for people to visit.
 - I think if the right work was done to ensure a good location, with appropriate parking, and aesthetic, it is reasonable to allow a casino in the county.
 - I think if you allow a casino and development where we could have special events and trades shows. we really aren't attracting a lot of tourism because we are limited on where they can be hosted. I am even open to the idea of something joint with county RPC
 - I think in this economy any potential for more jobs is crucial! I put more people to work! It would also help out a lot of non-profit groups to earn money!
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- I think it could be a nice draw to bring people into the county and another revenue stream. Could lead to some nice restaurants and entertainment.
 - I think it creates jobs and brings visitors to the county
 - I think it is time the County has a casino
 - I think it would be a fantastic form of entertainment. Liquor stores and bars are on every corner in this place anyways.
 - I think it would be a fantastic opportunity to create jobs And the opportunity for non profit Groups to make money that would be used in Strathcona County
 - I think it would be a good way to bring more money into the county.
 - i think it would be a great addition and make a lot of money for the county
 - I think it would be a great entertainment draw and would give locals options to stay local with our dollars. Easy for Uber and cabs to safely go out. I think this would be great to have a beautiful complex/casino with food, lounges, music, etc.
 - I think it would be a great idea for adult activities since there aren't many other things then lounges in Strathcona.
 - I think it would be a great idea to have something like River Cree casino, restaurant, entertainment
 - I think it would be a great revenue for the community
 - I think it would be a great source of revenue for the county.
 - I think it would be an amazing revenue source.
 - I think it would be beneficial to the community. Casinos are a great way help grow our community.
 - I think it would be good for the community both economically and as entertainment venue
 - I think it would be good for the community, provide lots of jobs, fundraising for charitable organizations
 - I think it would be good revenue for the county. Nothing wrong with having one. Might as well have one in the county instead of everyone who frequents casinos have to go to the city. I think it would draw people here as well
 - I think it would be great and could provide good income for the County by way of taxes.
 - I think it would be great- another reason why people can stay within the community as opposed to having to travel to the city for a night of good food and some who's old fashion gambling fun
 - I think it would be great for revenue for Strathcona County to bring people here to play, stay, eat, etc.
 - I think it would be great for sports teams to be able to do fundraising in our community!
 - I think it would be great for the community especially in the way of fundraising
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- I think it would be great if the also had a place for live music at the casino.
 - I think it would be great revenue for the county, helping sports teams and non-profit organizations. St Albert, Leduc all have one. Help keeps our money within our county. Creates jobs. A great place to put it is just off the yellow head, by the hotels just built.
 - I think it would be great to allow casinos it would give some different entertainment options for adults other than movies.
 - I think it would be great to put one in a hotel near emerald hills.
 - I think it would benefit in Sherwood Park
 - I think it would benefit our community with jobs etc. This isn't 1950 anymore
 - I think it would bring great revenue in to the community. It also allows groups to fundraise by working the casino. I think it's time to bring one to the county for sure
 - I think it would create lots of jobs and also possibly bring some great musical artists to our community
 - I think it's a great idea
 - I think its a great idea and will bring in revenue. If people are going to gamble, they are going to gamble. They will drive to Argyll as its not far. Might as well bring one closer so our community can benefit from profits.
 - I think it's a great idea. It would generate jobs and revenue for our community.
 - I think it's a positive for entertainment and for charitable reasons for the county. Just keep it away from residential areas!
 - I think its about time. The community is large enough now to support it. They generate great business and charity revenues.
 - I think it's government overreach to prohibit a casino inside the country. We already have gambling (VLT's), so why one and not the other?
 - I think many not-for-profit Strathcona County clubs benefit from casinos in Edmonton. Why not have a casino here to benefit those not-for-profit organizations?
 - I think our county has enough in it and Edmonton is not far. Please leave it away from our area!
 - i think Sherwood Park could gain a lot more attraction this way
 - I think Sherwood Park has grown and a casino is a good idea.
 - I think that a casino would be a great addition to Sherwood Park and would generate a large amount of business to support the local economy
 - I think that as long as they do not create a nuisance for adjoining properties they should be allowed in commercial or business areas
 - I think that casinos bring in revenue and bring people in, particularly if they offer concerts and other things of interest. However, the place they are put needs to be well considered- I wouldn't place them super close to people's homes. Somewhere in the new development may well be a good option.
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- I think that it would be a good addition to our community and potential to partner with a lot of organizations to provide fundraising opportunities
 - I think that job and revenue creation are great for our county.
 - I think the economic opportunities outweigh negative perception of casinos in general. If located properly, I feel it won't attract any bad actors to the area as the RCMP are located in close proximity throughout Sherwood Park.
 - I think the location of any proposed casino needs to be considered very carefully but I see many benefits to allowing casinos to operate in Strathcona County.
 - I think the money raised in the taxes should be used to help everyone in the county
 - I think the revenue from casinos will help the county but they must be controlled and regulated the location is also of great importance like industrial areas so there is a plus and negative
 - I think the revenue would be great for the community, rather than all of it going into the city.
 - I think there should be a limit if allowed and location should be carefully considered.
 - I think they are a great idea provided they have more than enough parking
 - I think they should be allowed in the county. We enjoy an evening out at a casino. We travel into Edmonton to dine at the casino and play the slots with friends for a fun evening. Would rather stay local if one was built. We are all for it.
 - I think this can bring good this for the county
 - I think this is a fine idea for attracting tourism and generating taxes for the county. I am 100% behind allowing casinos in Sherwood Park. Thank you!
Eldon Doupe
 - I think this is a good idea.
 - I think this is a good opportunity for non-for-profit groups to earn revenue!
 - I think this is a great idea to generate more tax dollars in our county.
 - I think we need a dance floor in this town before a casino. When that happens, I would be more on board to see other fun nightlife ventures.
 - I think we need to allow a casino; we are a city, not a small town and need to start to think like a city. A casino could be good for our tourism & hospitality industry and could bring more revenue to the county.
 - I think we should have a casino here so the money stays in County. We shouldn't have to drive to Edmonton.
 - I think with thousands of upper middle class Strathcona County individuals going to Edmonton or even Las Vegas to spend money, a casino that would keep money here and levitate community funding would be a positive thing. As well, the employment and possible entertainment revenue would be great.
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- I thought Strathcona County was forward thinking, allow Casinos. There are laws in place to help control them, the community, non-profits etc. benefit financially, so yes.
 - I would appreciate the income generation for the county, though would be interested in research on the detriment to the community members. Sounds like it's not possible within AGLC's current limits unless we're moving one here
 - I would be concerned about drunk driving and other illegal activities operating near the site, and attracting that to the County/Sherwood Park.
 - I would be okay with it as long as it is located in a place that isn't going to attract crime and such to the neighborhoods in SP.
 - I would hope the zoning would put one some distance away from residences. Other than that, I'm not opposed.
 - I would like a casino because it would create jobs. I am 56 and unemployed and desperately in need of a job.
 - I would like more information as to the benefits of introducing a casino could bring to the community. Also potentially including some limitations on areas for casino development and number of casinos/size.
 - I would like to have a casino in Strathcona County. It is a source of both entertainment and revenue.
 - I would like to play slot machines here, so the money stays in the county. I've played and volunteered to work in Casinos in Edmonton, St. Albert and Camrose to raise money for the sports teams, schools and museums of Rural Alberta. They are certainly not filled with gangs but young and old people who want to go out, have a meal & a drink and play a few games. If someone is an addict, they can play online so that argument is no longer valid. They are a clean and safe environment. Their COVID-19 protocols are strict and professionally enforced. I go once a month with my planned amount of money when it's gone or I've doubled it away I go home. If you haven't been to a modern casino you should go and see for yourself.
 - I would like to see a break down how the funds would benefit the county
 - I would like to see a casino that includes an entertainment component like concert hall. Don't allow just a box building that says Casino on the side of it.
 - I would like to see a casino where live music will be offered! There are very little entertainment available in the county!
 - I would like to see a large complex with a concert hall and events
 - I would limit the number of casinos in the area and make sure they are in the right locations. Use common sense and don't lose sight of that just because you see dollar signs.
 - I would love for there to be a bingo hall integrated into said casino.
 - I would love to see casinos in Strathcona County. We go with friends for an evening out for supper and slots. It's such a fun evening. But we have to go into Edmonton. Would rather stay where we lived
 - I would love to see Stage West come to Sherwood Park for us seniors
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- I would most like to see a bingo hall in Sherwood Park.
 - I would only like to see them if charitable organizations may benefit in the county and only if you dispose of your illegal vaccine passport
 - I would personally fund the casino for the amount of money I would spend there
 - I would prefer to go to a casino in the county rather than drive into the city.
 - I would rather spend my entertainment money in Sherwood Park than in Edmonton
 - I would rather spend my money in Strathcona, rather than Edmonton, it would also employ persons who live in Strathcona County.
 - I would want to see added security requirements around any casino site to prevent an uptake in crime. We are largely untouched by crime that happens so much in the city. A casino does bring in some of that risk, but with proper security most of it will be mitigated
 - I would welcome a casino in Sherwood Park
 - I wouldn't like lots of Casinos but one or two would be fine
 - I wouldn't mind a casino if it's on the outskirts of town.
 - I'd love to go to a casino that's close to home
 - I'd love to see a casino here, especially being able to work a casino as a volunteer to raise money for local sports clubs. We also lack places for adult entertainment in general. Thanks for considering the repeal!
