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Smoky Lake County Council
4612 McDougall Drive, PO Box 310
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RE: Letter of support to designate the North Saskatchewan River within the Canadian Heritage River System

To Whom It May Concern,

As a leading cultural institution in Alberta, and Canada's largest open air museum, Fort Edmonton Park is a driver within the tourism industry because of its clear cultural relevance to Canada. It is uniquely positioned in the Edmonton River Valley and its history is directly associated with the fur trade. All of its historic locations have had a critical reliance on the North Saskatchewan River.

There are few waterways that have such significance to the emergence of culturally relevant spaces, and the banks of the North Saskatchewan River stands as the very reason Fort Edmonton exists today.

Designation within the CHRS will bolster the historic relevance of Fort Edmonton Park, and the new Indigenous Peoples Experience, which was created in partnership with the Metis Nation of Alberta, and the Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations. It is a world class new exhibit with a river running through it; the North Saskatchewan River.

I am pleased to submit my strong support in recommending the North Saskatchewan River be considered for inclusion in the Canadian Heritage River System. Thank you for considering this endorsement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren Dagleish", written in a cursive style.

Darren Dagleish
President and CEO, Fort Edmonton Management Company

Cc. Cameron John, Chair of the Board