



Premier Notley, please keep your promise on flood mitigation.

Hon. Rachel Notley, Premier of Alberta:

On behalf of the community of Springbank and the thousands of Albertans who have expressed their support for DontDamnSpringbank.org, congratulations on your impressive electoral victory.

Clearly, you have become the agent of a much desired change.

Now, you will be dealing with the legacy of public policy inherited from the previous PC government. Part of that legacy is the misguided proposal to turn Springbank into a “dry dam” as mitigation for possible future flooding. We are very pleased that the NDP, as well as the Wildrose party, have gone on the record opposing this poorly thought-out project.

Everyone agrees that flood mitigation is a priority. But the Springbank dry dam was bad policy from the beginning.

It's expensive.

The PC's cost-benefit analysis underestimated the cost of construction and land requirements in Springbank. The Springbank project will cost as much as, or more than, a dam upstream at McLean Creek.

It doesn't protect enough people.

A dam in Springbank would leave Bragg Creek, Redwood Meadows and Tsuu T'ina Nation under continued threat of flooding. Whereas the upstream option at McLean Creek protects all those communities *and* provides the same protection to Calgary.

It will not be faster to build.

The PC government inaccurately promoted the Springbank dam as the fastest option. It isn't. Both Springbank and McLean Creek require the same provincial and federal environmental reviews as well as the same regulatory, design and construction timelines. In fact, a McLean Creek dam may be faster as it's on public land, minimizing potential legal challenges.

You can find more reasons to continue your opposition to the proposed Springbank dam at www.DontDamnSpringbank.org

By way of this open letter, we thank you again for your party's commitment to scrapping this bad PC policy before more time and money is wasted.

A dam at McLean Creek is a better public policy option that will protect more people.

Thank-you for endorsing it.

Sincerely,

The members and supporters of
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