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Her Worship Diahann Potrebenko
Mayor
Village of Rycroft
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Dear Mayor Potrebenko,

In August, our government provided \$597 million in interim Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding to help municipalities and Metis Settlements move forward with their local priorities.

I am pleased to confirm the additional \$74 million in MSI capital funding announced as part of Budget 2019. Combined with the interim funding, municipalities and Metis Settlements will have access to \$671 million in MSI funding, \$641 million under the capital component and \$30 million under the operating component.

For the Village of Rycroft, the additional MSI capital funding is \$7,795; \$3,567 under the MSI component and \$4,228 under the Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (BMTG) component. When added to the MSI capital funding of \$171,604 committed through the Interim Supply in August 2019, your municipality's total capital funding for program year 2019 is \$179,399. Your municipality's MSI operating funding for 2019 remains unchanged at \$48,294.

The Future of MSI

Our government committed to helping municipalities meet their infrastructure needs with predictable, long-term funding, and Budget 2019 fulfills this commitment.

In 2020, capital funding will be \$963 million (including MSI Capital and BMTG). This represents a 9 per cent reduction from the previous provincial budget. In 2021, capital funding will be \$897 million (including MSI Capital and BMTG). This represents a 14 per cent reduction from the previous provincial budget. In both years, MSI Operating will be \$30 million.

Allocation estimates for 2020 and 2021 are now available online at open.alberta.ca/publications/municipal-sustainability-initiative-allocation-estimates-2020-2021.

In 2022 and beyond, funding amounts will be determined by the Local Government Fiscal Framework.

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Local Government Fiscal Framework

The Local Government Fiscal Framework replaces the MSI program (including BMTG) beginning in 2022. It includes new legislation passed as part of this year's budget, which determines how much capital funding the province must provide to municipalities every year. The framework also includes \$30 million in annual operating funding, though this is not legislated.

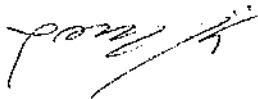
In 2022, municipalities will receive \$860 million in capital funding. Calgary and Edmonton will share \$455 million, and other municipalities will share \$405 million.

In following years capital funding will change depending on changes in provincial revenue, which means that municipalities will share in the success of the province. The funding amount will be published two years in advance. For example, the province is legally required to publish the funding amount for 2023 on or before September 30, 2021. Predictable funding will make it easier for municipalities to plan for the future and fulfill planning requirements.

Our government is proud to support municipalities through the Local Government Fiscal Framework, and I will be seeking municipal support in the next steps of this important work. This will include developing a formula to distribute the funding among municipalities, and determining the administrative elements of the program including project eligibility, and application and reporting requirements.

I understand that provincial support is critical for Albertans to receive the infrastructure and services they expect. Working together, as partners, we can ensure these needs are met and set the course for a prosperous future.

Yours very truly,



Kaycee Madu
Minister

cc: Peter Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Rycroft