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Edmonton Community Foundation  
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**RE: Application for Edmonton Community Foundation Grant**

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter in strong support of your groups efforts to obtain funding to undertake the feasibility work for the **Aquatic Biosphere Project**.

There are seldom projects that combine research, education, community development, diversity in environmental support and engagement of both the private and public sector. The **Aquatic Biosphere Project** is that rare catalyst that can provide this broad range of benefits to Alberta and our community.

The opportunity for children to learn fascinating facts concerning the rich life that water supports, both fresh and salt water is an opportunity we do not want to miss. What really makes this exciting is we can do this in our own backyard and at the same time connect with the research, educational and business community to create valuable jobs, research and at the same time make our community a more attractive place for people to come and raise families and run their businesses.

As a business person, educator and philanthropist I have never seen an initiative with the potential to connect the three pillars of education, the environment and the economy the way the **Aquatic Biosphere Project** can. The attraction of this project is it is local, we can do it ourselves and differentiate our region from other areas in a sustainable and value building way.

In my commercial work in water, power and energy I can see how better knowledge, research facilities and bright young workers can contribute to better management of our farming, mining, forestry, power and energy business through the benefits they would receive by having an Aquarium of this nature in our community. Better waste water, tailings water, process water and rehabilitation of watersheds is just part of it. Research findings, products and insights could make our region a center of aquatic learning excellence.

The key is, the Aquarium is not a passive facility but a platform to serve as a hub with spokes reaching out to other vital parts of our community that creates a synergy we would otherwise never have. I can tell you this, as I look back on my career, the links to water and the value gained by having benefited by the knowledge of being associated

with aquariums is immeasurable and if there is one thing I would want for future generations is to try and provide that same benefit to them too.

Thank you for reading my letter and in closing I confirm my personal support, time and resources to this very worthwhile project.

Respectfully yours;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Lowry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Don Lowry  
Chairman Capital Power  
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