 - Ideally I think it would be best placed in the developing area north of Costco
 - If a casino could be used to create more revenue \$\$\$ for the county and keep property taxes down for home owners I'm all for it
 - If a casino is allowed in the County, then county sports teams and county rec groups should only be considered for fundraising efforts. No city teams.
 - If a casino was allowed in Sherwood Park, it should not be built close to any subdivision. If it is built there should not be any tax increase to residents in the county. The estimated costs of complexes in Strathcona County have been badly underestimated and I don't feel that taxpayers should be on the hook for a complex that would provide to value to them.
 - If a significant amount of the profits go into the county coffers to offset expenses then I would be in favour.
 - If casinos are allowed, I want a bingo hall to return to Sherwood Park...
 - IF Casinos are allowed in Strathcona County, the priority for fundraising must go to Strathcona County non-profits before other groups. And the casinos should be large enough to ensure a positive return to those groups.
 - If casinos are allowed, local sports and other organizations should be given first opportunity to work them and raise money. Currently we wait years to get a casino and we have to usually go to Camrose to work then
 - If it is done responsibly and with appropriate resident input and an appropriate location and input from the RCMP then a casino should be considered
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- If not just the casino where you just push buttons but have actual employees at the certain games it would make a lot of job opportunities which we currently need for our community.
 - If operated appropriately, casinos could bring in revenue to the county as well as give organizations the opportunity to fund-raise.
 - If our organizations are going to accept money raised from casinos in other places, we should be willing to have a casino here. It's not fair that other communities have the costs while we get the benefits.
 - If people want to go to the casino, they can just drive a short way into Edmonton, so I can't see a reason to prohibit them.
 - If responsibly developed this can prove to not only be an effective revenue generator to the casino itself but one that would benefit business around this casino and the county itself. I am surprised we have allowed this since most other districts have.
 - If SC had a casino, it would be good for non-profit organizations to raise money through volunteering and it could be restricted to just SC organizations
 - If some of the revenue generated from casinos can stay in our community, support our community fundraisers, and keep people using our community instead of commuting to Edmonton I think we can all benefit. I enjoy going to the casino as a once in awhile night out with friends. This usually involves dinner and drinks at a nearby restaurant and likely an Uber or cab ride home. I know a portion of casino proceeds go to not for profits who sometimes wait years to get a chance to partake. I fully support
 - If the casinos were to follow the same fundraising model that the casinos in Edmonton were they that is beneficial to small not for profit groups for their fundraising. And a casino resort hotel like the River Cree would be fun.
 - If the county could profit from a casino and put those profits to good use, why not?
 - If the development would be situated away from residential areas and also provide opportunities for other entertainment such as concerts.
 - If there was a casino in Strathcona County, it would keep the money gamblers would spend elsewhere here in the county. Also, a casino could have other facilities which would then bring another venue for other entertainment (such as comedy club or concerts) to our county.
 - If they are allowed, charities and organization to run fund raising events that are local to Strathcona County should get preference over other non local organizations
 - If they are still used for fundraising, I would agree. I do not personally use them but My Mom and friends use to for an outing and lunch.
 - If we allow Cannabis and Vaping then Casinos - and the profits they give to non-profits to put back into the community - should be allowed. It's ridiculous that we have to wait 3 years to get a casino in Camrose to raise funds to distribute back to our community.
 - If we can put in an equine centre that is super specific on use, we can put in a casino and cross fingers it would be willing to put in a comedy club or space
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for things like that to bring in some sort of night life into Sherwood Park considering we have very few venues that are 18+ here. Time to move forward. We have brilliant resources within our community for those who have addictions or need help with these types of issues, but there is absolutely no reason in future as to why Sherwood Park can't move forward from old bylaws and rulings

- If we could have a facility like the River Cree Casino it would bring many visitors to Sherwood Park. We are in a good location for such an endeavour.
 - If we had a casino in Strathcona County non profits could benefit from the revenue generated by county residents. Currently non profits in Sherwood Park can only volunteer at the casino in Camrose which give \$15 to \$20 thousand to the non profit. Working an Edmonton Casino (which is where Strathcona residents are most likely going now) generates \$70 to \$80 thousand. Non profits in Strathcona County should have access to casinos in our region that our residents go to and having a casino here would make that easier to accomplish.
 - If zoned correctly I support the approval of a casino in Strathcona County. It can provide an additional venue for entertainment, not just gambling, and add to the tax base for our community.
 - I'm all for getting with the times and having a casino. However; if Council really wants to know how people feel, this should have been on the recent election ballot. I have a feeling many angry people voting No to this will respond, and not give an accurate representation of the population. There is an even bigger hurdle as AGLC has a moratorium on casino licenses anyway. So unless Strathcona County can partner with Louis Bull Tribe (trying to build on Hwy 2 by Wetaskiwin) or Frog Lake First Nation (trying to build in Lloydminster), the chance of getting a license is 0 right now.
 - I'm for it. Another good local entertainment venue!
 - I'm in favour of Casinos. It would bring the county some great revenue.
 - I'm not in support of opening our community up to more potential crime activity related to casinos.
 - I'm not necessarily in favour of a casino in the county but I am in favour of fewer restrictions on business in the county.
 - I'm not opposed to Casinos in Strathcona County and maybe there's a way that our sports teams can benefit from casinos for fundraising.
 - I'm sure many people from Sherwood Park drive into Edmonton to go to the casino. Why not keep the business/revenue in this County. Another tax base and maybe property taxes wouldn't have to be so high.
 - I'm thinking a casino would add jobs, and be able to contribute back to the area.
 - I'm tired of going in to Edmonton for entertainment, I think it's time we start growing more.
 - In addition to creating jobs in Strathcona County, the taxes which the casino would have to pay would greatly benefit the community
 - In an industrial setting this would not effect residents
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- In full support as long as some of the revenue stayed within a Strathcona County.
 - In the proper location, a casino could be a welcome addition to the community.
 - In these times where it is more important than ever to support our local economy, allowance of a casino could be a huge economic boon. Rather than County residents travelling to other jurisdictions to partake in the casino experience, which includes hospitality, live entertainment, and other non-gambling aspects, many could and would choose to keep their dollar in the community instead. I would like to express my hope that this debate does not turn into a referendum on the morality of gambling, as private opinions should not negatively impact the greater economic good of this community.
 - Increased profits to the county
 - Increased tax revenue would be good but even better if a portion of the profits we're earmarked for local charities or sports enhancements
 - Increases revenue for the county, increased jobs
 - INSTEAD OF PEOPLE GOING TO EDMONTON, WE WOULD THEN BENEFIT FROM THE EXTRA JOBS AND THE CHARITABLE DONATIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY.
 - Is our county able to make any kind of profit?
 - Is there a way that money generated by the casino stays in Strathcona County?
 - It could mean a potential for revenue and jobs. More clubs could join to assist with shortening the long delays in between events.
 - It doesn't matter we can all drive into Edmonton to go to the casino. Plus a casino will make jobs!
 - It helps for charitable orgs. Money stays in Sherwood Park.
 - It is 2021, it is multiple communities through out the province such as St. Albert and crime and other issues are not increased because of it.
 - It is a good thing. For now too far to play please bring one close to home
 - It is a personal responsibility to gamble responsibly. It is not up to government to control how people choose to spend their leisure time as long as it is a lawful activity. Many communities have casinos and it does not increase crime and adds an economic boost to the community.
 - It is about time. Casinos bring many benefits to communities and non-profits.
 - It is not Councils or the County's job to determine if casinos are allowed. It is just another business venture. (I don't frequent casinos.)
 - It will support all our sports teams! We need more hockey/lacrosse/soccer spaces!! Yes, yes yes!!
 - It would also potentially create more job opportunities
 - It would attract people from outside of Sherwood Park, into it. Create local jobs, revenue, etc.
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- It would be a big revenue maker for the county and lots of good things could be done with the extra money.
 - It would be a good opportunity for various groups to help out with the casino and extra funds being put to various county groups
 - It would be a great fundraiser for non-profits in the community. Our organization does a Casino in Camrose and it is challenging and expensive to house volunteers as they do the Casino.
 - It would be a great way to get more revenue for the city as well as more tourists, and people to come to Sherwood Park from the city. If St. Albert can pull it off, so can Sherwood Park.
 - It would be a tremendous tax asset to the County. It is absurd to think that banning these businesses will be some kind of moral backstop to prevent people from gambling, when you can drive across the street to Edmonton, St. Albert, Enoch, Camrose and other communities that are not as Puritan as Strathcona County.
 - It would be fantastic if Strathcona County permitted casinos, especially for school groups and sports groups looking for casino fundraising opportunities. Currently, these fundraising societies have to go to Camrose for casinos with a payout of about \$20,000. Groups in Edmonton work their casinos and receive a \$80,000 payout for the exact same work. It's so unfair! This would help to even the playing field! Casinos are a place for entertainment and potentially various dining opportunities. I have seen no research stating that casinos are bad for communities and no one is forced to go there. It would also provide numerous employment opportunities locally.
 - It would be good for Sherwood Park to have some entertainment venues so that citizens don't have to go to St. Albert or Edmonton
 - It would be good to have a high-end casino with entertainment like River Cree.
 - It would be great for local non-profits to be able to access the casino funding instead of having to travel out of town.
 - It would be great for the community and the gambling funds could stay in our community to support Strathcona County!
