



CENTRAL ALBERTA SYNERGY

October 15, 2019

Dear Lacombe County Council,

The Central Alberta Synergy (CAS) group is a local multi-stakeholder, nonprofit group providing opportunities for the oil & gas industry, regulatory bodies, municipalities, landowners and community stakeholders to learn and share information on local challenges and resource development issues in the central Alberta region. CAS is a member in good standing with Synergy Alberta, the umbrella organization for synergy groups in the province.

Initiated in the fall of 2018, CAS meets on a regular basis to provide a forum for engagement, information, education and respectful conversations to occur between all stakeholders.

CAS attracts representatives from several oil and gas companies and service companies operating in the central Alberta area, several local utility companies, government representatives from Lacombe County, Red Deer County, Ponoka County, the City of Red Deer, the Town of Bentley, the Alberta Energy Regulator as well as a number of local landowners.

We believe CAS is performing a valuable function in the community and the strong attendance and positive feedback from the various participants attests to this.

At our CAS meeting in September 2019 the group formally established its terms of reference and an annual budget. The intention is that the activities of CAS will be financially supported by participating companies and other engaged stakeholders.

As part of establishing the budget, it was unanimously approved to request funding for the 2019/2020 operating year (September through August) from the stakeholders involved including the producing companies as well as the service/utility companies and the municipalities on a proportional basis. The operational funding formula put in place involves a request for membership fees/financial support in the amount of \$2,500.00 dollars annually from participating companies, \$1,500.00 dollars from service companies, and \$1,000.00 dollars from the municipalities involved in CAS.

In consideration of the above, we are requesting funding support for the CAS 2019/20 year in the amount of \$1,000.00 dollars.

We very much appreciate Lacombe County's ongoing and active participation in the group and use of the Joffre Room at the Lacombe County Administration building for our meetings. I have included for your information as an attachment the approved budget for 2019/2020 for a breakdown of our anticipated expenses. We thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, 

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