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**To:** [Laura Friend](#)  
**Subject:** Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project  
**Date:** June 18, 2018 7:55:00 PM  
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**From:** John Robinson [REDACTED] >  
**Date:** Fri, Jun 15, 2018 at 2:39 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed Springbank Dam  
**To:** ChristinaVV [REDACTED] >

Christina. Please forward to NRCB..I have Larry's approval.  
Tx. JR

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Larry Horsman [REDACTED]  
**Date:** June 15, 2018 at 2:02:49 PM MDT  
**To:** John Robinson [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Springbank Dam

Hi John

Yes, please go ahead and send it to them. I've attached a corrected version since I spelled "sight" incorrectly in the email to CEAA. Feel free to correct any other typos that you might find.

Regards, Larry

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**From:** John Robinson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** June 15, 2018 1:27 PM  
**To:** Larry Horsman  
**Cc:** ChristinaVV  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Springbank Dam

Larry...

I would like to forward your letter to the NRCB with your permission. JR

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On Jun 15, 2018, at 11:07 AM, Larry Horsman [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Sir / Madam:

I would like to inform you that I have considerable interest in the discussion regarding the proposed Springbank Dam. To be blunt, I am opposed to the dam for many reasons.

The dam has been proposed by politicians who don't want to understand or acknowledge the potential severe environmental implications of a dam on the outskirts of Calgary. The politicians promoting the dam are willing to endanger the health of Springbank and West Calgary residents for political expediency. I've listened to remarks by the current mayor of Calgary lauding the proposed dam. He says the Springbank dam will be quick, easy and cheap to build. Nothing could be further from the truth. The proposed dam will not protect a number of very important communities on the west side of Calgary. The dam will not be cheap to build. It will cost considerably more to build than a dam at MacLean Creek. I've reviewed the numbers in detail. The proposed Springbank dam will destroy over 6,800 acres of prime agricultural land that has been cared for diligently by farming and ranching families who care deeply for the environment we live in. They have been excellent stewards of the Springbank lands for over 120 years. It appears to me that their long standing efforts to preserve the Springbank lands and its surrounding environment have been largely ignored.

Calgary needs the Springbank lands for an environmental buffer. One reason for this is the nearly constant winds that blow from the west. I have no doubt that many toxic substances will be deposited on the Springbank lands following a flooding event if a dam is built. Once the ground dries some of those toxic substances will become airborne and will end up polluting residential neighbourhoods in Springbank and West Calgary. In addition, the ground water is very likely to become contaminated with these substances which in turn will no doubt affect the quality of the ground water in Springbank. The politicians don't seem to understand that many Springbank residents drink water from their private wells. When the ground water in Springbank becomes polluted, the quality of the drinking water will be affected greatly. These scenarios have been pointed out many times to the proponents of the Springbank dam but they don't seem to

be concerned. The current mayor of Calgary has no interest in the health of Springbank residents since they aren't part of his constituency. It's a very sad situation when a politician is prepared to sacrifice the health of people living outside his constituency merely for potential political gain.

I've lived in Springbank almost continuously since 1981 and am extremely concerned about the viability of living in my Springbank home if the dam is built. I most certainly would have to move to protect my family's health if the proposed Springbank dam is built. I greatly object to being forced to move from my present home for a reason that is completely avoidable. The Springbank dam does not have to be built. There is a much more sensible and less costly alternative available that is being ignored by politicians. MacLean Creek is where a dam should be built – if in fact a dam is needed in the first place. The two potential locations should be studied very carefully by CEAA without any political bias. I'm quite sure that after the two alternatives are compared on any equal and unbiased basis, the MacLean Creek option will be the hands down preferred location for a dam. The study should not lose site of the fact that so far there is very little compelling evidence that a dam will in fact have any significant mitigating effect if another flooding event of the magnitude of the June, 2013 flood occurs.

Regards, Larry J. Horsman

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