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The Honourable Grant Hunter
Minister of Environment and Protected Areas
Office of the Minister
Environment and Protected Areas
204 Legislature Building
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Edmonton, AB
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Re: Council Support for Greenview Industrial Gateway – Designated Industrial Zone Application

Dear Minister Hunter,

On behalf of the Council of the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16, we are pleased to formally express our support for the Greenview Industrial Gateway's (GIG) application to be designated as a Designated Industrial Zone (DIZ) under the Government of Alberta's DIZ Program. This application represents the culmination of more than twelve years of deliberate, disciplined, and visionary planning by our Council and Administration .

The Greenview Industrial Gateway did not emerge overnight. For over a decade, the Council of the Municipal District of Greenview has dedicated sustained financial resources, human capital, and political will to transform this vision into a shovel-ready, investor-ready industrial destination. Our commitment is demonstrated by a comprehensive body of completed work that satisfies and exceeds the requirements of the DIZ Program, including but not limited to:

- Adoption of the Area Structure Plan developed in partnership with the City of Grande Prairie and the County of Grande Prairie No. 1, establishing the land use framework for the GIG as a rail-oriented heavy industrial district;
- Passage of Land Use Bylaw Amendment No. 23-931 (2023), formally establishing the GIG-HI-1 Heavy Industrial District to accommodate complex industrial developments including

manufacturing, petrochemical, power generation, carbon capture, transloading, and warehousing uses;

- Completion of a GIG Wonder Valley Master Plan and detailed Site Plan, providing investors and regulators with a clear development vision;
- Approved Sanitary and Stormwater Servicing Strategies specifically prepared for the DIZ application;
- A secured Water Diversion Licence for 6-million cubic metres annually and completed Water Intake Design
- A completed Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) for Highway 40, ensuring the GIG is integrated with regional transportation infrastructure;
- Rail spur design off the main line, confirming the GIG's position as a rail-oriented industrial hub with direct connectivity to national freight networks;
- A Pre-Disturbance Wildlife Sweep Report (2024) and Wetlands Assessment (ECA Phase 1), demonstrating our environmental due diligence;
- A Historical Resource Assessment to safeguard Alberta's heritage;
- Completed Phase 3 Indigenous consultation

The GIG is located approximately 42 kilometres south of the City of Grande Prairie, adjacent to Highway 43 — one of Alberta's most critical industrial corridors. Its location, combined with direct rail access, proximity to abundant natural resources, approved industrial water supply, and a fully developed land use framework, makes it among the most compelling industrial investment destinations in Northern Alberta.

The GIG is designed to accommodate a broad spectrum of heavy industrial uses, from large-scale manufacturing and petrochemical processing to power generation, carbon capture and sequestration, and transloading operations. This diversity of permitted and discretionary uses ensures long-term relevance and resilience as Alberta's industrial economy evolves.

The GIG has been built through a spirit of regional cooperation. The Area Structure Plan was originally developed as a Tri-Municipal Industrial Partnership, and the GIG's regional importance is reflected still in the letters of support provided by both the City of Grande Prairie and the County of Grande Prairie No. 1. Our neighbours recognize what our Council has long believed: the GIG is not merely a local initiative, it is a regional economic asset that will generate investment, jobs, and supply chain opportunities across northwest Alberta.

The Municipal District of Greenview has demonstrated its governance capacity through the depth and quality of the planning work submitted with this application. We have allocated the financial resources, retained qualified professionals across engineering, environmental,

planning, and Indigenous consultation disciplines, and built the administrative and regulatory framework necessary to effectively manage a Designated Industrial Zone over the long term.

The GIG directly supports the Government of Alberta’s objectives to attract investment, diversify the industrial economy, strengthen supply chains, support carbon management innovation, and enhance Alberta’s long-term competitiveness. We are confident that the GIG checks every box of the DIZ Program criteria, and we respectfully urge the Ministry to grant this designation at the earliest opportunity.

Should you require any additional information or wish to discuss the application further, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



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