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March 16, 2015

His Worship Wm. (Bill) Robertson
Mayor
Town of Okotoks
PO Box 20, Station Main
5 Elizabeth Street
Okotoks, AB T1S 1K1

Dear Mayor Robertson:

Thank you for the Town's application for the Calgary to Okotoks Regional Water Pipeline, and for meeting with me on March 5, 2015. I understand this pipeline is important to you and the community.

We have reviewed your application and placed the project in our Water for Life Program application database. Currently, there is a large waiting list of potential Water for Life projects, totaling some \$700 million. Due to current Water for Life Program commitments, we do not anticipate any additional program approvals this year. Your application will be considered in the future along with all other projects, as provincial priorities and funding allows. The application has clarified the need for carrying capacity in the proposed water pipeline for other regional users, and we agree that there will be limited use of the pipeline capacity by other urban centres.

The province has accepted expressions of interest from consultants to re-evaluate the Waterworks Facility Assessment Report and the Water for Life Program benefits, specifically this program's terms, and future funding requirements. We expect the results of this work will affect the Water for Life Program terms and conditions as well as future budgets.

Ms. Danielle Smith, MLA Highwood continues to advocate for the Calgary to Okotoks regional water pipeline.

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Thank you again for your application under the Water for Life Program, and my department looks forward to reviewing any additional materials or business cases regarding a public-private partnership options for this project, as was mentioned during our meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Drysdale". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wayne Drysdale
Minister

cc: Honourable Kyle Fawcett, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development
Danielle Smith, MLA Highwood
Colleen Shepherd, Executive Director, Calgary Regional Partnership