



Calgary River Valleys champions and engages the public in the protection, appreciation and stewardship of Calgary's rivers, creeks, wetlands and watershed resources.

We are the voice of our rivers.

June 30, 2017

Attention: **Alberta Environment and Parks**
District Approvals Manager
2938 11 St NE
Calgary, AB T2E 7L7

Re: **Water Licence Transfer re Harvest Hills Golf Course Ltd. / 1809668 AB Ltd**
File # 00392661; Application # 001-00392661

Calgary River Valleys or CRV (aka Calgary River Forum Society) is a well-known environmental stewardship organization in Calgary. Our organization has participated in many watershed issues and worked on a variety of projects with the Bow River Basin Council, the local WPAC. CRV is a stakeholder in the Nose Creek Watershed Water Management Plan, in addition to many other planning processes, including those related to Nose Creek, and the Bow River.

Several of our members and partners have been involved in the long ongoing discussions about apparent past over-allocations of water from the Bow River watershed. We have also participated directly in the policies, planning, and management of the Nose Creek valley and the Bow River valleys, in terms of land use, biodiversity, parks planning, etc.

This letter is to state concerns about the implications of the water licence(s) involved and the impacts arising from the implementation of the licence(s).

1. The weir and modifications to Nose Creek associated with the original licence were significant changes to the creek and the creek corridor (see Attachment 1). Have there been any studies done (or should they be done) to determine the impacts of the various options that are available, such as removing the weir, remediating the site back to its original state, or maintaining or even enhancing the site to accommodate the biodiversity and other opportunities that have developed on the site in the last 25 years, and implications regionally?
2. Can you provide answers to questions about water removal from Nose Creek and the Bow River including justification of extending the licence when the original licence reasons are no longer applicable, about provisions for the uncertainties of water flow in the Bow River in the future, given elements such as climate change, in-stream flow needs, and higher priority needs arising?
3. Are there seasonal limitations or circumstances under which water removal would be limited (such as drought conditions)?



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4. Is there a sunset clause or termination date for the water licence, or a term after which the conditions of the licence will be reconsidered?
5. Will you provide to us the terms of the licence?

You can reach me at the mailing address on this letterhead, or by phone to 403-276-3723 or by email to my attention at CalgaryRiverValleys2@outlook.com

Sincerely,

Bill Morrison, Vice President
Calgary River Valleys (Calgary River Forum Society)

Cc: CRV Board
Nose Creek Watershed Partnership
Thornccliffe-Greenview Community Association
Highland Park Community Association
Northern Hills Community Association

Attachment 1

Picture of Nose Creek at Harvest Hills Water Licence Location – Showing Weir & Water Pump Station



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