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Dr. Sinda Vanderpool
President and Vice Chancellor
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Dear Dr. Vanderpool,

On behalf of the Board of Governors of St. Mary's University, I am pleased to offer support for expanding or altering the Fishcreek/Lacombe C-Train Station and Platform to additionally recognize St. Mary's University.

Having held positions of Chief Superintendent for the Calgary Catholic School District and now of the Calgary Board of Education, I have had the privilege of witnessing the direct impact that St. Mary's students and graduates have on the community. As Chair of the St. Mary's Board of Governors for the past three years I have also had the opportunity to watch St. Mary's grow and increase its scope of programming, and impact in the community through work integrated learning and social justice initiatives.

The iconic red water tower that can be seen from McLeod trail is symbol of strength for St. Mary's University, a testament to the campus' historic past, but also an identifier to community members and Calgarians that St. Mary's exists, that there is a university situated in the south of Calgary that provides a wholistic education to students and prepares them to become leaders who embody a dedication to service above self.

Renaming the current Fishcreek/Lacombe C-Train Station and Platform would highlight the asset that St. Mary's University is to Calgary, drawing direct connections between education and the wonderful assets of our city. It would provide another point of recognition for the university, helping to establish St. Mary's University as a dynamic and lasting community asset in southeast Calgary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Strother".

Gary Strother
Board Chair, St. Mary's University