

Parkland County, Planning and Development Services Department 53109A Hwy 779 Parkland County, AB T7X 1R1

January 12, 2015

Attention: Deanna Cambridge, Planner

Re: Amendment application to redistrict Plan 5389RS, Lot A from CR-County Residential to RIC-Rural Industrial Commercial

Empire Iron Works Ltd. (EIW) purchased the Wabamun plant in 1979. The facility was renovated and added to, making it suitable for the fabrication of structural steel. In 1988 EIW applied for a development permit to add a second exterior crane runway. EIW has operated as a steel fabricator at this site for over 30 years.

As a major employer within Parkland County, EIW continues to employ within the county community and surrounding areas. EIW provides employment by supplying fabricated steel for major projects mainly in Western Canada. Projects such as the Art Gallery of Alberta, Mazankowski Heart Institute, Syncrude's Aurora Mine, YVR Airport, YEG Airport, Dawson Bridge Rehab, Meadow's Community Rec Centre, etc. are but a handful of successfully fabricated projects by the Wabamun plant.

We require this amendment to Plan 5389RS, Lot A from CR – Country Residential to RIC – Rural Industrial Commercial to justify continued investment in maintenance of this facility, allow us to grow and better serve our customers and to allow us to grow and keep pace with competitors.

We look forward to continuing our over 30 year working relationship with the county.

Andy Boelee

Sincerely

General Manager / Vice President

Empire Iron Works Ltd.