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this 24TH day of April, 2021.

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Date: September 7, 2020

Ms. Meghan Dunnette City of Calgary Planning, Development Assessment #8201 Municipal Building, 800 Macleod Trail S.E. Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

Sent via email: Cpag.circ@calgary.ca Meghan.dunnette@calgary.ca

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CERTIFICATE

CANADA

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

TO WIT:

I, Curtis E. Marble, a Commissioner of Oaths in and for the Province of Alberta, by royal authority duly appointed, residing in the City of Calgary in the said Province, DO CERTIFY that the attached Affidavit, being:

• Affidavit of Jane Virtue sworn April 24, 2021;

was sworn before me by the affiant through the use of video technology using the process described in the Notice to the Profession and Public, NPP #2020-02 dated March 25, 2020.

The use of this process was necessary as it was unsafe for the affiant to attend to a commissioner of oaths in Calgary, Alberta due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This process was used in observation of the ongoing public health advice to maintain physical distancing.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office at the City of Calgary in the Province of Alberta this 24 day of April, 2021.

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A COMMISSIONER OF OATHS in and for the Province of Alberta

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