# ANNEXATION APPLICATION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

May 26, 2021

#### **Executive Summary**

The City of Fort Saskatchewan submits an Annexation Application as per council resolution R140-21 carried unanimously on May 25, 2021 at their regular scheduled Council meeting.

Provided below is a summary of the City of Fort Saskatchewan's Annexation Application for lands currently within Strathcona County's jurisdiction. These lands are as defined in the City's March 2021 Notice of Intent to Annex.

The annexation area encompasses a portion of Range Road 223. The portion of road to be annexed is adjacent to the western boundary of Section 34, Township 54, Range 22, and West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian and is directly east of Fort Saskatchewan's current boundaries. The proposed annexation area is supported by both municipalities, as per our Common Bonds Agreement and the Alliance Exploration Agreement. The Common Bonds Agreement establishes the Inter-Municipal Relations Committee (IMRC) that meets regularly to discuss inter-municipal matters and cooperation. The Alliance Exploration Agreement established the Growth Planning Framework, which documents our methodology for calculating future land needs, and commits the two municipalities to ongoing conversations as to how best serve our residents and prepare for growth. The annexing of this portion of the range road is serving both communities in the long term operational, maintenance, and access management for future industrial development within the city's jurisdiction.

The City has received no adjacent landowner responses or any opposition to the proposed annexation from the general public. It is anticipated that no merit hearing will be required as both municipalities are in agreement and there is no known objections to the proposal.

This MGB Annexation Principles included with this application sets out the rationale and justification for this request to annex a portion of a range road. A Growth Study was provided for a recent annexation by the City that was approved by the Province under Order in Council 274/2019 filed as MGB 042/19 (File: AN18/FORT/C-01) and can be used to support this application as there is no additional lands for urban development being proposed to annex, just the portion of the range road. Also, a Financial Impact Analysis (FIA) was provided for a recent annexation by the City that was approved by the Province under Order in Council 274/2019 filed as MGB 042/19 (File: AN18/FORT/C-01) and can be used to support this application. The operational and maintenance costs are minimal and do not change the FIA's conclusion of financial stability of the City of Fort Saskatchewan with this annexation of a portion of a range road.

Our Annexation Application is comprised of the following:

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#### 2. Notice of Intent to Annex

- i. Service letters (County and other local authorities).
- ii. Application notice letters to local authorities.

## 3. Annexation Area Map

## 4. Record of Negotiations

Including:

- i. Report on Negotiations.
- ii. Public Engagement Summary.

## 5. Council meeting minutes

Including:

- i. City of Fort Saskatchewan resolution for Notice of Intent.
- ii. Strathcona County resolution for support of Report on Negotiations Agreement and the Public Engagement Summary Report.
- iii. City of Fort Saskatchewan resolution for Annexation Application.

#### 6. Land Title Certificates

Certificates for all parcels adjacent to the portion of the range road.

## 7. Mailing List

To adjacent parcels to the portion of the range road.

8. Financial Impact Analysis Addendum from previous annexation *MGB 042/19 (File: AN18/FORT/C-01)* 

The City respectfully requests the Municipal Government Board (MGB) recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that this Annexation Application be accepted in its entirety with an effective date of January 1, 2022.