

July 26, 2017

The Honourable Minister Shannon Phillips  
Minister of Environment and Parks and the Minister Responsible for the Climate Change Office  
MLA for Lethbridge-West  
208 Legislature Building  
10800 - 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Honourable Minister Phillips,

**Re: Bow River Working Group Report**

The Calgary River Communities Action Group (CRCAG) was formed by citizen advocates in the aftermath of Calgary's devastating 2013 floods. We are writing to you in respect to the recent report from the Bow River Working Group (BRWG) submitted to government back in May.

As you are aware, the BRWG was struck last year with participation from many stakeholders that would be involved with or impacted by any flood and drought mitigation infrastructure to be considered for the Bow River. We also understand that any such flood mitigation on the Bow River, to effectively mitigate against the type of flood we witnessed in 2013, would require the volume of three additional Ghost reservoirs.

Given the timelines involved, and what we see in the current process to construct the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project, we respectfully make two requests. First, we implore you to make the BRWG report publically available as soon as possible. Secondly, our group would like to meet with you and the Premier to further elaborate on our concerns for prompt government action on flood mitigation for both rivers that flow through Calgary.

It is critically important to the vitality of this City, the safety and protection of its citizens, and in fact Alberta's and Canada's economies, that flood mitigation plans be formulated, environmental review approved and critical upstream mitigation infrastructure projects commenced, as soon as possible, on both the Bow and Elbow rivers.

On behalf of our 1000+ members and all Calgarians, yours very truly,



CALGARY RIVER COMMUNITIES ACTION GROUP