 - It would be great if groups applying to volunteer at the casino could be Strathcona County based groups.
 - It would be great if it contained an entertainment venue.
 - It would be great to have a casino
 - It would be great to see some of the proceeds be put into the community, just as in other communities in and around Edmonton
 - It would be helpful if some of the revenue from the Casinos would go toward lowering our taxes.
 - It would be nice for County non-profits to be able to work a casino at home vs driving to Camrose or West Edmonton Mall.
 - It would be nice to have for fundraising to not have to travel to Camrose :)
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- It would be nice to have one in the county to raise money for non profit groups.
 - It would be useful to hear some of the research on the benefits and drawbacks. Is there increased social or policing issues with casinos in communities? What kind of revenue would they generate for the county and how would it be used? What limits on size of casino and why? I am open to them but would like to hear the arguments for and against them.
 - It would create jobs and as long as it's properly placed and a professional business I don't see the problem
 - It would create jobs and bring revenue to the area and maybe more people would spend money outside the casinos when here!
 - It would generate money for charities is special Olympics
 - It would generate money for Hotels, Restaurants and more.
 - It would generate some needed revenue! Hopefully to improve county rural roads!
 - It would have to be classy and fancy, and maybe have a hotel connected with it. Like the one they have in Camrose.
 - It would make a lot of good jobs and a lot of good money and honestly be a fun place to get away rather than going into Edmonton.
 - It would make lots of jobs
 - It would prevent individuals from making poor decisions and would also improve the overall safety of gamblers.
 - It would provide more jobs in the county and also bring new people to the area to boost other businesses. It's a winning situation.
 - It's a good idea. Keeps more money in the park.
 - It's a great idea
 - It's a great idea to have a casino close to SP and bring some business to the county. It would be great if that held events there too.
 - It's a great idea.
 - It's a great revenue stream to help the county. I say go for it!
 - It's a no brainer! It would be a huge job creator and taxation opportunity for the county, some of the restrictions the county has on businesses and licensing are missed growth opportunities
 - It's absurd that a casino is a non-starter. It shouldn't be near residential, but we could find a place to fit one.
 - It's time to offer a Casino to County residents.
 - It's time, all of our community-based organizations looking to fundraise are going to Edmonton casinos. It is a very profitable opportunity for these groups. Building the casino would keep these funds within the community. It would also generate jobs. For those that have the belief that our community doesn't need the 'trash' coming in...guess what? It's already here but flock to Edmonton. It is a misconception that people who gamble are low lives and don't belong in Strathcona County. It will not compromise our children or
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- neighbourhoods. I would be more concerned about the liquor store on every corner and the infamous drug houses that so many residents can't seem to get resolved.
- It's time. Even Camrose has a casino.
 - I've indicated no because I support free enterprise. Having said that any application would have to be supported by a very solid business case.
 - Job creation people go out of county to go to casinos would be nice to have one close to home nice restaurants put in a complex where concerts could be played at even just a small venue
 - jobs jobs jobs
 - Just be careful about where they can be built and traffic effects on neighbouring communities. I would recommend only just off highway 16, 21 or the Henday with access from the major thoroughfare
 - Keep money in Strathcona County instead of Edmonton. Great fundraising opportunity as well since bingo no longer available here in the park.
 - Keep tax revenues in Strathcona County. Proposed casino site does not negatively affect residents.
 - Keep the revenue here
 - Let them in let's go
 - Let there be an opportunity for Sherwood Park teams to work/fundraise through this casino. If it gives back to the community, it will be worth it.
 - Let us have the revenue from the casino instead of our community going to the city for it
 - Let's keep a healthy community with sports, theatre, and arts facilities, as well as other wholesome community building activities that promote family strength and ties.
 - Let's keep our money in our own county.
 - Let's move with the times. its not as if Sherwood Park residents are not going into Edmonton to spend the money.
 - Let's stop sending business to Edmonton
 - Like any business, they need to be in an appropriate location. Allowing development in an industrial area, away from residential neighborhoods, can only serve to benefit the county. Casinos would generate revenue that can be put towards infrastructure and/or services for all county residential. There are a lot of fantastic commercial areas north of Baseline, between Broadmoor and Sherwood Drive, that could serve as the perfect site for a future casino.
 - Limit the amount of casinos with a bylaw requiring a minimum amount of space (km's) between casinos.
 - Local clubs would be enabled to work casinos to raise money to help keep their club operate by using volunteers. Money now being spent at Edmonton Casinos would be more likely spent in the park by park residents enabling local clubs to benefit instead of going to the Edmonton charities who have several casinos to work at. The park would in turn benefit by the revenue spent.
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- Local groups now go to Camrose to fundraise working a casino. Local players would go into the city. Casinos may not be suitable for every part of SP but they should not be relegated to the back of industrial areas. Located near proper amenities like hotels and restaurants should also be considered to assist with the success of the endeavour.
 - Local organizations will benefit by not having to only go to St Albert Casino to raise funds
 - Locate in Industrial area only. Away from retail, schools and residential.
 - Location is everything
 - location is key
 - Location will be everything. Off the top.of.my head around the Costco would be ideal.
 - Location will be key. With the increased traffic and other disruptions, a casino will cause I would not want to see one close to any residential areas.
 - Location would be important. Personally, I do not gamble and understand many people have a gambling addiction. However, gambling occurs everywhere.
 - Location would be key, not only for avoiding disrupting neighbourhoods but also for ensuring success (i.e., be on the west side of Sherwood Park in order to draw from Edmonton). It would be great for local charities to not have to go to Camrose to work casinos as fundraisers.
 - Location would have an incredible impact on residential areas. Cars would be driving at all hours of the day and night. So, these being considered would be wise
 - Looking forward to hopefully having an additional place for events to happen. Similar to the River Cree, it's more than just a place to gamble.
 - Lots more money being brought into the county
 - Lots of communities have Casinos, it's no big deal. They provide employment and keep our gambling money in the community.
 - Love the idea of a casino in the County and not from someone that would frequent but as someone that is on Boards and works for NFP sector.
 - Make money
 - Make sure it has a good restaurant!
 - Make them near my house!!!! Maybe check id's and see how often people come to prevent addiction
 - Many casinos allow RVs to locate on their property for short periods of time free of charge. Walmart is the hero of RVers now by allowing RV to sit on the property for loading and unloading for a period of time. This is one of the reasons I would support a casino. Also, Casinos bring in revenue and entertainment. I would not want a casino in a small location like a mall but in a stand-alone area with lots of space for parking.
 - many local organizations could benefit from the monies earned thru casinos.... Also, it is difficult to get space within the existing casinos in Edmonton
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- Many people from our community travel to Edmonton for an afternoon or evening out, ourselves included pre COVID. If we encourage people to Shop Local, as we certainly try to do, why not encourage them to remain within the county for this form of entertainment too. As well schools and other groups often go to Edmonton casinos as part of their fundraising programs. Let's keep them here. Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback.
 - many people I am aware of are know travelling to Edmonton to enjoy not only the casino adventure but also the entertainment they bring. makes for a nice night out
 - Many positives -jobs, entertainment, fundraising opportunities,
 - Many residents end up travelling to other communities to go to a casino. Why not have one or two in Sherwood Park instead.
 - Many residents of Sherwood Park go to the casinos in Edmonton. If we had a casino here it could be profitable for local charities.
 - Many residents take their money away from the County today to enjoy casinos in other jurisdictions, why not keep the business here Also, casinos can offer excellent incomes opportunities for charities- my wife and I currently drive to Calgary to work as volunteers in their casino to earn money for our charity as we can get time in Edmonton casinos
 - Many years ago, it was turned down. Time to go ahead.
 - Many youth groups and non profits have left Strathcona County to be able to access Edmonton casinos for funding to operate. Maybe a casino will bring them back and diversify our community.
 - Might be time to repeal it. Put one in a commercial zone though. Not near residential.
 - Money for important things could be made
 - More fun more entertaining no need to go out to Sherwood Park
 - More income for the county?
 - More jobs for locals & more tourism meaning more hotels being used. Anybody wanting to gamble should be allowed to do it locally without having to travel into Edmonton. It will not lead to more gambling addicts as at present, addicts go to Edmonton. Keep all the spin- offs local.
 - More jobs in the community. A draw to bring others to our community. A venue to possibly bring bigger named entertainment to the community. Could be a reason people stay at hotels in our community. Those who like to gamble and live in the community will be spending their \$ for gambling and dining
 - More jobs money into our economy
 - More tax money for the county
 - My concern would be extra traffic, drinking and driving. Brings money to the community.
 - My entire family thinks it's a great idea to have a casino, it opens the door to potential fundraising opportunities (if that's still allowed) for sport teams and many other organizations. Casinos provide entertainment & bring entertainment, and it would be nice to actually have something or somewhere
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- to go that's not a place with the name Joe in it haha! Seniors also like to have a place to gather and meet up, even get part time jobs. I'm sure a casino would have to pay high taxes to the County, it would also generate more business for hotels, restaurants and retail. Gambling can be controlled, not everyone is an addict, I'm sure the majority of people in Sherwood Park are responsible citizens and are capable of controlling their spending. Those that are irresponsible or addicted have likely been travelling to Edmonton so not having a casino in SHPK isn't stopping them from going to one.
- My first reaction is no, but we can't be NIMBY's here. There are many pros to casinos.
