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

To Whom it May Concern,

Further to the letter dated October 23, 2020 from Alberta Minister of Environment and Parks Jason Nixon, and on behalf of Sturgeon County, it is a pleasure to provide this letter supporting nomination of the North Saskatchewan River for the Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS).

"The Canadian Heritage River System is a cooperative venture ...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." - from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) Heritage River Background Study (2005).

The CHRS is a voluntary, community-driven program. Designation under the CHRS does not add to or increase existing development restrictions along the River corridor, and no new rules or restrictions are created because of participation.

The CHRS serves to celebrate and safeguard the future of our environment for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of future generations. As such, we support the nomination of a portion of the North Saskatchewan River for inclusion as a nationally recognized watercourse within the Canadian Heritage River System.

Best Regards,

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