CITY OF
Lethbridge

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

April 28th, 2020

Richard Gotfried
MLA Calgary Fish Creek
Calgary, AB

EMAIL: Richard.gotfried@assembly.ab.ca

Dear Richard:

RE: Support for Private Members Bill 201
Establishment of a Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act

On behalf of Lethbridge City Council I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Bill 201 for the formation of a Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act.

The City of Lethbridge acquired the Lethbridge Airport in 2018, taking over its operations from Lethbridge County. We seek to make improvements to and expansion of the airport to drive further economic development initiatives in southern Alberta, including those dependent upon air services and global connectivity.

The City of Lethbridge understands the importance of having an aviation industry in Alberta that can be an economic catalyst. A Strategic Aviation Advisory Council would provide important direction on how we can best create jobs, provide training, diversify our economy, develop airport lands and work with private aviation partners.

The City of Lethbridge strongly supports Bill 201 and the establishment of a Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act. Please find attached an excerpt from the Minutes of the April 20th City Council meeting affirming our support.

If you should require any additional information to support this initiative, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (403) 320-3823.

Yours truly,

C. A. Spearman

Chris Spearman, Mayor

cc. The Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Transportation
Lethbridge City Council
Jody Meli, City Manager
Nathan Neudorf, MLA Lethbridge East

Excerpt from Minutes

City Council Meeting held Monday, April 20, 2020

6.2. Establishment of a Strategic Aviation Advisory Council

Deputy Mayor B.A. Crowson assumed the Chair.

C.A. Spearman:

WHEREAS the City of Lethbridge is the owner and operator of the Lethbridge Airport; and

WHEREAS the City of Lethbridge is pursuing a plan to develop the Lethbridge Airport so that it serves as a regional economic catalyst; and

WHEREAS Bill 201, Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act, has been introduced in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta as a Private Member Bill by Richard Gotfried, MLA, Calgary-Fish Creek; and

WHEREAS the objectives of the proposed Strategic Aviation Advisory Council are aligned and are consistent with the objectives of the City of Lethbridge for the Lethbridge Airport;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Lethbridge, write a letter of support to the Alberta Legislature for Bill 201.

In Favour: C.A. Spearman, B.A. Crowson, A.M. Campbell, J.H. Carlson, J.A. Coffman, B.E. Hyggen, J.P. Mauro, S.R. Miyashiro, R.K. Parker

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