

# PROTOCOL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE

## Red Deer Urban Aboriginal Voices Society

### AND

## The City of Red Deer

This protocol represents the shared commitment between the voices of the Aboriginal community in Red Deer under the governance structure called Red Deer Urban Aboriginal Voices Society and The City of Red Deer.

Whereas, the federally established Urban Partnerships program brings together governments, Aboriginal communities and the private and not-for-profit sectors in partnership to support projects that recognize and remove barriers for urban Aboriginal people; and

Whereas, the cultures and contributions of Aboriginal Peoples - Inuit, Metis and First Nations - are an integral part of Canada's history that lie at the heart of Canadian identity; and

Whereas, the Aboriginal people of Canada are recognized for their special status granted under federal authority; and

Whereas, before the Red Deer was a city this area was home to many indigenous peoples; and

Whereas, The City of Red Deer and Red Deer Urban Aboriginal Voices Society wish to acknowledge Treaty 6 & 7 Territories (that the Red Deer River is the border of) and this agreement does not supersede these agreements or any other constitutionally recognized Aboriginal group such as Métis Nation; and

Whereas, Red Deer Urban Aboriginal Voices Society, formerly known as Common Ground, was a partnership established in 2007 between Common Ground and Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) to facilitate understanding, cooperation and the development of relationship agreements between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Albertans and resulted in a 2010 local agreement between The City of Red Deer and Red Deer Native Friendship Society; and

Whereas, the Red Deer Urban Aboriginal Voices Society exists to act as the united voice of the urban Aboriginal community that works collaboratively and cooperatively amongst themselves, with governments and other organizations on issues and priorities affecting Aboriginal Peoples in Red Deer; and

Whereas, the purpose of a municipality is to provide good government, to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of council, are

necessary or desirable for all or a part of the municipality, to develop and maintain safe and viable communities and to foster the well-being of the environment; and

Whereas, the spirit and intent of Red Deer Urban Aboriginal Voices Society objectives is in the form of an indigenous way of knowing; and

Whereas, the Red Deer Urban Aboriginal Voices Society and The City of Red Deer share in the vision to create a strong, engaged community that embraces its diversity, improves well-being, and maintains a good quality of life; and

Whereas our combined visions work together collaboratively with each other and the broader community in understanding and defining roles and responsibilities on matters that relate to Red Deer's urban Aboriginal Peoples;

Therefore, The Red Deer Urban Aboriginal Voices Society and The City of Red Deer will be guided by the following principles when making decisions, developing plans and implementing actions:

#### **EQUITY:**

Working together with integrity to ensure fair and just treatment and access to opportunity for all people and organizations;

#### **LEADERSHIP:**

Effective leadership with and among others is guided by the wisdom of the Elders and City Council which is essential to adopt and sustain excellent practices;

#### **COLLABORATIVE ACTION:**

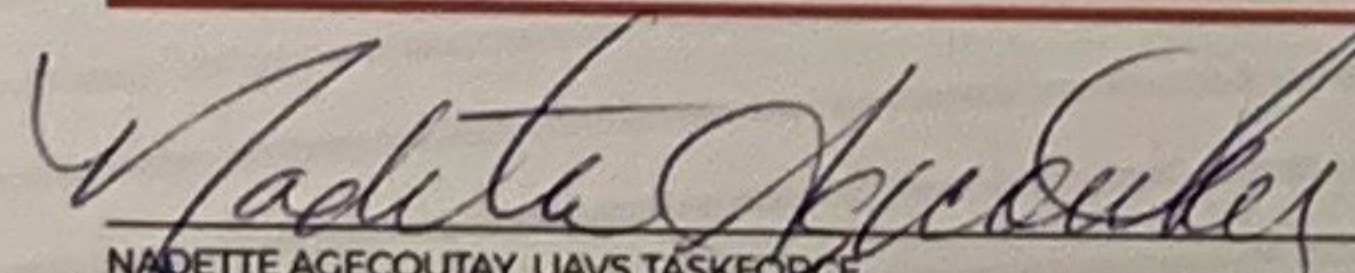
Collaboration is necessary and is most effective when organizations build from their strengths, and jurisdiction while practicing transparency, and working towards consensus;

