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Airdrie Annexation Moves Forward

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – The City of Airdrie and Rocky View County councils have completed annexation negotiations. The public is invited to attend the two public hearings on the proposed City of Airdrie annexation from Rocky View County. The public hearing will be the final opportunity for public input prior to the annexation application being sent to the Province.

City of Airdrie Public Hearing

Date: May 2, 2011 **Time:** 7 pm

Where: Airdrie City Hall, 400 Main Street SE, Airdrie, AB

Rocky View County Public Hearing

Date: May 10, 2011 **Time:** 1:30 pm

Where: Rocky View County Hall, 911 – 32nd Avenue, Calgary, AB

Annexation negotiations began in February 2010, with the City of Airdrie proposing to annex approximately 12,640 acres of land to the west, north and east of Airdrie's current city limits. The County and City have collaboratively hosted open houses to seek feedback and community specific engagement sessions to answer the questions of affected landowners and businesses over the past year and a half.

"The City of Airdrie and Rocky View County really engaged all the stakeholders during this process," says Naren Garg, Senior Planner, City of Airdrie. "We are pleased with the number of attendees from the community and rural area and we received very good feedback. Affected stakeholders had good questions about how the annexation would impact them and we were able to clarify and address their concerns."

"Engaging all the stakeholders is essential to the success of the annexation. The City of Airdrie and Rocky View County are working collaboratively for the common interests of all the residents," says Melissa Ayers, Planner, Rocky View County.

The negotiation process included discussions on feedback from residents, taxation, assessment and service delivery. After the public hearings, an application will be submitted to the Province's Municipal Government Board for consideration. The proposed annexation area boundary will be finalized in late 2011 or early 2012.

Residents still have opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback about the annexation process by contacting Naren Garg, City of Airdrie at 403-948-8800 ext 8774 and Melissa Ayers, Rocky View County at 403-230-1401. More information is also available at www.airdrieannex.ca.

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