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**Subject:** RE: RPCM on April 10, 2025 - Joe Evans Notes re: Drake Haul Route, final version dated May 3, 2025  
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Good morning, Joe,

Apologies for the e-mail on the day of the planning commission meeting but wanted to get the following to you prior to this evening's meeting so you may update the agenda.

After lengthy internal discussions I have decided to withdraw our request for the continued use of a section of the rec center property as a throughway from our yard to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. While we still feel this is the safest way to traverse to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and ultimately other parts of Kotzebue to deliver aggregates for our much-needed infrastructure its clear the residents near our yard and the ballfield are adamantly opposed to this idea and have made their opposition loud and clear. At the end of the day, DCI wants to be the best neighbor it can be while providing services to the community and if not utilizing the ballfield area as a throughway offers relief then we find it hard to continue to advocate for this agreement with the City of Kotzebue.

With that, Drake Construction will be utilizing the various public rights-of-ways as means to go to/from the yard as well as deliver aggregates to project sites around Kotzebue and beyond. We request that the City of Kotzebue confirm all rights-of-way leading to/from our yard are clear from personal items and the whole right-of-way is traversable. This includes Sand Street, Lake Street, and Alice Street. We will be using the access point on Sand Street as the main route to deliver aggregates and access the yard with support vehicles very soon and it is imperative that the access point to our yard is unimpeded for vehicular traffic.

As always, we will have all employees obey traffic laws, and speeds as they traverse to and from the yard.

Lastly, I want to say thank you to all the city employees, past/present planning commission members, and council members for their efforts to make Kotzebue the best it can be, and my hope is these groups see that Drake has those same interests and incorporate those same efforts into everything we do for Kotzebue and the region.

Thank you,  
Toby



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Sam,

This should be in the RPCM packet for May 14, 2025.

I sent a draft of this around for comments on April 21st to everyone - Planning Commissioners and DCI folks. The only person who responded to this DRAFT of April 21st, as I recall, was Toby Drake. He had no changes/corrections.

I will send a copy to Cindy Fields and Andrew Greene.

Joe

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