

## **CALL TO ACTION REQUEST**

Write a letter about your experience  
with the 2013 Southern Alberta Floods

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The Calgary River Communities Action Group (CRCAG) and Flood Free Calgary are advocating for upstream mitigation to protect Calgary from future flooding, and we need to hear about your flood experience.

In 2013, Calgary was ravaged by floodwaters and it was not a unique occurrence. History and studies conclusively show that future flooding will happen.

Seven years on, the fact that our city is still without critical flood mitigation infrastructure in place should be extremely concerning to Calgarians.

### **Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir will protect the Elbow River from future flooding... if approved.**

The Government of Alberta has selected the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir (SR1) as the project to proceed with on the Elbow River.

The SR1 Project is subject to review from both federal and provincial regulators. After over four years of review, both processes are nearing the end.

More information about SR1 can be found at: [alberta.ca/springbank-off-stream-reservoir.aspx](http://alberta.ca/springbank-off-stream-reservoir.aspx).

As part of the provincial regulatory review, the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) recently issued notice of a pre-hearing conference to be held on December 2, 2020 in anticipation of a public hearing on the project as early as February 2021.

**For the hearing, CRCAG and Flood Free Calgary will present evidence from residents and business owners in support of the SR1 Project.**

The NRCB will weigh the benefits and burdens of SR1 in deciding whether to approve the project. The NRCB will no doubt be hearing from landowners potentially affected by SR1 in Springbank.

Your letters and photos will show the NRCB the other side of the issue: the vast number and significant impacts on residents/businesses affected by potential flooding in Calgary.

## What we need from you:

Please send us a letter (and available photos, if any) describing your experience with the 2013 Southern Alberta Floods disaster, how it has affected you, your family and/or business, and where you are at today.

### INFO TO INCLUDE

- Your name/business/organization name
- Calgary community in which you live or operate
- Your email address
- You are writing in support of the intervention of CRCAG/ Flood Free Calgary and urge the NRCB to approve SRI
- Available photos

### HIGHLIGHT IMPACTS

- Socio-economic impacts; safety, livelihood, economic, health (including mental health)
- Details about property damages (home, business, vehicle)
- Details about business impacts (business closure, loss of inventory, loss of equipment, loss of time, layoffs)

### DETAILS TO AVOID

- Addressing technical details of SRI
- Personal information that you do not want to be publicly available

DISCLAIMER: As part of the hearing process, any documents submitted as evidence by interveners will become public documents and may be posted on the NRCB website. Therefore, do not share any information that you not want to be publicly available.



**Deadline for letters: December 18, 2020**  
Email to: [info@crcactiongroup.com](mailto:info@crcactiongroup.com)


## Your stories are important!

This is the opportunity we've been waiting for to publicly support this project and to protect Calgary from future flooding.

If this project does not get regulatory approval, we firmly believe no upstream flood mitigation project ever will on the Elbow River. Upstream flood mitigation is critical to the safety and protection of our city and we must see this project through to completion.

Additionally, if you or someone from your community would be interested in providing written evidence and speaking at the hearing, please get in touch with us at [info@cractiongroup.com](mailto:info@cractiongroup.com).

Thank you for your time and we hope we can count on your support to protect Calgary from future flooding.



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**About Calgary River Communities Action Group:**

Calgary River Communities Action Group was formed in the immediate aftermath of the Southern Alberta Floods disaster in 2013. The group of concerned citizens advocates for the construction of flood mitigation infrastructure to protect Calgary against future flooding, and defends against policy, legislative and regulatory changes that are prejudicial to, and negatively impact, property owners in flood impacted communities.

[protectcalgary.com](http://protectcalgary.com)



**About Flood Free Calgary:**

Launched in January 2018, Flood Free Calgary is a group of organizations, businesses and citizens that advocate for timely flood mitigation for Calgary. Mobilizing business and community leaders, the group seeks to keep Calgary's flood risk top of mind for policy-makers and to be vocal advocates in support of critical flood mitigation infrastructure.

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