

Enclosure 3

Proposed Public Consultation and Local Authorities Negotiations Program

Public Consultation [Section 116(2)(c)-MGA]	Local Authorities Negotiations [Section 117(1)-MGA]
<p>The following public consultation program is proposed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Website</u> A website page has been developed and will be available for viewing on October 1, 2013 to provide affected property owners, the general public and other stakeholders with easy access to information regarding the proposed annexation including the annexation area, opportunities for input, open house dates and progress on inter municipal negotiations. The webpage will be updated throughout the annexation process. The website also will provide opportunity to contact representatives from the Town. 2. <u>Mailing List</u> The Town will develop mailing lists for purposes of contacting landowners and other interested parties with respect to the annexation process. 3. <u>Newspaper Ads</u> The Town will provide general notice of the proposed annexation area by October 1 and all to inform to all open houses 4. <u>Open Houses</u> At least 3 public open houses are planned for landowners and other interested parties including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Open House 1</u> – to be held in early December 2013 for purposes of providing landowners with details and rationale for Okotoks proposed annexation area, information around intermunicipal negotiation processes and gathering initial feedback from landowner. • <u>Open House 2</u> – proposed for February 2014 for presenting progress of the intermunicipal negotiations, any information coming out of intermunicipal discussions and identifying landowner interests and issues. • <u>Open House 3</u> – proposed for April 2014 outlining how feedback from landowners and other interested parties are intended to be addressed through the annexation proposal of the Town of Okotoks • <u>Further Open Houses</u> – Depending on the feedback received through the Town may arrange for further Open Houses to provide additional opportunity for input. 5. <u>Meetings with Landowners</u> The Town will provide opportunity to meet with individual landowner as required or requested. 6. <u>Summary</u> A summary of the entire Public Consultation process will be included in the Annexation Report to the MGB required in Section 118 of the MGA. 	<p>The Foothills/Okotoks Intermunicipal Committee, which meets on a regular basis, provides a means to accomplish the requirements of Section 117 of the MGA. Alternately the Town would welcome the formation of a sub-committee with MD of Foothills representatives to undertake direct negotiations pursuant to Section 117.</p> <p>The Town proposes a negotiation program that dovetails with and is concurrent with the proposed public consultation program as outlined to the left.</p> <p>Furthermore, the proposed annexation would require amendments to or adoption of a new IDP between the Town and MD of Foothills.</p> <p>The Town believes it is in the interest of landowners and all stakeholders that consultation and negotiations around annexation occurs concurrent with development of a new IDP. The two processes are highly interrelated and sequential processes for a new IDP and then annexation only delays and complicates the overall process with no benefit to any affected party.</p> <p>The Town is committed to negotiate in good faith with the MD around the proposed annexation and associated amendments to or adoption of a new IDP that may occur either during or subsequent to annexation.</p>