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Dear Governance Standing Policy Committee,

The Oldman Watershed Council fully supports the new Climate Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan. We are pleased to see this important initiative underway as it is critical to the long term prosperity of our City. The consequences of climate change are being felt and adaptation is urgently needed to minimize impacts on residents, infrastructure, and services.

The current drought we are experiencing gives us a sense of what our new normal is likely to be. Climate models are predicting more frequent extreme weather that will bring increased heat, drought, and storms. By mobilizing the community we can meet these challenges and build a resilient future for Lethbridge.

Collaboration and collective action are vital to the success of this project and we look forward to working with the City of Lethbridge and other partners to implement the Strategy and Action Plan. The OWC is at the forefront of restoring natural infrastructure and supporting land managers to increase resilience, and we are here to support the City in this new endeavour.

Congratulations on this valuable milestone and we strongly encourage you to approve the Climate Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan and move forward quickly with implementation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Frank'.

Shannon Frank, Executive Director