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His Worship Brad Schlossberger  
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Dear Mayor Schlossberger and Council,

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Thank you for your continued support of the Oldman Watershed Council. Our mission of improving the health and sustainability of our watershed is possible thanks to your contributions, which directly fuel economic prosperity, environmental resilience, and water security in our region. Looking ahead, we are asking for your ongoing partnership in taking on critical challenges and seizing the opportunities before us.

With 3 dedicated municipal seats on our 19-member Board (Towns and Villages, Municipal Districts and Counties, and City of Lethbridge), your voice is an important part of the work we do. Together, we ensure all perspectives within the watershed are considered. Your municipality is critical to these efforts of fostering a collaborative approach to watershed management.

With your support, we have achieved significant milestones over the past year:

- **Restoration:** Over 4km of shoreline along 16 waterways was restored, with 5,000 willows and 21 erosion control structures in partnership with 10 agricultural producers, improving water storage and quality. In partnership with the Town of Claresholm we built 3 pollinator gardens. \$220,476 was invested in beneficial management practices with farmers and ranchers.
- **Agricultural literacy:** We hosted 5 agriculture industry consultation sessions with 60 producers and surveyed 650 urban consumers to inform the development of a 4-year, \$1 million agricultural literacy project to build trust between consumers and producers in Canada's Premier Food Corridor.
- **Monitoring:** An unprecedented 19 sites were sampled using a nationally recognized biomonitoring protocol, which expands our picture of stream health in our headwaters, the Eastern Slopes.
- **Economic Impact:** Our efforts from 2009 to 2022 contributed \$8.3 million to the region's GDP and created 167 job years of work.
- **Community Engagement:** We engaged 4,934 residents, including 1,376 youth, through 57 events and innovative programs such as virtual reality experiences. Over 90% reported that they gained knowledge.
- **Partnerships:** Our network grew to 217 partners across southern Alberta, who contributed \$503,000 in in-kind support, significantly amplifying our collective impact.

To continue this critical work, we are requesting your municipality's continued support for the fiscal year of April 2025 to March 2026. A contribution of 49¢ per resident—totaling \$2,022 for 4,127 residents—will directly support our ongoing efforts to improve water security, restore habitat, educate the next generation of watershed stewards, and strengthen our neutral and trusted voice in watershed management.

We invite you to review our 2024–25 annual report, which showcases the direct impact of your contributions through stories, images, and highlights, at [oldmanwatershed.ca/annualreports](https://oldmanwatershed.ca/annualreports). If you would like to arrange a presentation or discuss further collaboration opportunities, please reach out to our Executive Director, Shannon Frank, at [shannon@oldmanwatershed.ca](mailto:shannon@oldmanwatershed.ca) or 403-317-1328.

Your support truly makes a difference to our efforts. Together, we can continue to protect and enhance the Oldman watershed, working towards a thriving and sustainable future for all.

Warm regards,

Doug Kaupp, OWC Chair