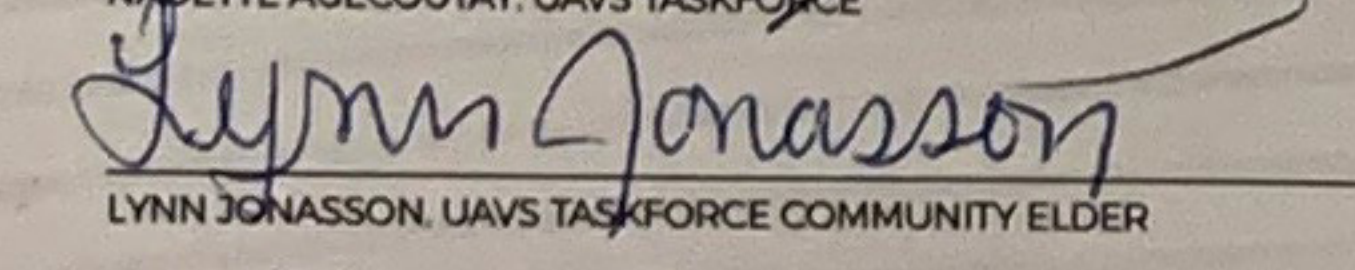
#### **PARTICIPATION AND DIVERSITY:**

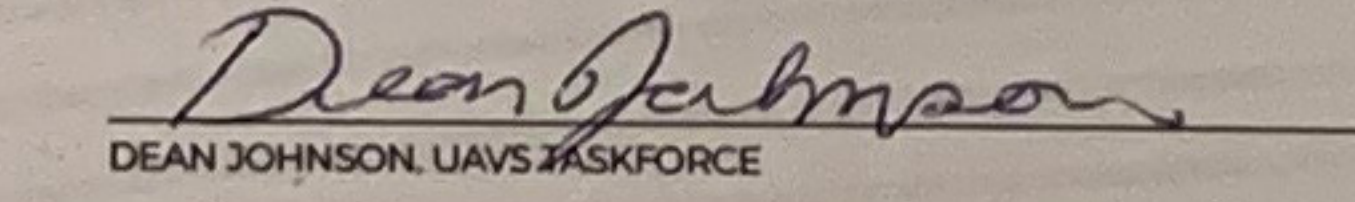
Genuine public participation is inclusive, informed and welcoming of diverse perspectives; we honor and respect each other's voices, speak and act with honesty, and value the unique needs and traditional teachings of Red Deer's Aboriginal People's.

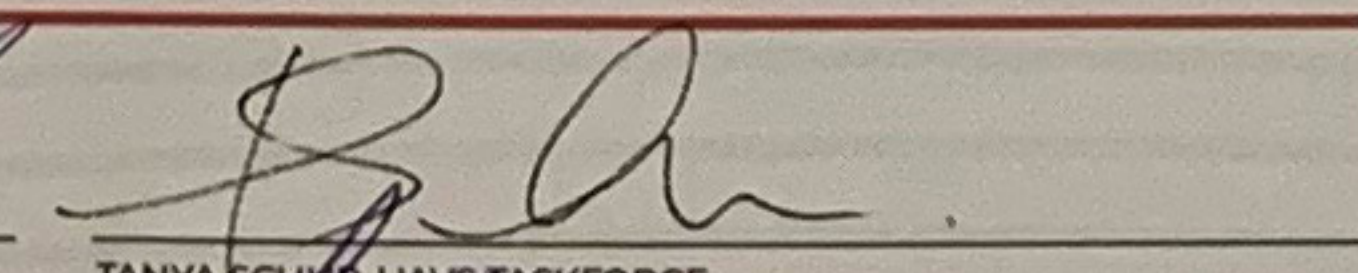
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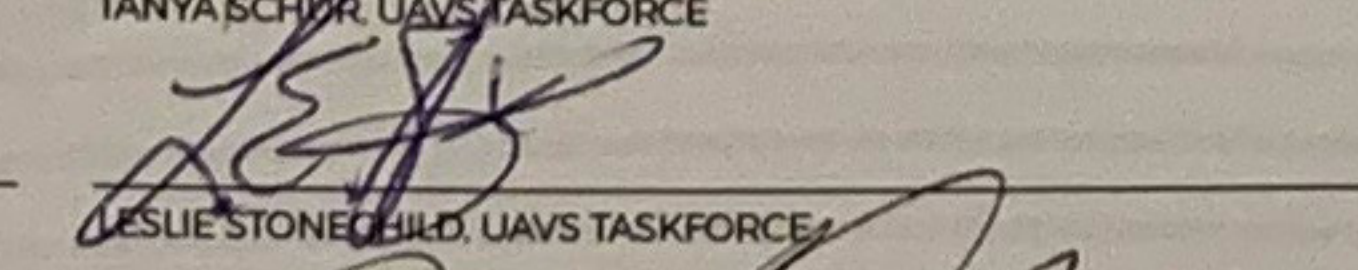
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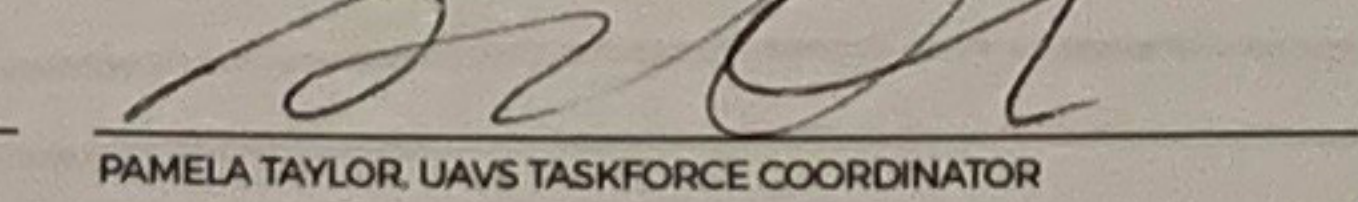
  
