



March 13, 2019

Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
7th Floor, 9909 Franklin Avenue
Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 2K4

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Attention: Annette Antoniak, CAO

RE: Inclusion of Acden in ACFN's ATR

I am writing on behalf of Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation ("ACFN") respecting Acden, a company wholly-owned by the ACFN that provides essential services for the planning, construction, maintenance, and reclamation of Alberta's oil sands.

On January 25, 2018, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo ("RMWB") provided a letter of support to ACFN and Canada respecting the setting aside of reserve lands for ACFN within the RMWB.

This process is currently being carried out pursuant to the Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada's Addition to Reserve Policy. The lots that are currently being selected as additions to reserve are all located in Hamlet of Fort Chipewyan and are primarily residential.

After recent discussions with Canada, ACFN has decided to include the lot where Acden is located - 220 Taiganova Crescent in Fort McMurray, Plan 1021463, Block 1, Lot 7A (the "Acden Lot") - in its additions to reserve. Canada is supportive of this proposal subject to ACFN entering into a municipal services agreement with the RMWB for the Acden Lot.

The inclusion of the Acden Lot would provide significant tax and commercial benefits to those of Acden's employees who are status Indians and work on reserve. These tax benefits would result in income being retained and circulating within the RMWB. Further, it will assist Acden in attracting First Nation employees, thus increasing the indigenous participation in the local work force.

The RMWB's support for the inclusion of Acden as an addition to reserve would demonstrate the RMWB's commitment to reconciliation while strengthening and

enhancing its relationships with Indigenous people and communities within the RMWB.

ACFN requests that the RMWB provide a letter of support to ACFN and Canada for the inclusion of the Acden Lot as an addition to reserve. ACFN also requests that the RMWB enter into a municipal services agreement with ACFN with respect to the Acden Lot.

ACFN's Council would appreciate the opportunity to attend the next RMWB Council meeting to discuss this request in further detail.

Yours truly,



Chief Allan Adam
Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation