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I LOOK FORWARD TO AN
UPDATE ON THE TIMING
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September 5, 2018

Honourable Brian Mason
Minister of Transportation
320 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Re: Indigenous Consultation – Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir

Dear Minister Mason,

BRIAN,

I am writing to seek your assurance that your Ministry has undertaken a thorough, two-way consultation with all Indigenous people directly and indirectly impacted by the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir project.

In light of the recent Federal Court of Appeal ruling on the Trans Mountain Pipeline, the courts have determined the consultation standard demands a “meaningful, two-way dialogue” between project proponents and Indigenous people. This question is all the more relevant given the focus on Indigenous consultation contained in the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency Information Request of August 20, 2018.

Can you please share the specific steps your Ministry has taken to meet or exceed the consultation standards?

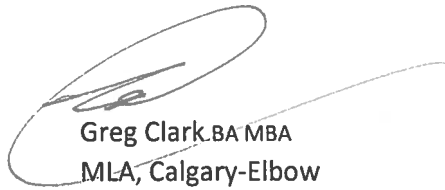
My constituents and all Albertans relying on the timely completion of this important project would also like to know if the CEAA Information Requests have caused additional delays beyond the ten-month delay announced this past spring. Is the project still on track to be partially operational by spring 2022 and fully operational by spring 2023?

Finally, I would appreciate an update on the land acquisition process. Have you acquired any further parcels of land, and do you continue to believe that the expropriation process requires the successful completion of the regulatory process?

As always, I am happy to meet to discuss this at any time.

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



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