 - My gut reaction was to vote to disallow casinos in the county, but the more I thought about it the more I got on board. It would provide jobs, and it could be located close to a highway so that visitors don't need to drive through our towns. In particular, I envision the piece of land west of emerald hills, north of the hotels, and south of the yellowhead as a reasonable spot for a casino. Wherever located, a casino could potentially bring extra business to restaurants, gas stations, and other types of businesses in the county. It would also be an opportunity to diversify the economy.
 - My wife & I travel to Camrose and or the River Cree, to go to a casino. As a Strathcona tax payer it would be nice to have a closer casino
 - Need more sources of entertainment and enjoyment
 - Needed for non-profit fundraising
 - Needs to have ample parking and bus access
 - Nightlife entertainment facilities like casinos could vitalize Strathcona County and bring in additional tax revenue, though I'd like them zoned accordingly to prevent noise pollution. A central location by the mall, County Hall, and Festival Place would be ideal. By Millennium Place, far from residential, would work too. Entertainment districts should be taken into consideration when developing zoning plans for Bremner as well. Strathcona County suffers from having very limited nightlife IMO.
 - No casino in Sherwood Park. Only outside or outskirts please.
 - No more than 2 allowed. 1 would be suffice considering the population.
 - No to saturating the community with as has been done with the cannabis stores. Limit the number of casinos.
 - non profit groups would benefit from a casino
 - Non profit organizations in the region are at a disadvantage as they have to wait for opportunities to fundraise at other regional casinos.
 - Non-profits often use casinos as a fundraising opportunity - this could benefit the NGOs of Strathcona County
 - Not against casinos however I don't want one anywhere in the vicinity of my residence
 - Not in my backyard thinking has to stop. It's restrictive and the revenues that could be generated from this type of business and others could be a boom to the county's coffers. Potentially lessening taxpayer burden. Snobbish residents need to get off their high horses.
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- Not in rec centres, libraries - any place where vulnerable children or youth would be. Not in rec centres or even next to rec centres
 - Not in residential areas
 - Not near homes please
 - Obviously there is revenue to be made there for the county so get with the times why should people have to drive all the way into the city to do that when they can spend their money here and then we will benefit from it To say nothing about the jobs that would be created
 - OH SO WE CAN HAVE CASINOS BUT NO CHICKEN COOPS!
 - One would be okay, I think. But not ten. Sometimes allowing one thing to happen causes a landslide.
 - Open casinos
 - Opening a casino would generate jobs in the county. Bring in revenue, and fill empty spaces in facilities. I feel a good location would be out near Highway 16, near the truck stops and recreation facilities. Originally in 2001 myself and my husband voted against it. My family has lived in the Park since 1958, and a lot has changed. We have too many of some businesses and not enough of others. So why not?
 - Other cities and towns have Casino's. ie: St. Albert & Leduc. Why shouldn't we have one? There are numerous slot machines at different drinking establishments, and they do not contribute to non-profit clubs and associations, and yet they are on just about every corner. There is on-line gambling also, so why not have a central venue, where fundraising can be done!
 - Our communities and fundraising have become too dependent on Casinos. Let's get creative. What is the research telling us about the dangers of gambling? Why would we make this a part of our community?
 - Our volunteer organizations need casino revenue. Grossly unfair re what groups are earning in Edmonton.
 - Out by highway 16 and the new hotels is a good spot
 - People are driving into Edmonton to go to the casino so really what is the big difference?
 - People are going to gamble, whether we wish it or not. It's time our money stayed in the County, not going to Camrose, Edmonton or elsewhere!
 - people are going to spend their money, might as well try to keep them in the park
 - People are traveling to casinos in other locations, so why not get the tax revenue in the County?
 - People are traveling to neighboring areas to attend casinos currently. This is tax revenue and less commuting contributing to greenhouse gasses that can be beneficial to our county. Casinos will operate regardless, and we are not doing the county or the environment any favours forcing people to commute and send the proceeds elsewhere.
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- People have a choice to go or not. If there is a business that can be profitable in the county and bring in more tax dollars then allow it.
 - People in our community access casinos in surrounding areas. Having one here would keep that revenue here in our own community and in turn would benefit our city. A casino would also increase employment opportunities.
 - People who gamble or at least play games in casinos are mostly passing time and they have money, but just think about the number of people who will benefit with such project, and I'm talking about workers. Not to mention the tax it will generate for the county. All prosperous cities in the world have at least one casino or two. Educated people do what is good for themselves. I don't think there are moral issues on this.
 - People who want to gamble will. Currently, they go to Edmonton casinos. Why not bring the associated revenue to Sherwood Park?
 - People will drive to the city anyway to attend a casino so I am fine with one in the County. We could perhaps benefit from revenue. Also it may have entertainment which would be great to attend. Yes to a Casino.
 - People worry about casinos, but they've never caused any problems, as far as I know. Swift Current has a very nice casino, and St Albert, etc etc. If we had a casino, patrons wouldn't have to leave Sherwood Park to spend their money and enjoy a meal/outing.
 - Personally, I'm not a gambler, but I have many friends and family members who are. Currently they are spending their money outside of the county. Gambling, food and entertainment dollars that exit our community, not to return. It just makes sense to keep them happy right here by allowing a casino here.
 - Plan alternatives for drinking to avoid driving. Keep it limited and outside limits of the main town.
 - Please allow this. This would be the single greatest thing to happen to Strathcona County.
 - Please build one so I can gamble at and potentially work at it
 - Please make a casino
 - Plenty of service clubs in the park could help run it. These clubs could use the money for their projects of helping the homeless & other at-risk groups.
 - Prefer to have none in the county
 - Preference would be for a casino to be away from residential areas for traffic volume and flashing signage.
 - Proceeds from the casino should stay in the county. Location will be key for the casino. If done properly it can enhance the county and give us another entertainment option
 - Prohibiting casinos in the County won't stop people from gambling. Residents can access a casino within a 10-minute drive now if they wish.
 - Provided the location makes sense, I think casinos would be a great addition to the area. Jobs, money etc
 - Put in a casino
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- Put it beside the "Horse Palace". Help make up the wasted money on that venture."
 - Put it somewhere with lots of parking. Not close to residential areas
 - Put them on the other side of the Yellowhead where there is storage and commercial buildings so it won't affect the Sherwood Park hamlet center as much, there would be less complaints, but still in Strathcona County
 - Raise money for Strathcona County non profit groups. We still drive to Edmonton and spend our money there, and support their non profits. Build it with easy highway access.
 - Really good for the 18-21 year olds like me. You're stupid to not build a casino in Strathcona County. If you like money as much as me, approve the bylaw to allow casinos to be built. Guaranteed money flowing in
 - Residents of Strathcona County are spending money at Casinos, it would be nice to keep this money in the County and hopefully benefit non-profit groups as well.
 - Residents should not have to drive to the city to play at a casino!
 - Responsible gaming is entertainment. Many of us have to drive to Edmonton, at least 20 minutes each direction for a night at the casino. Why send disposable income to Edmonton? Keep it in Strathcona County. Not only will this provide entertainment, it will provide jobs. For those uninterested in a casino, they do not have to go, like any other entertainment venue.
 - Revenue from casino would benefit many organizations here in the Park, People are leaving our community to spend money elsewhere, when we could use here. We have tons of liquor stores and cannabis stores, so why not a casino , that would provide jobs. If we can have a horse barn that will not generate any monies, why not an industrious casino.
 - Right now, we travel to Edmonton or Camrose for occasional Casino visits, so having one in town would be great.
 - Schools and extracurricular activities would benefit from fundraising options. Argyll casino is 10 min away. No reason we shouldn't have access here too
 - See no reason to disallow them. Would conceivably be a good source of tax revenue.
 - Seems like it would be a good revenue generator for the county. I would definitely make use of it
 - Sherwood Park has been losing business to Edmonton for any type of entertainment. It would be amazing to not have to leave the park to enjoy dancing, a casino and live music.
 - Sherwood Park needs a casino!! Would totally visit regularly
 - Sherwood Park organizations get to volunteer and collect profit from working casinos. We do not get Edmonton casinos therefore we must go to Camrose we only get every 3-4 years having a casino in Strathcona County would generate money for sport organizations as well
 - Sherwood Park would benefit from a casino because old people love going for the slots and young people like going for the card games! Lots of profit to be used for other things around the county!
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- Should be no problem to have a casino locally. If people choose to frequent it, they will do so whether it is here or in Edmonton or St. Albert.
 - So many fundraising opportunities come from Casinos.
 - So many non-profit clubs and children's sports would greatly benefit from having a casino here in Strathcona County. This would employ so many county residents and would keep people here in Sherwood Park & Area.
 - So much to gain! County can reap the benefits! Residents can reap the benefits! This is way overdue!
 - Society has changed and grown a great deal in the past 20 years and I hope that Strathcona County has changed and grown along with it. The old stereotype of a casino being a place where criminals and the downtrodden hang out and cause trouble has fallen by the wayside as the industry has evolved and I believe we can open up the field if someone wants to make a solid business case to bring a casino to Strathcona County.
 - Some studies show an increase in crime and impaired driving based on proximity to the city. Perhaps best suited for an industrial area.
 - Something fun to do close to home
 - St. Albert has had one for years
 - Starting to Plan for a casino in SP now will help offset the inevitable revenue decline the city will experience as a result of the collapse of oil prices.
