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VIA EMAIL:
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Calgary Metropolitan Region Board
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Attention: Jordan Copping, Chief Officer

Dear Mr. Copping:

**Re: Rocky View County - IREF Application 2021-13: Bears paw Area
Structure Plan (ASP) Amendment (Ascension Conceptual Plan)**

The Town of Cochrane has reviewed Rocky View County's IREF Application 2021-13: Bears paw ASP Amendment, as well as the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board's (CMRB) Administration Recommendation and Third-Party Review.

In consideration of a challenge already being submitted, the Town of Cochrane will not be filing an additional challenge to this Application. However, the Town does have concerns with respect to the ASP Amendment, including the lack of consideration related to regional transportation infrastructure (Highway 1A), impacts on adjacent municipalities, transit planning and regional collaboration. Currently, these items are deferred to be addressed at the time of subdivision and/or development agreements. Postponing these matters to such stages does not provide the CMRB with the certainty that regionally significant infrastructure impacts and improvements have been adequately planned for or addressed, nor does such deferral align with responsible planning practices.



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Overall, while the Conceptual Plan is in alignment with several portions of the IREF, there are multiple areas that should be strengthened at this level of planning policy. We will be prepared to discuss our concerns during the Board meeting in which the challenge to this Application is set to be addressed.

Yours truly,

TOWN OF COCHRANE

Per:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Genung", written over a white background.

Jeff Genung, Mayor
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cc: Cochrane Town Council
Mike Derricott, CAO Town of Cochrane