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To Whom It May Concern

**Re: CERTIFIED COATING SPECIALISTS INC.**

The Finlay Bridge is a 100 year old, 275m long 5-span steel through truss bridge crossing the South Saskatchewan River in downtown Medicine Hat, AB. Located adjacent to City Hall, the bridge is a highly visible, politically sensitive structure, critical to both the transportation network and the citizens of Medicine Hat.

The existing coating had deteriorated, and in order to maintain the integrity of the bridge, it required re-coating. The City tendered a contract in 2009 that included recoating the bridge and miscellaneous structural repairs, including replacement of the timber deck, concrete sidewalks and bridgerail. Associated Engineering was the Engineer of Record for the project.

The contract was awarded to Certified Coating Specialists Inc. (CCS) as the General Contractor. As the existing coating contained red lead pigments, environmental protection was paramount during the existing coating removal to protect the environment, and especially the sensitive South Saskatchewan River that flowed under the structure.

Throughout the contract, CCS was a pleasure to work with. As with any historic structure, unforeseen circumstances arose that affected the work and schedule. CCS would discuss the issues immediately, and work diligently to overcome the issues so as to minimize the effect on the bridge and contract. In addition, they completed a high quality re-coating of the structure. This was further evidenced at the recently-completed warranty inspection, where the deficiencies were minimal, and the coating displayed good durability.

We would be pleased to discuss any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you require further information.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shane Hemenway'.

Shane Hemenway, P.Eng  
Project Manager

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