 - Strathcona County has expanded over the years, we have 100,000 plus people here, there should be no reason why we can't have a casino.
 - Strathcona County is a clean and family safe place... you bring in casinos and you will bring in a crowd that promotes more crime, less safe more drunk driving and drugs.
 - Strathcona County is a high-income society, so I am sure casino owners/businesses would bend over backwards to have the opportunity. So negotiations should be strong and heavily favored to the County. Example would be - volunteering opportunities only available to Strathcona residents & sports teams... Ect... Plus no tax breaks, make sure there is requirement to give back to community.
 - Strathcona County needs forward thinking leadership as the current bylaw is outdated and no longer considers the viewpoints of the majority of citizens. While opposition will ultimately be present on the basis of associated crime, mitigation methods would help to calm those fears during the development application process. If in a reasonable location, a casino development would help to support surrounding retail and hospitality industries who have been hit hard in recent years. In addition, such developments would continue to elevate the profile of Strathcona County as an attractive destination for events, tournaments and conferences. Lastly, any casino within County limits should be legislated to give back to the community so local non-profits and like-minded groups see a tangible benefit.
 - Strathcona County needs more adult entertainment venues. I am not personally a gambler, but often a casino will have restaurants/bar options and live entertainment. We currently go to the River Cree to see shows, and go into Edmonton for VIP (adult only) movie theater options. The County has
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- tons of options for families, and not so much for older adults and people without kids.
- Strathcona County should become more touristic and allowing casinos is a start
 - Strathcona doesn't have one and I think it would be a good idea so that people don't need to travel so far to go to the casino
 - Sure, casinos are great!!! but make sure profits go to certain projects in Strathcona County and they are known by the citizens and not just go into general income. Also, while you are at it and maybe more importantly get rid of the "footloose" bylaw. Everyone of all ages love dancing and there is no bar or establishment that can have a dance floor. Its actually crazy that an establishment can't have a dance floor. its 2021....."
 - Tax people when going to the casino
 - Tax revenue would be great
 - That is a poorly worded question, vote yes to vote no or vote no to vote yes.
 - The addition of a casino goes beyond the usual argument against gambling. In fact casinos can be a great addition to a community when done correctly. The idea is to offer more than just gambling- like an event center. Plus, for years casinos have been great fundraising endeavours for non profits through Alberta gaming. I have worked these fundraisers many times and I am happy to do it.
 - The benefits to our community via charitable programs.
 - The bylaw 20 years ago has served it's purpose. Strathcona County is a different place. Why send people to Edmonton to gamble?
 - The casino charity model in Alberta has been very good for local community charity groups in their fund raising efforts. I am in favour of new traditional casinos.
 - The casino would add jobs, bring in more revenue, additional entertainment, revenue for local charity groups.
 - The casinos in and around Edmonton are not just for gambling, they hold other entertainment events. As I understand it, a percentage of casino revenue goes back into community programs. As a Sherwood Park resident, I would rather see my household entertainment budget have a positive impact in the community I live in, instead of in Edmonton and surrounding area.
 - The community is large enough to support a casino and the additional revenue stream and fundraising opportunities for local groups would be welcomed.
 - The community is missing out if it turns down proposals of the initiative.
 - The County continually boasts to be open for business. Many cannabis retail stores and growing facilities have been approved in Strathcona County, why should casinos no longer be allowed in the appropriate location.
 - The County may as well get tax dollars from the facility as the nearest Casino is only a few kilometers away at Argyll and all those tax dollars go to the city. Keep the money here...Man, the county has lounges etc. which have 14 or
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- more VLT's so what is the difference. St. Albert, Camrose etc. have found the value of these facilities....It will bring business into Sherwood Park
- The County must be diverse and inclusive which includes how we access entertainment and play. Censorship such as banning casinos, horse riding and golfing cannot be tolerated.
 - The County needs to diversify. Our reliance on oil and gas tax revenue is risky. Hotels and restaurants continue to suffer in Sherwood Park. Alternative economic drivers must be introduced into the local economy.
 - The county should be able to collect revenue from a casino. Regional non profits should also be allowed the opportunity to participate in activities to receive funding as well.
 - The funding for volunteer organizations will be a large benefit.
 - The location will be the most important factor in approval of any new casinos - accessibility, transit availability (reduce impaired driving), distance from housing to ensure neighbourhood integrity is maintained, etc. Ideally, this would also be a space where community events could be held and fundraisers for local non-profit groups could be secured. Additional enforcement resources required will also need to be considered. This change could create a lot of jobs locally and generate revenue, however the safety and security of our community is paramount.
 - The location would be very important. I am not sure of the public impact on health and welfare. Is that being considered? What benefit would it have for the community coffers as opposed to just benefitting the casino operators. Would local charitable organization benefit?
 - The only reason I would agree to a casino is to provide funding to charitable organizations and groups through volunteering at the casino. It must be located in an appropriate industrial/business area away from residents. Only allow one casino based on population.
 - The opening of a casino in the area would provide another option for fundraising for community groups.
 - The possibility of casinos being allowed in Strathcona County garners the possibility of a massive revenue stream.
 - The problem with banning casinos to try to prevent the associated problems is it doesn't actually prevent any of the problems. It's not like gambling addicts who live in Strathcona County say to themselves 'Well, there's no casinos here, I guess I can't gamble today.' They just go to Edmonton and gamble. They still end up broke and turning to crime at the exact same rate as if the casinos were here, so we may as well get some of the revenue (property taxes) from them in our community, since we have to deal with the problems created by it anyways.
 - There appears to be a fair number of Strathcona County residents that are going elsewhere to casinos. Why not offer the opportunity to stay in Strathcona County. Employment and \$ for the area.
 - There are a large number of casinos in and around the Edmonton Metropolitan Area, why not allow local residents who wish to visit a casino to be able to visit a local casino (should one wish to open). A local casino would also allow business and tax revenue to stay within the county.
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- There are always drawbacks to any decision, problem gambling is one. On the other side there is potential tax revenue, construction jobs, permanent employment for County residents, fund raising opportunities for County non-profits. The benefits clearly outweigh the negatives.
 - There are people who want and do go to casino's regularly...why not keep the funds in the County instead of those funds be diverted to Edmonton or Camrose.
 - There are seldom issues at casinos that would harm the neighborhood or local area. Most are located in an industrial side of town such as in St. Albert. They do provide employment, as well as a stress release. As a retired person, we can go for an hour and enjoy a few games in the casino, have lunch and come home.
 - There are so many not for profit organizations in the County who rely on casino funds for their fundraising budgets. We must compete with other greater Edmonton municipalities for Camrose and travel there for shifts that are hard to fill due to the distance. Please let casinos come here to help our non profits!
 - There are some areas in the county that it would help to enhance Hotel and Entertainment centers
 - there are some very classy casinos in other cities attached to hotels, with features outside of gambling for example beautiful aquariums, an excellent buffet, a stage for local artists etc. this is an opportunity for money to remain local in the county and to assist with local fundraising efforts by specific groups.
 - There are very few benefits to Strathcona County by having a casino here. The owner may pay rent to a local landlord and a casino may employ a few local people but, other than that, not much of the revenue will remain in the county. Also, please remember that police were shot at a casino in St. Albert a few years ago. The risk far outweighs any benefits.
 - There are VLTs and off track betting in the county, It makes no sense to allow these but say no to casinos,
 - There definitely should be a casino in Sherwood Park, we have grown a lot in the past years get with the times
 - There is a casino 6 minutes down the Freeway. I see NO reason why Sherwood Park would not allow this. Casinos should not be stereotyped. We have a diverse population that would love this kind of entertainment venue.
 - There is a moratorium on new casino development in Alberta so I am not sure why this is even an issue
 - There is no reason to not have one. There are liquor stores and weed stores at every corner. What are you worried about? No sense why we can have VLT but no casino.
 - There is no reason why they should not be allowed. There are towns and cities with a far smaller population than ours across the country who have this venue/service. It is a benefit to the community, as it results in less people from our community having to go to other cities, to fulfil this entertainment. In fact, it would potentially bring others from outside of our community into our community which could provide revenue and greater exposure to
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Sherwood Park. As well, it would create revenue for the community, by way of jobs, etc. We are a community of 100,000 people, and it is time that we start acting like it

- There should be a casino somewhere in Sherwood Park
 - There should be no problem with a casino put into place here in Strathcona, it would create jobs for many people
 - There should definitely be a casino in Sherwood Park
 - There are casinos in Edmonton so people leave Sherwood Park to go to them. Be better to have the investment in the County.
 - There's no difference between marijuana and gambling. People should be able to choose.
 - These casinos would provide great fundraising opportunities for minor sports teams.
 - They are allowed everywhere else
 - They are an important source of funding for many non-profit groups. And an important source of entertainment for people that enjoy them.
 - They are great for non-profit fundraisers and will create more jobs and travel to our hamlet.
 - They are great fundraisers for sports and other clubs so it would help it that respect. It would also create jobs. I think many residents travel to go to casinos anyway so it might as well be here helping us.
 - They bring revenue to the County, I think they should be allowed.
 - They can be fun when used responsibly
 - They have no social value.
 - They help raise money for community leagues and sports
 - They make us money and bring in new people
 - They must be kept away from schools.
 - They offer employment to a number of people. They offer a social aspect as well to groups of friends. A casino also offers a smaller, more intimate venue for musical acts. I believe then if I wanted to go to the casino some of my money would stay in the county and I need not necessarily worry about driving a distance and having to pay a lot for a cab home if I choose to have a drink.
