

Letter of Support – Foothills County



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RESPONSE TO EXTERNAL CIRCULATION NOTICE

RE: Proposed Ricardo Ranch Area Structure Plan

Thank you for providing Foothills County the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed Ricardo Ranch ASP. County staff have reviewed this proposal and have no concerns but would like to take this opportunity to provide a few brief comments as follows:

We would like to thank City of Calgary staff for inviting us to participate in the development of this ASP, from the initial visioning workshop right through to the draft plan. The plan area is complex, with areas of steep slope, lands prone to flooding, areas that have been identified as having potential for historic resources, existing oil and gas infrastructure as well as an adjacent municipality. It has been very interesting to see the concept progress as initial mapping of plan area features eventually transformed into a comprehensive plan for a livable community.

Foothills is supportive of the proposal for the location of a new Bow River Access Site and Day Use Area in the plan area. The existing Policeman's Flats area on the south side of the river in Foothills County has been subject to repeated flood events and the county roads that provide access to it have a limited capacity to handle the increase in traffic that could occur as more people are living in close proximity to the area.

We commend the City for recognizing the impact of light pollution in the ASP and including provisions for the incorporation of dark sky principles in the plan area.

Finally, we appreciate the recognition that the plan area falls within the City of Calgary and Foothills County Intermunicipal Development Plan area and the incorporation of Intermunicipal coordination policies in the plan.

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Once again, we thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively and cooperatively with the City of Calgary to ensure the best possible outcomes for all of our citizens.

Yours truly,

M.D. OF FOOTHILLS N0.31

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