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Delivered via courier and email

Honourable Ric McIver
Minister of Municipal Affairs
Office of the Minister of Municipal Affairs
320 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister McIver:

RE: Amendment to Order in Council 359/2018 - Leduc County annexation order

The City of Edmonton, in conjunction with Remington Corporation are requesting an amendment to OC 359/2018. Leduc Country will be issuing a letter indicating that there is no objection to this change.

OC 359/2018 was issued on November 27, 2018. Part of that order contemplated special tax treatment for an area of land referred to as the Discovery Lands. This special tax treatment was as a result of Remington putting in significant infrastructure prior to the annexation.

One of the legal descriptions that was provided to the Municipal Government Board (MGB) and listed in OC 359/2018 was:

SE 1/4 of section 27, township 50, range 25, west of the 4th meridian.

It turns out that this legal description actually contains two parcels of land. The south half of the parcel is owned by Remington, and should form part of the annexation order. However, the north half of the parcel is owned by an unrelated owner named Adolph Matter. The land Mr. Matter owns did not have the significant capital investment in planning, approvals, and infrastructure costs prior to the annexation and does not meet the rationale of being in the annexation order as outlined in MGB Board Order 050/2018 paragraph 194.

The MGB was not aware that this piece of land contained a portion that was not owned by Remington and did not have the up front infrastructure in place. Leduc County submitted a document listing out which Leduc County tax rolls should have been included. The Adolph Matter land was not listed in these tax rolls, but this was not clearly pointed out.

This letter is to formally request that section 5(4) of OC 359/2018 be amended to remove the north half of SE 1/4 of section 27, township 50, range 25, west of the 4th meridian from the annexation order. The amended legal description would be:

The South half of SE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 50, Range 25, West of the 4th Meridian.

This letter has been forwarded to Mr. Matter in case Mr. Matter has any information that would suggest that this is not appropriate.

Having this matter dealt with prior to December 31, 2021 would ensure that it is in place for the 2022 taxation year.

If any additional information is required, we would be happy to provide it.

Yours truly,

Andre Corbould, City Manager

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Gillian Lawrence, General Manager - Land Development

Remington Development Corporation

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Mayor Amarjeet Sohi, City of Edmonton

Brandy Cox, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs

Adolph Matter

County of Leduc: Attention Grant Bain

Gwendolyn Stewart-Palmer Q.C. Shores Jardine

Attachments: MGB Board Order 050/2018, Land Title for north half of SE 1/4 of section 27,

township 50, range 25, west of the 4th meridian