 - They should be allowed
 - They should be allowed in certain areas and should have to have a full scrutiny by public involvement before approval. Workers for sharing profit should go to Strathcona organizations first
 - They should be allowed it is something that will help bring revenue and jobs to the county
 - They should be allowed! All of the non-profit associations in Strathcona County have casinos in rural areas (like Camrose Casino) where the profits
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- are far less. If Strathcona County votes against this, they should allow non-profits in the County access to City-based casinos.
- They should be like River Cree with shows are performances
 - They should be located in easy to access areas from main roads (ie. Highway 16)
 - They should build a casino and a new rink for the crusaders
 - They should only be allowed if they are providing additional amenities such as conference space, recreation space (e.g. Rinks) like River Cree Casino.
 - They support non profits. Add entertainment for some. No different from liquor or pot stores
 - They usually allow charity organizations to volunteer and make some money for their Charity.
 - they will create jobs and bring in more tax money
 - They would be a source of income for both the county and the charities in the county
 - They would be an excellent source of revenue that would help make up the shortfall we will see for years as a result of the pandemic.
 - They would positively contribute to tourism and business opportunities in Sherwood Park.
 - They would provide local jobs plus retain a decent percentage of the gambling dollars that Strathcona County residents are spending in Edmonton and elsewhere anyway.
 - Things have changed, people change so why not. We allow developers to take over county reserves and get rid of trees so I am not understanding why we shouldn't have a casino. It would also bring in money to the county.
 - Think it would be cool if the county took a page off the city of Edmonton play book. Build an arena in the middle of the Sherwood Park mall add a casino and some pubs maybe hotel. Demo the Sherwood Park arena build another rec center where the arena is
 - Think it's a great idea.
 - Think they would help generate business within the county
 - This could help different charity organizations to make money to support their cause
 - This is a great fundraising opportunity to support both minor and adult sports activities.
 - This is a progressive idea. Why not keep the gambling dollars in Sherwood Park and donate a portion to local charities?
 - This is long overdue Strathcona County needs this!
 - This is not needed in our community.
 - This kind of establishment would open the door for many groups to do fundraising through without the need to travel to Camrose
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- This will help fundraising for spots and other non-profit groups. I think we should let Strathcona County keep the money people go to the city to spend. We have VLTs in bars now so why not have a casino?
 - This would allow County clubs to benefit and ease some of the financial burdens they have, especially now with covid. Online silent auctions do not raise enough money currently. More employment opportunities as well.
 - This would be an excellent way to keep additional money in our community. Many of our local sporting organizations directly benefit from casino funding, but have limited access to events in Northern Alberta, often going 30-36 months between casinos. This can infuse more of our local sports with additional dollars to spend on our programming and facilities within the community.
 - This would be great for all the not-for-profit groups who have to travel to Camrose for a casino.
 - This would bring more employment opportunities to our community.
 - Those who go to the casino travel into Edmonton. We might as well support our own business and economy.
 - Time to allow the opportunity to have a casino is the Park- generates revenue, jobs, fundraising etc
 - Times have changed and our non-profit organizations are traveling elsewhere to volunteer at casinos and fund raise. I think we should allow Casinos to be built in Strathcona County. We already VLT's in many lounges.
 - Times have changed. In 2002 we had 2 liquor stores. Now we have over 30 in Sherwood Park - not to mention a raft of cannabis stores. - Casinos are now more socially accepted & numerous in the region. Edmonton, St. Albert, River Cree. We are losing revenue to other municipalities. - Even a small centre such as Kelowna supports a casino. It enhances the area. - Locate it in a nice part of town not in a commercial area. The architectural design should be appealing. - Make a deal such that a portion of the revenue helps pay for improvements to the quality of life e.g. Ag facility for the rural component of our County, a field house for youth and a seniors hub. - We limit the initiatives of volunteer groups who do casino night to raise funds. These groups go to Edmonton to do so. - Getting a casino should hinge upon how much of the pie we can receive. Is it a good deal? (benchmark against other communities). Any deal should be transparent and demonstrate value. Make sure that the majority of profit is not siphoned off to out of country interests or laundered. - We need adult entertainment in the form of live music and a dance (ball room perhaps) facility. We lack this in our community and this requirement should be coupled to any casino approval. It is not just about gambling it is entertainment. = Needs to be big and bold and stand alone. - A poor outcome would be a small casino(s) cobbled on to an existing hotel with limited entertainment. If hotels want to participate have them partner up and share a larger facility.
 - To maximize revenue for Charitable and Non-Profit organizations in the County. 4 time what it is now
 - Totally in favour
 - Unclear why we didn't want casinos?
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- Unfortunately, casinos have a popular following so could be good for people not to have to travel to the city and also for charities to have another venue and opportunity for fundraising.
 - Use common sense when approving locations and keep the number of casinos limited in our county. But I will also say, if you can find someone willing to invest and making a casino/resort in our county to boost tourism, while embracing the outdoors and offering 4 seasons of entertainment and leisure, that would be really nice.
 - Use revenue to help community
 - VLTs already exist in the county and have less restrictions than a casino.
 - VLTs are permitted so yes, a casino should be allowed. I think a nightclub would also be a nice addition. There's no local place to go dancing.
 - We allow liquor stores, bars and cannabis shops - why not casinos?
 - We already have Casinos right next door, why not allow in county so we can benefit from the tax dollars and our non-profit groups can benefit.
 - we already have VLTs, no issues with casinos
 - We are losing money
 - We have lots of forms of gambling in SP now it seems weird not to allow a casino
 - We have many hotels, why not casinos. I'm sure there are many people that enjoy that type of entertainment, especially seniors.
 - We have Strathcona residents going into the city to play at the casinos, so you should consider allowing them in the county.
 - We have to realise that society is made up of various people with different interests and needs. If we categorize gambling" as a problem we are eliminating opportunities for those people who enjoy risking their money in case they are successful winners. We have legal lotteries
 - We have VLT's in bars, what's the difference. Keep the money in the County instead of other communities. Help support the fundraising money it will bring in for any clubs using it.
 - We have VLTs liquor stores vape shops and pot stores.
 - We like to go to the casino once in a while and it would be nice not to have to go into Edmonton to go to one.
 - We need a casino
 - We need a casino here in Strathcona County. It will bring jobs and so much excitement
 - We need a casino in Sherwood Park so we don't half to drive to Edmonton or Fort Saskatchewan all the time. I am a regular at casinos and a law-abiding citizen. Let's all save gas save time, And Win some money. (If you're really going to build a casino, make it modern and nice, preferably with a night club inside so people in their young 20s have something to do on a Saturday night in Sherwood park, rather than driving to beercafe or midway in Edmonton. Ubers are expensive to go to Edmonton and back. Casinos also stimulate the local economy. The most prominent economic effect of casino gambling is
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employment. ... Many families rely on wages and other benefits from the casino gambling industry. The gambling industry also contributes to the per capita income, which is beneficial to the national economy. If this is not a good enough reason to build a casino text me (*deleted*) and I'll give you way more reasons why you should.

- We need a casino.
 - We need more entertainment. This would also help with employment. I think having a casino is a great idea
 - We need one in Sherwood Park
 - We need to build our community to meet the needs of everyone, or else we'll forever be a bedroom community.
 - We need to have more entertainment venues in Sherwood Park. A casino would create a ton of jobs and money for the area.
 - We need to look at the feasibility of this to provide fundraising opportunities for community groups.
 - We need to support the rural charities who are not permitted to conduct casinos events in Edmonton where the charity stands to make 60-70K\$ every 2 years. Right now AB central and east rural charities must try to raise money in ST Albert or Camrose, which pool and provides about 20K\$ every 3 years. But let's be realistic, Right now there is very little chance AGLC would approve another casino in this area, as there are 5 charity casinos in Edmonton, a large 1st Nations casino on the west end, a casino with slots at YEG airport and then 1 rural casino in St Albert. Alberta is not a gambling destination, so a casino actually coming up in such close proximity of Edmonton, will not happen very soon. What many people are concerned about is that a casino will cause more social problems and gambling addictions. Count how many VLT's are in the county. There is no difference between a slot machine and a VLT except slot machines must be in a casino and the proceeds are split 70% for the AGLC, 15% for the casino operator and 15% for the charities. The VLT must be in a licensed premise and the big difference is the only the licenced operator and the AGLC get any of the proceeds from the VLT operations.
 - We should allow them. So many of our local associations and charities would not have to travel to casino locations outside of the county if we had one here and our populations is large enough to support it.
 - We should take advantage of the economic development opportunity a casino would bring. It would also help local non-profit organizations an opportunity to work within the community rather than having to travel to school other locations to support their organization. And money raised in the community can stay in the community.
 - We think a casino will be good for the county
 - We would be happy to have a casino in the County as we go to the casinos in Edmonton frequently and it would be nice to have one closer to home.
 - We would love a casino!!!
 - We would need competent people to decide how to spend the money raised in the casino. I'm not sure they exist in within the current councillors and mayor
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- We would support a casino in the county, many of our charities and non-profits already benefit from them
 - We would use it instead of driving to Edmonton. Our children and their teams would benefit from it also
 - We're not gamblers but we think our local charities could benefit. Driving to the Camrose casino is a bit much. Thanks
 - What an excellent opportunity to bring jobs to our community and additional tax income to the county! That money could be used for such wonderful contributions for Strathcona County citizens.
