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Eighteen riders took part in the first Ride for the Ranch last Saturday. Conditions were ideal for the fundraiser.

## Ride for Ranch is a great success

The Ride for the Ranch was an amazing success.

"The day was stellar and we had such great support and interest from our riders, that we're already planning next year's Ride for the Ranch," said Tara McFadden, Community Engagement Officer and ride organizer.

The ride was on Sept. 14 and the weather was per-

fect for 18 riders to enjoy the park. The trail ride guided participants through the Park and highlighted historical sites including tipi rings, historic ruins, and the sandstone quarry, while sharing the stunning landscape and ecology of the Park. The ride included lunch, dinner and the cowboy poetry of Doris Daley, with additional guests

attending dinner.

Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park is not an equine use facility so the fundraising trail ride is a unique opportunity for horse lovers to ride at Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park while supporting the programming and fundraising work of Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation.

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# Rerouting gravel trucks

## New haul route will benefit River Heights Dr. residents

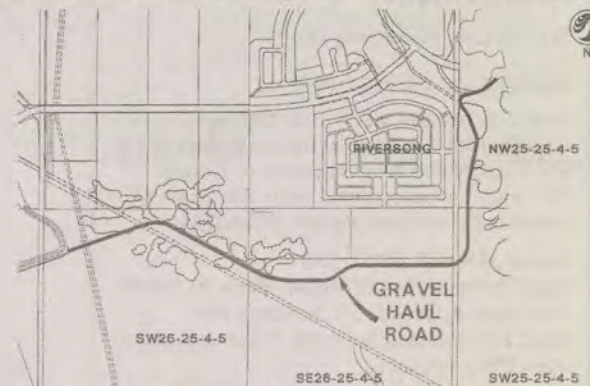
Thanks to the gravel pit operator and local developers, residents along River Heights Drive will see gravel trucks rerouted as early as this winter.

The new gravel haul route will be relocated to the future location of James Walker Trail, south of River Heights Drive.

"We truly admire and appreciate the effort and dedication of all parties who came together to make this happen," said Mayor Truper McBride. "This is a solution that the parties came up with after nearly three years examining the issue and possible solutions."

River Heights Drive is used by dozens of gravel trucks each day to get in and out of the gravel pit on the south side of the Bow River. With the community growing quickly, residents raised numerous noise and safety concerns.

"We knew there was a solution that would work for residents, the gravel pit operator and developers," said Kathy Dietrich, the Town's senior manager of planning and



Cooperation among developers, gravel haulers and the town resulted in a new gravel haul route in River Heights.

engineering. "It took a commitment to make this happen; by working together, the best possible solution was reached."

A number of organizations with a presence in River Heights contributed:

- Green Drop Inc., the gravel pit operator: funds and material for the road
- Philco Farms Ltd.: use of their lands for the haul route
- Tamani Communities, developer of Riversong: funds to build the road
- La Vita Land Inc., developer of The Willows: funds to build the road

- Slokker Canada, owner of lands north of River Heights Drive: funds to build the road

- Stantec Inc: planning and engineering for road design (representing Philco Farms Ltd. and Green Drop)

The new gravel haul route involves no financial contribution from the town or taxpayers.

The approval for the route also includes measures for dust and speed control.

Work is expected to begin in the next few weeks, with the new route in use as early as this winter.