



February 3, 2021

Matthew Hebert, Executive Director, Springbank
Alberta Transportation
Twin Atria Building
4999-98 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T6B 2X3

**Re: Alberta Transportation Proposed Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project
NRCB Application No. 1701
Water Act No. 00387101**

Dear Mr. Hebert:

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for the proposed Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project has now been deemed complete pursuant to Section 53 of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA). Alberta Environment and Parks and associated government agencies have reviewed the EIA report received on October 2017 and March 2018, and Supplemental Information Request Response(s) received on June 14, 2019, April 2020, May 2020, June 2020 and December 2020 and have determined that the content of the report meets the Terms of Reference published on February 5, 2015.

This determination of EIA Completeness **does not** represent acceptance or approval of the proposed project. The EIA report has been referred to the Natural Resources Conservation Board, who will issue a decision as to whether the project may proceed further in the regulatory process. Alberta Transportation may be required to provide additional project information to the Natural Resources Conservation Board in order for the necessary regulatory decisions to be made and potential approvals issued.

If you have any questions about the approvals process, please contact Kyle Lund at 403-297-5949. For other inquiries about the Natural Resources Conservation Board process, please contact Laura Friend at 403-297-8269.

Sincerely,

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