 - what are the financial benefits? Licensing, percentages of revenues?
 - What is the issue with a casino in the County? I don't see anything worse coming from a casino than establishments that serve alcohol. I think a casino would be a great source of revenue for the county.
 - What is the revenue that a casino would potentially bring in? I think that information should be included for residents and council to make an informed decision.
 - What is wrong with allowing a private casino to operate in the county. Let the people make the choice and the county, ie mayor stay out of it. Freedom of choice! Too many elites making choices for the public as it is!!!!
 - What is wrong with casinos? We have Provincial Lotteries
 - What type of economic boost does the county expect from the development of a casino? Are there spin-offs expected from a casino operating in the county? What downfalls are there to a casino within the county?
 - What's the issue here?
 - When I still had a child at Wye school, the parent committee organized a casino for fundraising. It was in Camrose, which made it an arduous trip back and forth for those on a late-night shift. I chose not to volunteer for that reason. It would be nicer if community groups could do their fundraising locally.
 - When our children were growing up working bingos in Sherwood Park offset a lot of our sport costs. I believe that a casino would keep gambling money in the Park and help the non profit organizations raise funds and lower costs to families that would volunteer to work at them instead of supporting Edmonton groups. Many people from Sherwood Park play bingo and go to casinos in Edmonton.
 - Where would the development of the casino be and what are the potential economic benefits of a casino here
 - Wherever a casino is allowed they must have sufficient parking. It seems lately that commercial buildings are being built with very little parking. A good example is the new building on Sioux behind the 711 that corners on Broadmoor.
 - Whether we like them or not, casinos are part of our lives these days. They can provide employment, generate revenue opportunities for local businesses and support local charities. As someone who has worked casinos for different
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- volunteer groups in the County, it would be great not to have to drive to Camrose to support a local charity.
- Which council member(s) were approached to appeal the bylaw? What would the tax revenue be? Are there plans for additional or sufficient supports for addictions? Will RCMP be able to keep up with demands at the location? Many other questions before repeal bylaw!
 - while I never visit casinos, I see no reason to outlaw them
 - While I too am concerned about gambling addiction, those who have this problem will indulge in it whether gambling is allowed in the County or not. Meanwhile youth sports, charities etc have to forgo an important source of revenue.
 - While there are some downsides to casinos, they do provide a great source of revenue for non-profit community groups, due to the structures associated with how they are run (and the use of volunteers from said groups). Let's face it, if people want to gamble, they can. It's not like casinos don't exist in the Edmonton region.
 - Why do we let gambling money go out of our county into Edmonton? We have the available land, we have 4 fairly new motor hotels, we have restaurants that are hurting, this is a no brainer!
 - Why not a casino? The excess or some residuals could surely be utilized in our own County to facilitate some of our programs here in Strathcona County. In the long run, it will only benefit the community at large.
 - Why not diversify the funding for the county and share in the huge profits being generated elsewhere? Maybe we can have the 2 left turning lanes back throughout the Park and twin baseline east of Hwy 21 with the extra funds.
 - Why not have the added revenue a casino would bring. Right now, Edmonton gets it all aside from St. Albert
 - Why not, they employ more people. Location in Business/Commercial area.
 - Why not? Some of the best restaurants and restaurant deals occur in casinos. I feel safer in a casino than in some of the bars that I attend. Casinos offer significant financial help to hundreds of groups within our county, in fact many could not survive without them, so it seems pretentious to deny them entrance but accept their money.
 - Why shouldn't they? They can be an enjoyable activity and make money for the county.
 - Why the heck were they banned in the first place? It creates jobs, revenue for the county, entertainment....?? Why the hell is this even open for discussion! Build the casino!! Its not up to the county to worry about people and their gambling problems. Having systems in place to help those gambling addiction and guide people would probably be a good service to add as well.
 - why would we not have a casino. We don't close liquor stores because people drink too much, we still have food stores even though people suffer with over eating so let's have a casino.
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- why wouldn't we be looking at casinos? any new potential source of jobs/tax revenues should be considered at this point since our governments have decimated our economy with the bullshit covid restrictions
 - Why wouldn't we want a casino? Generate income for the county rather than driving in to Edmonton and providing that area with income. It makes no sense to not have a casino as I can drive 5 minutes further and go to one should I choose. Keep the money here.
 - Will be good for the economy
 - Will bring extra revenue too the county
 - Will private investors contribute enough to offset the cost of roadways and social supports for these?
 - With appropriate controls and monitoring in place, a local casino can help to support local sports and activities for our young people. I know many organizations struggle to get volunteers to participate when they have to drive to Camrose in order to do so. I understand the issues related to gambling addiction but also feel that someone addicted to gambling will still get their 'fix' on line or will travel to Edmonton to satisfy their 'need'. Supports need to be in place and readily accessible and advertised within our community to support gambling and other addictions.
 - With casinos being able to open would give more opportunity for jobs in the county. Casinos haven't harmed Edmonton in anyway.
 - Wondering if this includes bingo halls. Our ringette currently has to travel to West Ed to volunteer. Would be nice to have here in Strathcona County.
 - Would allow local sports and charity organizations to obtain operating funds
 - Would be a great addition to our expanding/developing community. 100% great idea to allow casinos.
 - Would be cool if it was multi service center. a casino, entertainment center, restaurant, concert venue etc.
 - Would be good to be attached to a hotel/conference centre.
 - Would be good to get some casino funds for non profit organizations in our community. Edmonton organizations earn on average \$80 000 and Sherwood Park only gets about \$15000 from the Camrose casino. What a difference and inequitable across the province.
 - Would be great! Live venue inside for concerts like century casino!
 - Would bring activity and tax revenue they should be welcome.
 - Would bring more business to Sherwood Park.
 - would bring some money to our non-profit organizations and tourist money jobs
 - Would employ a lot of people and part time seniors!!
 - Would go there.
 - Would Huge Benefit to Local Charities That Presently Goes Elsewhere
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- Would like to see more professional entertainment ie classic Country singers Vince Gill, George Strait etc. Patrons are driving over to River Cree to see these and monies could be kept here in the county instead
 - Would local clubs get first dibs on the fundraising? If the aglc is not issuing anymore casino licenses is there a waiting list that the county is trying to get on? How many other counties are on the waiting list for a new casino?
 - Would love to see a casino in Sherwood Park
 - Would need to be in a location away from private homes
 - Would raise revenue for the town, and encourage youth to live in Strathcona
 - Would rather keep Strathcona County as is
 - Would rather stay close to home to go to casino that drive to Edmonton
 - Would the County of Strathcona itself see any financial benefits?
 - Would welcome a casino in Sherwood Park
 - Yea bring a casino
 - Yes it should be allowed. Could be a great opportunity to allow tourists and visiting friends and family another activity to do. Combing these with underserviced hotels is a great idea. Our community already gambles online or in Edmonton. It would be great to allow our local not for profit and charitable groups the opportunity to garner revenue to assists parents and others with fundraising and leave more money in our community. Right now all the money leaves the community.
 - Yes it will boost the economy creating job. Excellent tax revenue for the country.
 - yes need a casino
 - Yes we need one closer. I get to travel to Edmonton to play; it's too far
 - Yes we should allow them. Just because Strathcona does not allow them. People will still find a way to get to them. Long as they are not easy to get at like if they are in an industrial area. They are fine.
 - Yes! Allow the casinos
 - Yes, I think Sherwood Park/Strathcona County is lacking in its ability to keep patrons at our local restaurants/bars, helping them grow their business. This is because patrons are travelling into Edmonton to find this 'fun'. This is now moving money out to Edmonton instead of keeping things local. This also makes a point to allowing dancing in Sherwood Park for our younger generation to enjoy this time locally instead of making the drive i to Edmonton where it might become difficult to come home.
 - Yes, if it is not a burden to taxpayers, if there is some revenue. Maybe somewhere south of wye rd where there is lots of land and there is already a private casino along H14 so there is a precedent.
 - Yes, would be nice to not have to drive 45 mins to do casino fundraisers for our kids that live and go to school and play sports HERE
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- You keep telling us to shop locally and yet you send all our casino money to Edmonton. Our sports organizations could really use the help that money would provide.
- You should open one as before, with limited & controlled COVID-19 in mind. The one who wants will have to travel to other places, when local establishments need the business.

APPENDIX C: COMMENTS FROM THOSE WHO WERE NOT SURE ABOUT WHETHER TO KEEP OR REPEAL THE BYLAW

- Are people just going to end up going to the city to play anyways, spending money in Edmonton? Are casinos for entertainment or the addicted if the latter we should make it harder to do
 - Can you please provide information about the pros and cons of having a casino?
 - Casino may influence gambling activities to excess creating hardships and potential spin off disorder
 - Concerned over potential issues stemming from casinos. Potential crime rates, addictions counseling and aid required, etc. I am not against casinos if set up correctly and possibly not spread everywhere through the county. But it brings up a lot of other supports that may be required.
 - Depending where. Depending on how the \$\$ would be spent to make it, AND how the \$\$ made would be distributed. I know all casinos are Indigenous owned. But what would the value be to our county?? What are the stats on how it would affect our county? Good or bad? How many jobs would open up?