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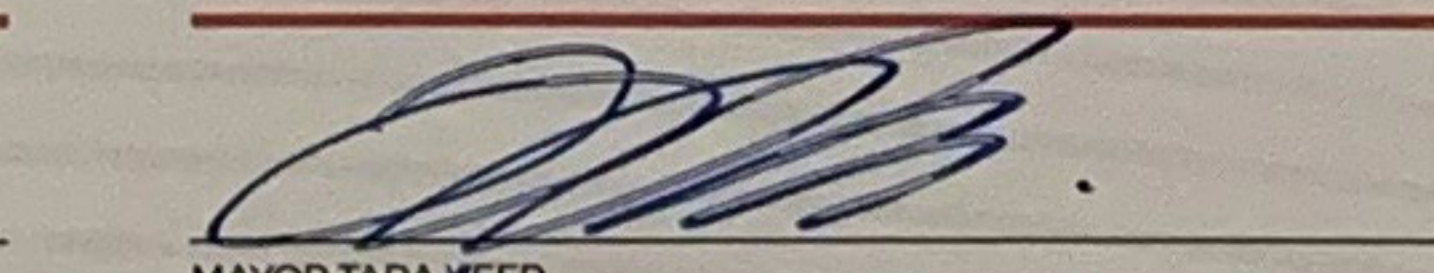
  
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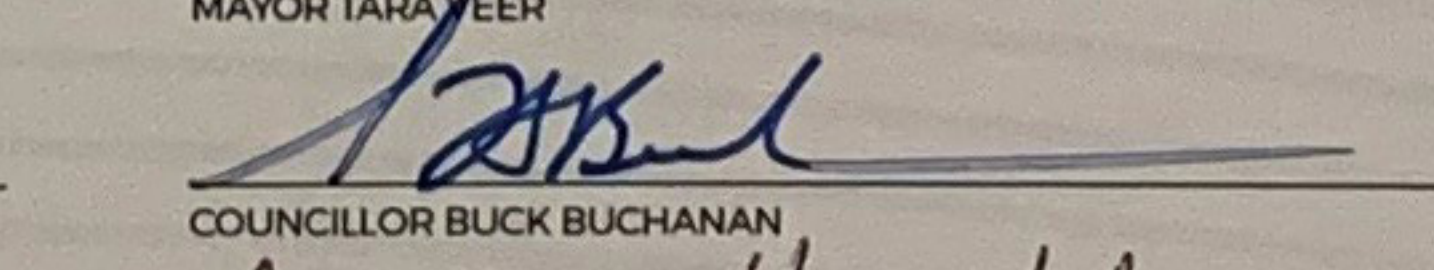
  
