

SPRUCE GROVE GUN CLUB

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT



As you may be aware, the **Spruce Grove Gun Club** has been denied the renewal of our development permit by the County of Parkland Subdivision Development Appeal Board. This was at the request of landowners new to the area. The new landowners built their properties **around a shooting range which has existed in the same location for 42 years.**

The gun club has complied with everything the County has asked for, including setting up noise monitoring stations. This was to ensure that any noise produced at the Range is below the noise levels set by the County's own Community Standards bylaw. **In every case**, the noise we generated was exponentially **below the maximum allowed level.**

As per an additional County request, the SGGC has a **full time range manager** present when the range is open. Also as requested, **range safety officers supervise all rifle shooting**, and admittance to the range property is controlled by a **key-card access system.**

We now operate one of the safest gun clubs in not only the province, but in the entire country. **Despite meeting or exceeding all existing requirements from the County, and all Federal range requirements**, our range temporarily ceased operations as of 8 November 2015.

This range closure affects many more than just the **1000+ immediate members** of the SGGC and the guests that join them to enjoy the shooting sports. Other users of the range such as **law enforcement and youth groups** are also denied access to a safe, supervised, federally approved shooting facility.

The shooting sports, including competitions, bring **millions of dollars in revenue** to companies across Canada, whether they are companies directly within the firearms industry, or others in the service industries that are patronized by visitors from afar. All of these are affected, some severely, when yet another range is squeezed out of existence. **It is a trend that is being seen across the country!**

The attack on SGGC is only a small part of the anti-firearms hysteria which is becoming **all too common** among non-supportive governments at all levels. The mainstream media nation-wide is all too eager to promote their anti-gun views and demonize sport shooters.

An even bigger issue is **encroachment** of people into areas where they think that their "rights" supersede everyone else's. This **vocal minority** seems to be getting their way more and more, defying all logic. This is not just an Edmonton-area problem, nor even just an Alberta struggle, but truly a national plague which must be stopped. Many, many other ranges in Canada are experiencing these same problems. **The time to push back is now!**

We hope that you are as outraged as we are by this unfair treatment of the men and women in the shooting sports. **Our collective freedoms and land use rights are being quickly eroded.**

There is no doubt that the decision by Parkland County to shut down the Spruce Grove Gun Club, if NOT overturned, will be used as a precedent setting example against other gun ranges across Canada.

It is the intention of the SGGC to appeal the Parkland County SDAB decision so that the range can be re-opened as quickly as possible. Legal counsel has been retained to pursue all available options. The fight will be expensive, both in terms of time and money, but **it is a stand that the SGGC membership is willing to take**, with help from our friends from near and far.

We ask that you consider **offering your support in these ways** :

- A) Our lawyers are fighting the legal battle. We request your help to fight the **political** battle. We are soliciting petition signatures from across Canada, as this is not just an Edmonton nor an Alberta issue, but a national crisis. **Please read and sign the petition at :**

<https://www.change.org/p/parkland-county-and-mayor-save-our-gun-club>

- B) This step is equally as important : **Please forward this letter** to everyone on your email and mailing address list. **They don't have to be shooters, or hunters**, just people that care about what's **logical, right and fair**.

One more EXTREMELY important way that you can help ! :

C) Please donate to the Spruce Grove Gun Club Legal Defense Fund :

The legal battle to re-open our Club is just beginning, and it will be an extremely expensive process – **our fundraising objective is \$ 500,000 !** While we will gratefully accept donations of any size, we ask that you **consider a significant donation** to our legal defense fund.

Note that when our fight is successful and we have re-opened permanently, any **remaining funds will be donated to the Canadian Shooting Sports Association**, a not-for-profit organization, specifically **to support other clubs** who are fighting similar battles against unjust bureaucrats and imposing, threatening landowners in other parts of the country.

Please choose one of these three methods to send your donation :

- 1) **Mail a cheque** payable to : Spruce Grove Gun Club marked Legal Defense Fund
to : Spruce Grove Gun Club, 53424 - Range Road 273, Spruce Grove, AB, T7X 3R9
- 2) **EMT to :** rangemanager@sggc.ca Please provide the password in a separate email.
- 3) Donate to **GoFundMe.com** : <https://www.gofundme.com/sc7zcagc>

NOTE that for options 1) and 2) above, 100% of your donation is used for the Defense Fund, whereas GoFundMe charges the SGGC a fee of 8% of your donation for the use of their site.

You may be interested in :

- donations direct to the Club of \$500 or \$1000 can, if you wish, be **split into five pre-authorized monthly amounts**. Please contact rangemanager@sggc.ca to make the necessary arrangements.
- donations direct to the Club of \$2,500 will receive a plaque on our Wall of Honour as a **Brass Supporter**.
- donations direct to the Club of \$ 5,000 will receive a plaque on our Wall of Honour as a **Silver Supporter**.
- donations direct to the Club of \$ 10,000 will receive a plaque on our Wall of Honour as a **Gold Supporter**.

We are finalizing our recognition program and will soon release details of additional rewards to help acknowledge and thank our donors.

PLEASE HELP !!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !!!

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