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Eagle Point – Blue Rapids Parks Council

**DECISION ON PARTICIPATION FOR REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE
PROCEEDING ID 346
BASHAW OIL CORP.
APPLICATIONS 1842705, 1851246 AND 1851250**

Attention: Peter Lee, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Lee:

By way of a letter dated February 7, 2017 the Eagle Point – Blue Rapids Parks Council (the “Parks Council”) was asked to explain why it had not filed a statement of concern and invited to file additional submissions to demonstrate to the panel that it can be of material assistance to the panel if granted the right to participate.

The Parks Council filed additional submissions on February 14, 2017. In those submissions the Parks Council described statistics and anecdotal information available to it regarding park use that it would present through the hearing process.

In those submissions the Parks Council also explained that it did not file a statement of concern because of time limitations and lack of awareness of the applications. That is surprising because so many individuals in the area did file statements of concern. However, the panel has decided in this case to exercise its discretion to allow the Parks Council to participate in the hearing. Specifically, the Parks Council has provided information that satisfies the panel that it may provide material assistance to the panel in making decisions on the applications; it is prepared to allow the Parks Council to participate even though it did not file a statement of concern when many others in the area did.

The Parks Council’s request to participate indicates that it has concerns with the levels of H₂S associated with proposed wells and a possible pipeline from the wells if they are brought on production that might pass through Eagle Point Provincial Park (the “park”). The Parks Council also has concerns for the safety of visitors to the park. The specific issues to be dealt with at the hearing will be a topic on the agenda for a prehearing meeting that is being scheduled for March 13, 2017.

If you have any questions please call Mr. McLean at 403-297-3232 or email hearing.services@aer.ca .

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Yours truly,

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