
MP Blaine Calkins Calls Out Minister Guilbeault Over Clear Lake Decision

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Ponoka–Didsbury , Alberta – Blaine Calkins, Member of Parliament for Ponoka–Didsbury, released the following statement regarding Parks Canada’s Clear Lake Decision.

“The Liberal government’s refusal to engage with residents and stakeholders over Parks Canada’s sudden ban on motorized boat access to Clear Lake is yet another example of how out of touch this government is with rural Canadians.”

“After two months of silence, Minister Guilbeault has now responded – not with solutions, but with excuses.”

“Instead of addressing the concerns raised by local communities and business, he deflected responsibility, claiming that Parks Canada alone made the call, and expressed full confidence in the same officials responsible for this abrupt policy change.”

“This is a minister refusing to take ownership of his file, directly affecting the communities, small businesses, and families who rely on access to Clear Lake.”

“As Minister responsible for Parks Canada, Steven Guilbeault had every opportunity to act – and he refused.”

“This is part of a larger pattern we’ve seen from this government that ignores the people most affected by their disastrous policies. Worse, while rural communities are ignored, the minister has chosen to hide his blatant neglect behind red tape.”

“Conservatives will demand answers, hold the Liberal government to account, and ensure these communities are heard and are given the respect they deserve.”

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