

TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

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North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (AB) 202-9440 49 Street Edmonton, AB T6B 2M9

North Saskatchewan River Basin Council (SK) Box 458 Hafford, SK, S0J 1A0

RE: Letter of Support for Inter-Provincial Nomination of the North Saskatchewan River for the Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS)

To Whom It May Concern,

Further to the letter submitted by Smoky Lake County Council, dated October 30, 2019, I am pleased to provide this letter of support on behalf of the Town of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, toward an inter-provincial nomination of the North Saskatchewan River for the Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS). Further to the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance *Heritage River Background Study* (2005):

"The Canadian Heritage River System is a cooperative venture between federal, provincial, and territorial governments designed to offer international, national, provincial and regional recognition to outstanding rivers in Canada that demonstrate exceptional examples of Canadian cultural, natural, and recreation values. The main objective is to ensure the long-term management of these rivers in order that their unique values are conserved for the continuing benefit and enjoyment of Canadians and visitors to Canada."

We agree that the River should be nominated on an inter-provincial basis under this program. Indeed, the entire reach of the North Saskatchewan River is rich in cultural, natural, and recreation value. Our communities are greatly enhanced by the health and legacy of the River, which deserves to be both protected and celebrated.

Again, we support the nomination of the North Saskatchewan River for inclusion into the Canadian Heritage River System, and we are hopeful that other community partners and river neighbors will lend their support as well.

Best Regards,

Mayor Tammy Burke

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