

April 23, 2024

The Honourable Devin Dreeshen
Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

Dear Minister Dreeshen,

Kneehill County has been working with Badlands Recreation Development Corp. for several years to help in the process of bringing this development to completion. The lands sited for this proposed development fall under an approved Area Structure Plan specifically adopted for this use as well as a Direct Control District. This multi-phase development will provide significant economic growth and employment not only to Kneehill County, but to the surrounding area as well. It has the potential to create a noteworthy destination in our area. Kneehill County is supportive of this project moving forward.

We have been made aware that the Developer, James Zelazo has had several conversations with your office regarding this project and the potential for available grant funding that could be used to upgrade the road into the site. The projected costs for this road are \$15M and these costs represent a significant challenge for the Developer. During these conversations, Mr. Zelazo has been made aware of the STIP-LMI program where the municipality could apply on behalf of the applicant for a 75% grant funding of these costs. It was during a virtual meeting held on January 16, 2024, between the Developer, Marshall Chalmers (a representative for the Developer) and yourself that they were encouraged to work with the municipality to submit the funding application as required.

This letter is being written to confirm several items:

- 1) This use of the potential funding source for this project; and,
- 2) Assurance that applying for this grant on behalf of the Developer will not impact the municipality's ability to obtain grant funding through the normal grant application process for future municipal projects.

We look forward to your response. Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ken King
Reeve, Kneehill County