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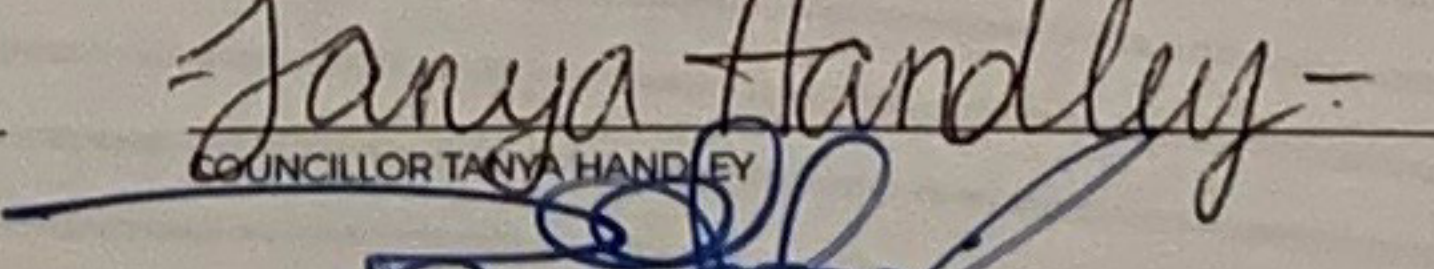
  
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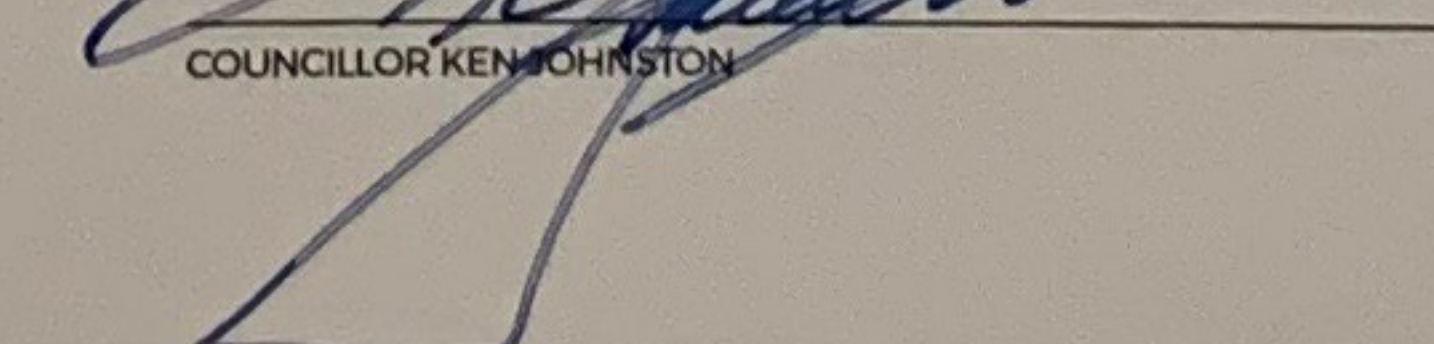
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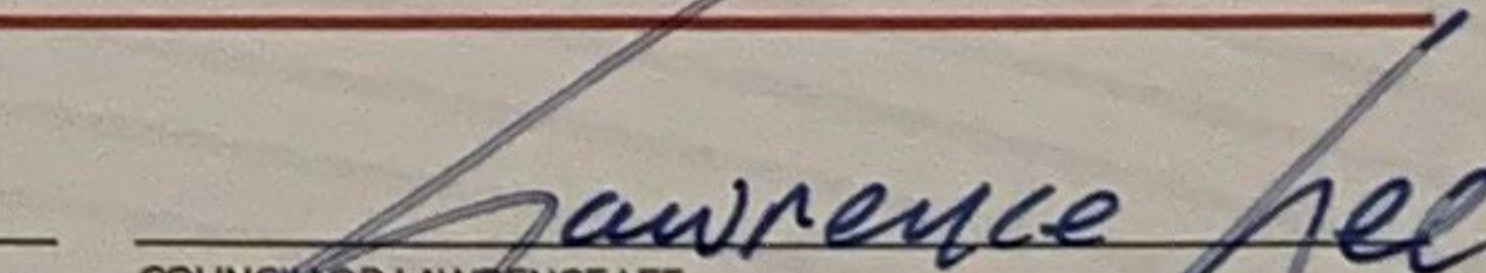
  
