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Dear Tim:

Re: Nose Creek Water Management Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to review the latest draft of the Nose Creek Water Management Plan. Your group has done a significant amount of excellent work on the Plan since we last provided comments on August 10, 2004. We have based our latest comments on the 6 issues and 28 recommendations included in your "Issues and Policy Recommendations" draft. They are as follows:

1. Integration of Aquatic and Riparian Ecosystems (pg. 4-5 and recommendations 1-4): Recommends that the 6m buffer is not adequate. We believe that the buffer needs to be determined on a case by case basis. Experts should be consulted when the buffer area is determined. Many of the other recommendations may be difficult to achieve.
2. Watershed Protection and Improvement (pg. 5-6 and recommendations 5-9): The roles and responsibilities of the Partnership and Alberta Environment (AE) do not appear to be the same. This is a concern to us as we feel that there must be continuity to ensure that this plan will work well for all involved. Some of the recommendations proposed would be very costly and each organization's role needs to be clearly defined.
3. Knowledge and Awareness (pg. 6-7 and recommendations 10-14): There is not enough information provided on how to move forward to determine which of these recommendations would be the best. It will be difficult to assess some areas where development has already occurred. Implementing some of the methods proposed by Westhoff Engineering would be a logical step from the perspective of the development industry. Having predetermined drainage and flow that has to be maintained may be onerous.

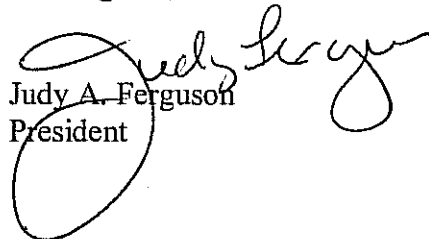
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4. Communication and Consultation (pg. 8-10 and recommendations 17-24): We agreed that the Partnership should be part of the consultation process; however, their role will need to be clearly defined. We would also be concerned if too many parties become involved in this part of the process as that can often cause unnecessary delays.
5. Financial Sustainability (pg. 10-11 and recommendations 25-28): All of the recommendations require funding and this may have huge cost implications to the development industry, which is a great concern.

We would like to ensure that all issues and potential solutions are reviewed closely as there will be several implications to the environment, municipalities, residents and the development industry. Once again, thank for the opportunity to participate, we look forward to working closely with the Partnership and to further consultation in the future.

Best regards,


Judy A. Ferguson
President

