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Dear Reeve and Council,

An estimated 173,800 new cases of cancer and 76,200 deaths from cancer will occur in Canada in 2010. On average, 3,340 Canadians will be diagnosed with cancer every week and 1,470 Canadians will die of cancer every week. It is important to note that approximately 12% of new cancer cases and 5% of cancer deaths will occur in people under the age of 50, in their most productive years for employment and raising families.

The Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer benefiting the Alberta Cancer Foundation is a unique, two-day cycling event to take place on June 25-26, 2011. For the past three years I have worked as a registered nurse at St. Paul hospital. During this time I have seen the struggles that patients and their families go through when a loved one is diagnosed with cancer. It is incredibly difficult to take at times and this made me want to make a difference. Both my mom and I have signed up as a mother daughter team and will be doing this ride together. We have spent many summers cycling together and we feel that the Ride to Conquer Cancer is our chance to do what we love and help make a difference. It will be a great challenge having to ride 100 kilometers one day and then getting up the next day to do it all over again. To me this is the least I can do to give my support to those diagnosed with cancer. The ride will be a struggle, but not compared to fighting cancer.

Together as a team my mom and I must raise \$5000 in order to participate in the ride. We are asking for your support towards this cause. A cheque can be made out to "The Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer". The money we raise for the Alberta Cancer Foundation through The Ride will directly support patients and families at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre in Calgary, the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton and 15 cancer centres throughout Alberta. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and considering donating to the Ride To Conquer Cancer! Your donation will accelerate the conquest of cancer.

Sincerely,

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