



**A leading voice for a healthy and environmentally sustainable community.**

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Southern Alberta Group for the Environment (SAGE) is a non-profit, volunteer organization that advocates and advances environmental issues on behalf of our region. Please accept this letter in support of Environment Lethbridge's application for their "***Lethbridge Food Sustainability Project***".

Environmental issues such as climate change are among the most urgent and most difficult to solve. Fundamental to addressing these emerging challenges is the provision of healthy and secure access to food. The *Lethbridge Food Sustainability Project* will build capacity both for individuals who are interested in developing their gardening skills, as well as for the community by providing support for the development of new community garden spaces.

Environment Lethbridge is an important voice for sustainability in Lethbridge. By working in partnership with a range of organizations including the City of Lethbridge, Economic Development Lethbridge, Southern Alberta Group for the Environment, and the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce and others, Environment Lethbridge takes a collaborative approach to identifying and encouraging action on issues such as local food, climate change and energy efficiency.

The Government of Canada has set a strong direction to tackle climate change at all levels of society and governance. SAGE supports community-building efforts that are foundational to both mitigating and adapting to the impacts of a disrupted climate. Environmental Lethbridge has demonstrated its commitment to inclusive and effective approaches to enhancing the resilience of our community as a whole. To that end, we are pleased to be able to support the *Lethbridge Food Sustainability Project*.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Braum Barber', written in a cursive style.

Braum Barber  
Executive Director  
SAGE"