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Mr. Stuart Dalgleish Chief Operating Officer City of Calgary P.O. Box 2100, Stn. M Calgary AB, T2P 2M5

RE: Regional Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Servicing Policy

Dear Mr. Dalgleish,

I am writing on behalf of Rocky View County to express a concern regarding the City's Regional Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Servicing Policy, which is scheduled to be discussed at the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on December 21, 2023. Firstly, I want to express my appreciation for our recent conversation on this matter and to your staff for taking the time to engage on this policy with my staff. We appreciate your continued commitment to working together.

The County's concern arises from recent changes to the language of Policy Statement 1.4 of the draft Regional Servicing Policy; "The City of Calgary may consider requests for areas that have an existing area structure plan, <u>that has been amended to come into compliance with the policies and placetypes</u> of the CMRB Regional Growth and Servicing Plans." As you may know, CMRB Regional Growth Plan policy 3.1.10.1 acknowledges that "existing Area Structure Plans that were adopted in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act* prior to the date this Growth Plan comes into force, will remain in effect." This means that the County does not need to amend existing plans as they are considered compliant with the Growth Plan. This interpretation has been confirmed with CMRB Administration.

It is always the City's choice whether or not to entertain a servicing request, however, the concern with the policy, as currently written, is that the County would not even have the ability to request servicing for a grandfathered statutory plan, such as the Cochrane Lake Hamlet Plan.

In the spirit of collaboration that the Regional Growth and Servicing Plans were intended to foster, we are requesting that the City consider removing terminology of amending grandfathered statutory plans from clause 1.4 of the City's Regional Servicing Policy. Earlier versions of the Regional Servicing Policy that were discussed by City and County Administrations did not include this concept, and it would allow the County the ability to request consideration of servicing for certain areas.

The County is working to meet the vision and outcomes outlined in the CMRB's Regional Growth Plan and believes that shared servicing is consistent with that vision. We seek to improve environmental and social outcomes across the Region, and consideration of regional servicing supports those goals.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and I look forward to further dialogue on this matter. I can be reached at 403-520-1175 if you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely, Rocky View County

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