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Reference: Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project – IAAC Approval Conditions

On May 3, 2023, Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC) submitted a letter to the Impact assessment Agency of Canada's (IAAC) requesting revisions to five (5) approval conditions (1.32, 2.13, 3.19, 8.5, and 9.3). As indicated in IAAC's letter dated June 20, 2023, the requested changes do not result in changes to the Project and do not constitute a new designated project and IAAC will now determine whether the changes will be recommended to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change. This response provides the requested information needed to make the necessary determination.

Following the meeting with IAAC on June 14, 2023, TEC has decided to retract the request to revise the language in approval conditions 3.19 and 9.3. TEC is also requesting revisions to the wording in approval conditions 1.32 and 2.13 as detailed in the May 3, 2023, letter. No additional information has been requested by IAAC for approval conditions 1.32 and 2.13.

IAAC has requested additional information to assist their assessment of requested fencing changes relating to approval condition 8.5. The fencing presented in the memorandum will remain unchanged with the following exceptions:

- Parcels along Highway 22 and Springbank Road where the Government of Alberta is the landowner adjacent to the Project: wildlife friendly fencing will be installed.
- Parcels along Highway 22 and Springbank Road where a private landowner is adjacent to the Project: fencing will remain as the private landowner originally had it.

The minor revisions to the fencing maintain greater wildlife connectivity and movement through the Project than what was in place prior to the start of construction. The conclusions discussed in the TEC May 3, 2023, letter remain unchanged: *"Although, the potential benefit of installing wildlife-friendly fencing to facilitate wildlife movement will be reduced to background in areas where 5-strand and Class B 4-strand barbed-wire is proposed, the additional wildlife-friendly fencing around the perimeter of the utility right-of way and re-installation of 5- and 4-strand barbed wire along sections of Highway 22 and Springbank Road, respectively will not change the Project residual effects (i.e., moderate magnitude) or the conclusions of the assessment related to change in wildlife movement."* Additional mitigation measures and follow-up requirements are not required but will be monitored as part of the Project's Wildlife Mitigation and Monitoring Plan.

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Indigenous groups were not consulted on the revised fencing as the changes to the fencing were the result of the land acquisition strategy where not all land parcels were purchased. Indigenous groups were made aware of the parcels of land that will remain privately held during meetings to discuss the First Nations Staging Area and during the First Nations Land Use Advisory Committee meetings. An updated fencing figure is attached.

We hope this letter provides the necessary detail regarding requested changes to approval conditions 1.32, 2.13, 3.19, 8.5, and 9.3. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

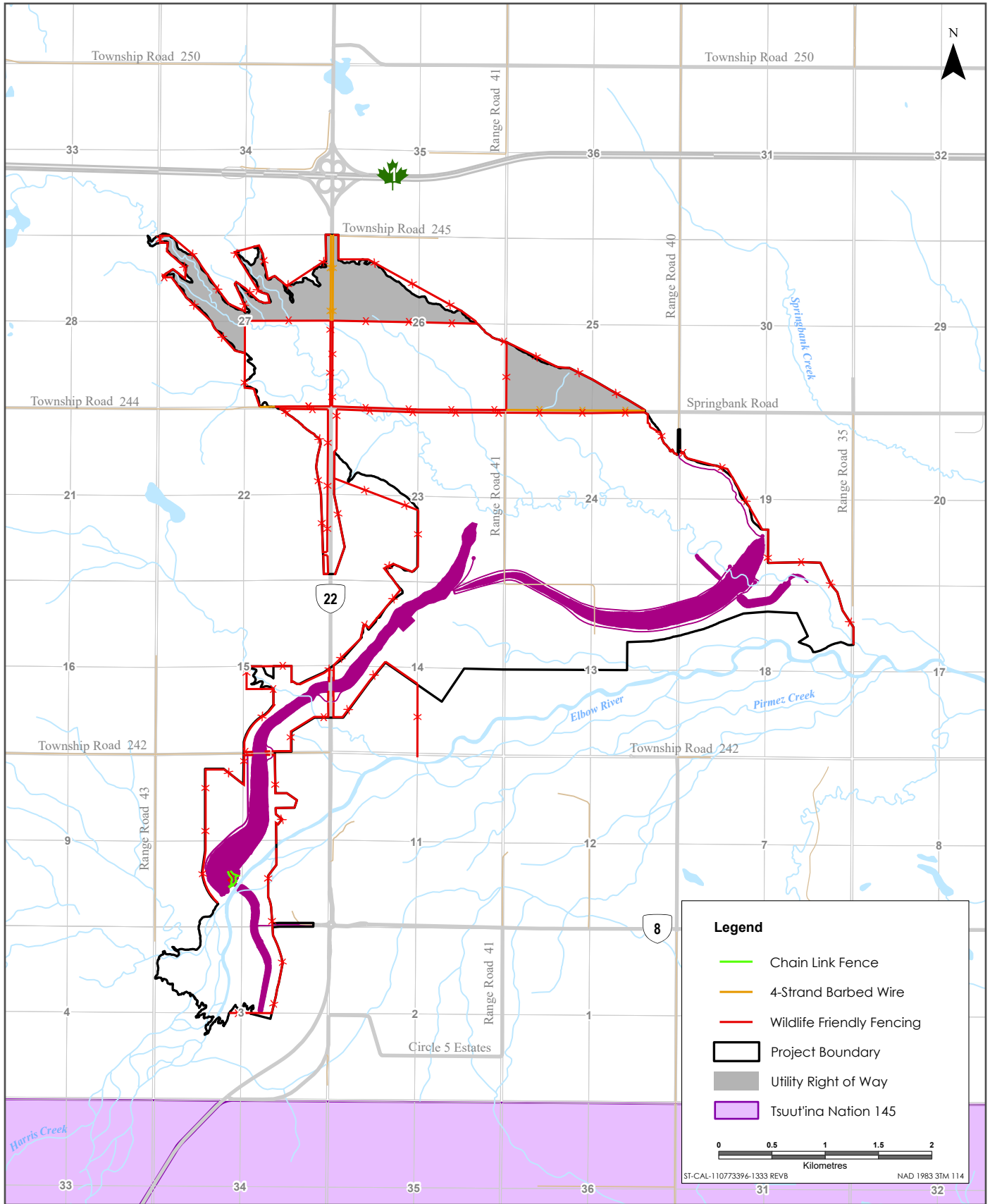
Respectfully,

Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors

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**Wildlife Friendly Fencing –
 IAAC Submittal**

Figure 1

