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IDP Committee Councillors Wheatland County Glenn Koester & Ben Armstrong WHEATLAND COUNTY APR 2 0 2020 RECEIVED

RE: Proposed Additional Changes to the Intermunicipal Development Plan

This is in follow-up to the March 25th email received from the Planning Department in Wheatland County, proposing some additional changes to the Intermunicipal Development Plan between Wheatland County and ourselves.

During each of our public hearings, we both received a similar presentation outlining concerns and including proposed changes to the wording in the draft Intermunicipal Development Plan. Following your public hearing, which was held December 10, 2019, you recommended that the committee meet again to discuss the concerns raised. We determined that we would not proceed with second and third reading following our public hearing (January 14, 2020), but would defer those readings until after the committee meeting. This would allow concerns to be considered and any amendments to be made to the document prior to its adoption.

On February 10, 2020, the committee did meet to discuss all the concerns that were brought up at our public hearings. Quite a few amendments were made to the draft document, following these discussions. The committee agreed to these changes and a revised draft document was completed. The expectation was that with the agreement we could proceed with the adoption of the plan.

During the March 24, 2020, Council meeting for Kneehill County, the revised document was presented. Kneehill County council was satisfied with the amendments and proceeded to move second and third reading based on the committee member's recommendation. Following this, we were made aware by email that additional changes were proposed by the same presenter at the reopened public hearing for Wheatland County, which was also held on March 24th. This email noted third reading had not been completed and further amendments are being proposed by Wheatland County.

The committee members for Kneehill County found the former meetings sufficient and do not feel the previously agreed upon plan requires further changes at this point. Since the plan has been adopted by Kneehill County, it becomes more challenging to amend. Any changes to the content would require a new bylaw and another public hearing prior to second reading. Council notes that these are living documents and when the plans come up for their scheduled review, additional changes can be made at that time.

Respectfully,

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