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Central Peace Fire & Rescue Commission

Box 218, Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0

RE: Letter of Support – Transition to a G5 Regional Fire Commission

Dear Board Members,

On behalf of the Council of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, I am writing to formally communicate Council's strong endorsement and support for exploring the dissolution of the current Central Peace Fire & Rescue Commission (CPFRC) to establish a new, fully integrated G5 Regional Fire Commission.

At our regular meeting on October 14th, Council passed a motion expressing formal support for extending an invitation to Birch Hills County and Saddle Hills County to join our current municipal partners, the MD of Spirit River No. 133, the Town of Spirit River, and the Village of Rycroft, in creating a unified G5 governance model for regional fire and rescue services.

The Council of the MD of Spirit River No. 133 support this strategic transition for several key reasons:

- Unified Regional Protection: A G5 Commission will consolidate fire and emergency response operations across all five neighboring municipalities, ensuring seamless coverage and enhanced safety for all residents.
- Long-Term Sustainability: Expanding the partnership creates a broader, more equitable financial base to support capital equipment purchasing, station infrastructure, and firefighter recruitment and training.

- Shared Leadership: Transitioning to a G5 model aligns fire protection with other successful regional collaborative efforts, strengthening intermunicipal relationships across the Central Peace region.

Council recognizes and appreciates the dedicated work of the CPFRC Board, leadership, and firefighters who have served our communities faithfully. We view this proposed transition as a positive step forward to build upon that strong foundation.

We respectfully request that the CPFRC Board review this letter of support and add the topic of regional transition to the agenda for your next regular meeting. Council and administration look forward to participating in joint discussions regarding the necessary steps, timelines, and framework for this exciting regional initiative.

Sincerely,

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Reeve, Municipal District of Spirit River No.133

cc: CAO Keir Gervais, Town of Spirit River

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