



**Mighty Peace
Watershed Alliance**



November 29, 2021

RE: Northern Sunrise County WRRP application for Pat's Creek

To Whomever it May Concern:

We are writing to provide our support to the Northern Sunrise County Watershed Advisory Committee's Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program (WRRP) grant application for the Pat's Creek watershed. The project meets many of the WRRP's Project Selection Criteria and lays within an area in the province highly rated for both water quality and flood priority. The Watershed Committee is a long-standing and highly regarded watershed entity in the province and has successfully completed a Watershed Management Plan for the Heart River. The Committee continues to deliver programs and implement recommendations such as water quality monitoring. Significant improvements in water quality have been seen over the past 15 years of project implementation. Project partners and collaborators include local municipality County Councillors, Provincial Representatives, First Nations, Watershed Planning and Advisory Council Members and Technical Experts.

The Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance is a group of active stakeholders and communities that use consensus decision-making, adaptive management, and innovation to understand and promote living within the watershed. The MPWA Board reports on the state of the watershed, leads watershed planning activities, and promotes best management practices. The mission of the MPWA includes promoting watershed excellence through science, education, communication, policy and by supporting watershed stewardship.

The Pat's Creek Project will help protect species at risk, improve biodiversity in the region and improve water quality and natural habitats. Finally, outreach and education will improve the awareness and understanding of the importance and sensitivity of natural systems and riparian areas within the watershed.

Sincerely,

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