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## Monday Meeting: Magnitude of SW Ring Road Project

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Dear Marcella:

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to meet with Doug and I earlier this week on Monday. I have attached the exhibit we showed as well as the last letter we sent to Minister Brian Mason, for your information.

We appreciate your straight talk and candidness, and beyond the practicalities we discussed, we still believe there is a great opportunity for the current NDP government to showcase its commitment to the environment/climate change as well as save the Province a much needed \$0.5 billion – at least.

It would be a major win for the NDP government to announce later this year, or early next year, at the groundbreaking for the SW segment of the Calgary Ring Road, that it now includes a much needed savings of public funds in the amount of \$0.5B+, compared to the previous design; and this is largely attributed the NDP government following through on its climate change agenda by:

- adapting to a more sustainable and cost sensitive design, and redirecting the money saved towards other more sustainable mobility options, not just more asphalt for GHG producing vehicles.

Alternatively, the Province could apply the money saved to complete the West leg of the Calgary Ring Road, sooner rather than later, so we actually have a “Ring” road.

Altogether, we believe that this is in the best interest of the City and the Province of Alberta! We want to be clear that the remaining outstanding concern that we discussed with you Monday is related to the greater legacy of the City and the Province of Alberta, and not solely a Discovery Ridge Community Association (DRCA) specific issue. We will continue to work with local Alberta Transportation (AT) staff separately on the context sensitive design details specific to and adjacent DRCA and Springbank Hill Community Association (SBHCA), but the magnitude of the future road being accommodated is a **separate** and larger legacy discussion. We simply want to see this be a project that all Albertans can be proud of, and demonstrates the NDP government’s new approach to infrastructure - greener and leaner.

Lastly, in light of the Prime Minister and the Premier's agreement on a climate plan framework struck this past Thursday, we hope that an adaptation to the current design of the SW Ring Road can be part of the Province's leading first steps in its commitment to the climate change plan for decades to come. We want to look back with pride and without regrets.

Once again, thanks for your time.

Respectfully yours,  
Ben Lee  
on behalf of the Board of the DRCA & SBHCA