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RE: PROVINCIAL FLOOD MITIGATION AND WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT

COUNCILLORS POOTMANS, CARRA, PINCOTT, FARRELL, SUTHERLAND AND WOOLLEY

WHEREAS our region's climate and weather are expected to become more unpredictable with more frequent droughts, increased precipitation and flooding in the future;

AND WHEREAS safety of our citizens is Council's highest priority;

AND WHEREAS the Province's decision to move forward with some upstream mitigation on the Elbow River is a positive and significant step forward in reducing the impact of future flooding, and the TransAlta and Provincial negotiations for Ghost Dam are essential for Bow River communities, but significant additional mitigation is needed to protect citizens against future flooding while considering the risks of drought;

AND WHEREAS Administration is engaged in developing considerations for the design and operations of Springbank Off-stream Reservoir and is working with the Province to take a comprehensive and integrated water management approach to understand the best combination of upstream and local, and structural and non-structural mitigation measures for both the Bow and Elbow River;

AND WHEREAS flood and drought management are interconnected and equally important and by building flexibility into the design of any upstream mitigation projects, we can improve conditions and build adaptive responses to either drought or flood conditions;

AND WHEREAS an integrated approach to water management is incorporated in The City's flood mitigation and water supply planning;

AND WHEREAS Administration has developed a Flood Resiliency and Mitigation Plan, a Drought Management Plan, and Water Efficiency Plan;

Signature of Member(s) Date

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AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council reiterate its support for more mitigation and the need for a comprehensive water management plan, and that the Mayor be requested to write to the Premier after the provincial election confirming our desire for a joint plan to address flood and drought mitigation.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to report back to Utilities and Corporate Services as part of the Annual Watershed Management Plan Update by the end of Q1 2016, with progress report on the Water Supply Management Plan, which characterizes and evaluates a spectrum of current and future risks facing The City's water supplies.

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