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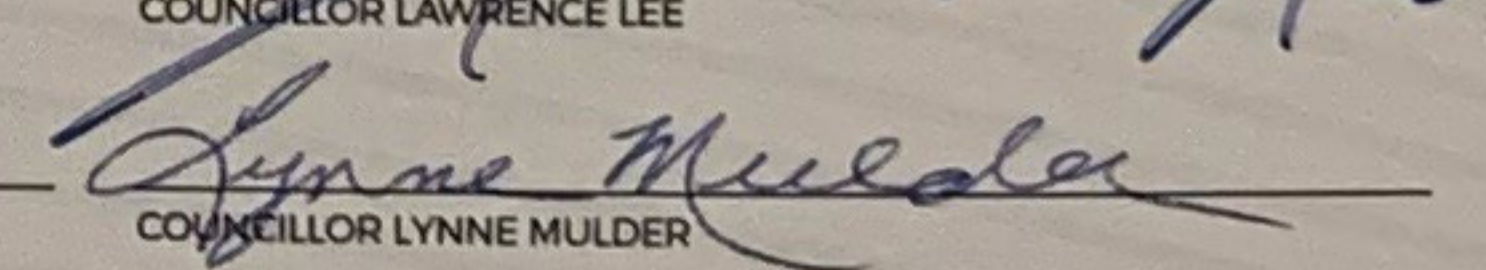
  
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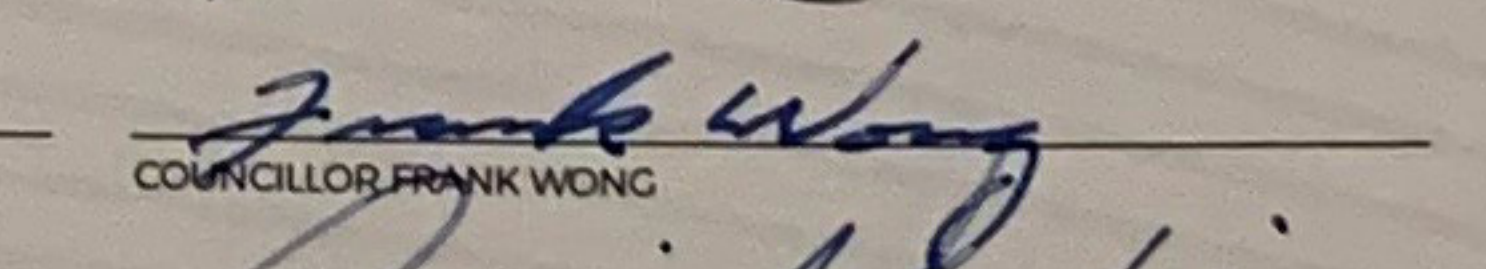
  
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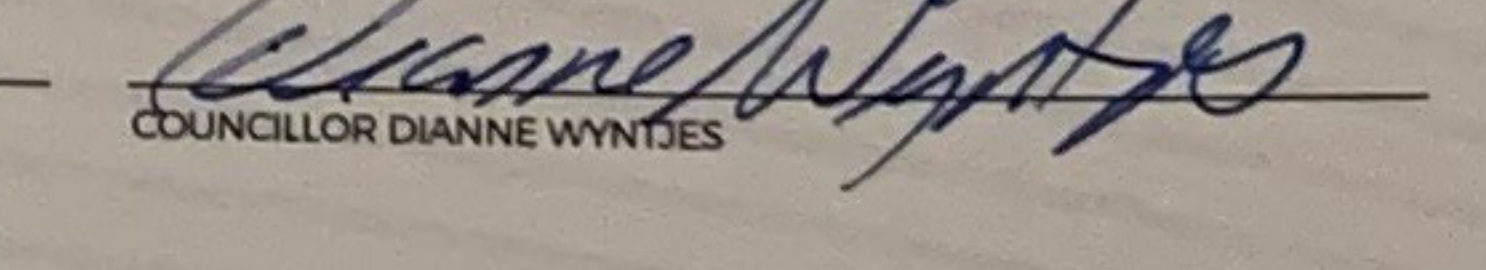
  
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