

April 12, 2018

The Honourable Shannon Phillips, MLA
Minister of Environment & Parks and Minister Responsible for Climate Change Office
208 Legislature building
10800 – 97 Ave
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Minister,

Re: Follow Up to Calgary River Communities Action Group Letter dated July 26th, 2017

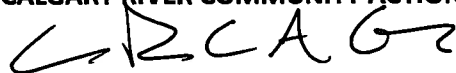
The Calgary River Communities Action Group (CRCAG) was formed by citizen advocates in the aftermath of Calgary's devastating 2013 floods. We are following up on our letter sent last year with respect to the report from the Bow River Working Group (BRWG), submitted to the government last May.

First, we ask that feasibility studies for potential major infrastructure projects identified in the report be initiated immediately. Secondly, our group would like to meet with you to further elaborate our concerns for expediting government action for flood mitigation for the Bow and Elbow rivers that flow through Calgary. Finally, we understand and would like to confirm that the feasibility studies on increasing the drawdown rate at Ghost Reservoir and other smaller projects identified by the BRWG are in progress.

As a reminder, it is understood that to completely mitigate against flooding that was seen in 2013 on the Bow River via upstream infrastructure, we would require the volume of three additional Ghost Reservoirs. In essence, a significant but necessary undertaking, as part of an overall mitigation strategy. Each day, week and month that passes without action, only extends the timelines to protect Calgary, its citizens and its economy against the next inevitable devastating flood.

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

CALGARY RIVER COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP



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The Honourable Rachel Notley, Premier of Alberta

His Worship Naheed Nenshi, Mayor of Calgary

The Honourable Brian Mason, Minister of Transportation, MLA for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

The Honourable Kathleen Ganley, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, MLA Calgary-Buffalo

The Honourable Ron Liepert, MP Calgary-Signal Hill

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