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Infrastructure Canada 180 Kent Street, Suite 1100 Ottawa, Ontario K1P 0B6

Re: Letter of Support for the Bragg Creek Trails Association Active Transportation Fund Application

The Bragg Creek Trails Association is a non-profit organization, the mission for which is to sustainably build, maintain, and manage the non-motorized trails in West Bragg Creek. The Association strives to make the outdoors accessible for everyone year-round, a goal that has been achieved through partnerships with Alberta Parks, Trans Canada Trail, Rocky View County, and numerous other stakeholders.

This letter is to support the development of 4.5 kilometres of trails, which is a continuation of a multi-year initiative to pave 10.1 kilometres of the West Bragg Creek Trail in Rocky View County. These trails will connect to the hamlet of Bragg Creek, to West Bragg Creek and into Kananaskis Country, where the Association operates and maintains 170 kilometres of non-motorized trails.

This project is in line with Rocky View County's Active Transportation Plan, and we support the Association's efforts in moving forward with the next phases as this initiative will benefit county residents in the following ways:

- Improving public safety by reducing the number of pedestrians using the road shoulder,
- Providing connectivity with the hamlet and local school for surrounding rural residents,
- Enhancing accessibility for individuals with mobility issues,
- Increasing outdoor fitness and recreation opportunities,
- Enabling nature and wildlife appreciation, and
- Attracting visitors to the area to boost the local economy.

Though this letter does not bind the Municipality to provide any funding to complete the project described in the Active Transportation Fund application, Rocky View County Council and Administration wish the Bragg Creek Trails Association every success in their efforts to secure support and funding for this project.

Please contact Amber Smith, Community Projects Coordinator with Recreation, Parks and Community Support at 403-520-1658 or ASmith2@rockyview.ca should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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