 - good points and bad
 - How much investment will the county have to front for a development or will it be 100% private, including them buying land and the county not giving them land. Who would our target market be? Does the county have access to gambling addiction resources and professionals within our Family and Community Services? The tourism aspect could be helpful- pre covid, seniors groups would go on bus tours to casinos all over Alberta.
 - I am concerned about the people that may be attracted to a casino and how this could lead to potentially negative impacts in a variety of ways.
 - I am curious to know the pros and cons of a casino in the County. Would it be available for non profits to work and for fundraising? Are there security factors to consider? Would an event centre attached to it be more acceptable (River Cree example)? Do we have social supports in place to help people with gambling addictions now? Would it be easier for them to get help if they are going to a local atherosclerosis than hiding in their basement gambling or going to the city where less people know them? I think conversations would be needed before a decision is made on the bylaw. I appreciate the survey to get a feel but I think it is more complicated and emotional topic than a quick survey.
 - I am not against casino per se but do have concerns that it should not be located near where children congregate such as rec centers etc.
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- I am not in favour of casinos in general, but also don't feel it is the county's right to restrict individual choice
 - I belong to a service club in Edmonton and all our funding comes from every 2 years of working at a casino. (Before the pandemic) I am sure service clubs in Strathcona County would benefit from having casinos. However, the casino in St Albert does not generate funds we get in Edmonton. It bothers me to think of the social cost from having a casino and slot machines. And the government have not figured out how to keep criminals from using the casinos to laundry monies. There are also people who are addicted to gambling and I have not heard any suggestions how to get families compensated, when an individual have gambled their monies away.
 - I can't make a decision until I know the fiscal impact opening a casino is Strathcona County would have on my taxes. Will we see revenue from the casino put into the County and potentially be able to use those funds to lower taxes or will my taxes go up to help maintain it? Who would own the casino? Where would it go? Way too many factors that need to be addressed before a yes or no can be decided.
 - I do not use Casinos or basically any form of betting.
 - I don't believe the casino should be within Sherwood Park or other heavily populated area within Sherwood Park. I would be more in support if the casino was like the River Cree with event/concert space as well.
 - I don't go to casinos, but not totally against them either. If one could operate safely and is of public, profitable interest for the county. Then ok.
 - I don't see any issues with having a casino in Sherwood Park.
 - I feel that there enough casinos in the greater Edmonton area and I'm unsure one is required here.
 - I moved to the Park in summer 2017 from Calgary. I moved to Calgary in January 2009 from Ontario. I've lived in many cities between QC and ON in my life (I'm about mid-life now). So for perspective: I'm not a 'lifer' who's been following developments here for decades. My observations: given the back-and-forth I read in the local paper about the horse palace, Bremner, etc., you get the impression that once you open the box, so to speak, matters get away from the influence of the average citizen. You say repealing the prohibition of casinos in the county doesn't make for automatic approval, but promise of big cash usually does, regardless of the citizens' will. I'm a fairly pragmatic, level-headed person, and have lived in cities and municipalities with casinos. It's not automatic evil, but I've also seen dependant/addictive behaviour and what it does to families and the health care networks. The root problem isn't casinos, this is obvious, there's rot below (difficult childhoods, abusive relationships, etc.), and what's needed is psych support. Well, that's expensive and the public system isn't easy to navigate nor nimble enough to serve people's needs where and when they need the services. Sometimes it's just easier to leave the box shut. I don't really trust institutions as much anymore, nothing is driven by care and concern for other people. Money is always the driver.
 - I think casinos should be prohibited within the community of Sherwood Park/Ardrossan. I would be open to a casino being built along a highway... away from residential housing - in an industrial area perhaps.
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- I think it is worth considering. The right location would be of critical importance. Likely along the Hwy well away from residential neighborhoods.
 - I think the first question should be if you frequent casinos.
 - I think the opportunity could be explored, but I would prefer to see a casino operate outside of the core areas of business - in more industrial areas would be more suitable than in plain sight on baseline or wye as an example.
 - I would like to know if there would be any implications to the tax base and the status of hamlet vs city
 - I would like to know the crime rates associated to current casinos before forming an opinion.
 - I would like to understand the clear benefit to having them in the county
 - I would need more information to make an informed decision. But I do not think a bylaw prohibiting it is necessary.
 - I would need some additional information including pros and cons and why the members of the community created the petition in 2001.
 - I'd like more information about the revenue potential for the County vs. costs
 - I'd need to know more in order to say whether or not I thought casinos should be allowed in the County. One big question would be - would profits from the casino directly affect our community?
 - If approved please be cautious with location
 - If casinos are allowed in Strathcona County they should be standalone complexes outside of the greater Sherwood Park area. If allowed in the urban areas they must be kept a significant distance from parks, schools, and family facilities.
 - If non-profits have the option to work casinos instead of travelling to Camrose I am in favour.
 - IF they generated SUBSTANTIAL funds that directly went back to the community (to support schools and social programs), I would vote yes. Otherwise, no—we're better off without them.
 - If we allow casinos we should set a high bar for quality and a destination type of approach. We should also expect them to contribute towards addressing the social problems they create."
 - I'm torn: it could be helpful for not-for-profits to be able to volunteer here instead of driving to the Camrose casino, but gambling addiction can ruin lives. Often people who can least afford to gamble away money are the ones drawn to casinos.
 - In looking at the other casinos around the city you often find those struggling with addiction issues hovering around. Also, with a casino will be the need for more social services as with any addictive activity. This is something I don't want in my community.
 - Is this something the community really needs? What are the associated risks and does it help or hinder the community as a whole? More info is needed to make an educated decision.
 - It depends on the location of the casino
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- It depends where the casino is built. Ideally, they should be outside of towns.
 - It would be interesting to know why they decided to prohibit casinos being built back in 2001. What was the reason and what has changed?
 - It would depend on where casinos would be allowed to be built.
 - Just concerned that it would bring the wrong crowd.
 - Keeping the revenue in Strathcona County would be beneficial but I am concerned about the impact on children if their parents' gambling increases
 - Local charities should have preference in providing volunteers and receiving proceeds.
 - More info is needed to make an informed, educated decision. Are casinos helpful or harmful in communities that have allowed for them? Is there increased community policing, vandalism, DUIs? Do casinos given back through various charitable endeavours, employment, etc...
 - More information must be made public. Pros and cons. Location. Cost. Benefit to county.
 - My answer would be based off of where the casino would be located. Ideally near residential is a hard pass.
 - My concern would be how we would manage potential issues surrounding the addictive nature of gambling - could it increase crime, homelessness, domestic abuse - would we have something in place to help with these issues. How would casino revenue be distributed - is it all AGLC, or do Strathcona County charities get first opportunity to benefit?
 - Not right now.
 - Not sure there is a benefit to our community to have a casino. I understand there may be a financial benefit. I don't believe casinos support family-oriented community values.
 - Only far from residential development if allowed. I don't think we really need one as there are many in Edmonton including one close by on argyll
 - Parking concerns, who pays for the build, will local schools and teams be able to sign up like it is done in Edmonton, where is the proposed location, why were casinos originally banned and why is there a possible change now
 - Specific site and design details would require careful and thoughtful consideration. Often the County does not think through decisions carefully enough and there are unintended negative consequences. Care and attention to detail is required.
 - The county used to be an area I was proud to live in. It was classy & quaint. The amount of dollar stores, pot stores, nail salons, etc. are embarrassing. With all the multi-family rental developments that have been approved over the last 10 years, has brought a demographic to the county that they simply weren't ready for. The increase of crime has become extremely problematic, and clearly unable to manage. As with crime, the significant increase in population has had a negative impact on our school class sizes & school transportation. I'm not opposed to allowing casinos, as long as the proper infrastructure is in place BEFORE the casino is built.
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- The issue with casinos is the attraction of organized crime money laundering, and other sex trade issues, not to mention other social issues like gambling addictions. The idea would have to be looked at very closely to ensure security and these type s of issues are not allowed to invest the County.
 - The location would be key for me to say yes for a possible casino. Ideally it would be far away from residential and schools...not sure where that would fit though.
 - There could be some potential benefits. For example, there could be new restaurants and recreation facilities depending on the scope of developments. The major potential drawback is traffic activity.
 - Very dependent on location. If it could be squeezed into county limits but not remotely near any residential areas and if it was very high class. Not a cheap scuzzy casino that attracts the dregs of life. Also, heavy police presence to discourage criminal activity. I couldn't approve a blanket 'yes'. It would be case dependent.
 - Wanted to say no, but it is not just a clear NO. It is indicating there are some locations I don't feel a casino is warranted in our County. It is a great leisure time activity, which has major social and economic impacts not only affecting the gambler, but his/her significant others, and the society if misused. Gambling availability is associated with increased problem and pathological gambling behaviors among individuals in the casino neighborhood. Also, casinos lead to higher crime rates, but those rates decrease with distance, and the proximity of casino gambling is found to be associated with higher bankruptcy rates.
 - What are the pros and cons based on expert opinions? Will it lead to increased addiction problems in the county? How much increased tax revenue?
 - What type of casinos? Bingo halls? What exactly is the definition and what type of zoning would allow a casino? I think it definitely attracts a particular clientele and does that align with our community values of being a family-friendly community? It could have the potential to be developed successfully, but I think it should target a very niche market...like Monaco.
 - Where would the profit go, could local orgs hold fundraisers?
 - While I can appreciate the entertainment benefit and tax revenue, I am concerned about providing another source for gambling addiction.
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