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Via email: CEAA.Springbank.ACEE@ceaa-acee.gc.ca

Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency Canada Place 9700 Jasper Avenue, Suite 1145 Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4C3

RE: Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project — Public Comments

To whom it may concern,

The Beltline Neighbourhoods Association is a vibrant community association for the Beltline district in urban Calgary encompassing the neighbourhoods of West Connaught, Connaught Centre, Victoria Centre and East Victoria representing over 23,000 residents who make their home in the Beltline, just south of the Downtown Calgary.

We are proud to be a recognized member of the <u>Federation of Calgary Communities</u> along with over 200 other community associations and non-profit organizations in Calgary and are officially registered with the <u>Alberta Government</u>.

In the 2013 floods, a large swath of the Beltline was flooded causing large amounts of property damage, forcing residents out of their homes while even more were left without power or elevator access to their homes in high-rise condos and apartments for days or weeks. The effect on local businesses was just as devastating.

While expropriating private land for the greater public good is never without controversy, we can't afford another repeat flood like we experienced, which would have grave effect on the future viability as a place to live, shop, and do business.

The Beltline Neighbourhoods Association strongly supports the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project and urges the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to approve this project crucial for the future of this community as soon as possible.





Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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