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Sent: December 3, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Village of Rycroft
Cc: CAO
Subject: MSP Red Tape Reduction
Attachments: RTR Report Template 2020.pdf; RTR Report Template 2021.pdf

Dear Chief Elected Official,

On July 30, 2020, our government was proud to announce the Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP). One of the conditions associated with this funding is that municipalities are required to reduce red tape, and this email provides further information about what this commitment entails.

Municipalities are required to take actions that advance at least one of the following objectives:

- Make it easier to start up a new business in your community.
- Streamline processes and shorten timelines for development and subdivision permit approvals.
- Make your community a more attractive destination for new investment and/or tourism.

The attached report templates provide some examples of actions you could take to achieve these objectives, but you are not limited to these examples. Each municipality must determine the most appropriate actions for their local circumstances. I strongly encourage you to think carefully about what actions would result in the most benefit for your local economy, and pursue those actions diligently. If you are unsure which actions will be most effective, I urge you to speak with local job creators in your area to understand how you can best support them.

There are separate report templates for 2020 and 2021.

- Municipalities must submit the 2020 report template to ma.municipalstimulus@gov.ab.ca before February 1, 2021, indicating any actions they have undertaken in 2020 to reduce red tape and how they intend to reduce red tape in 2021.
- Municipalities must submit the 2021 report template to ma.municipalstimulus@gov.ab.ca before February 1, 2022, describing the concrete progress they made in reducing red tape in 2021.

I trust you understand the important role municipalities play in creating a positive environment for investment. Municipalities are the level of government directly responsible for business licensing, construction permitting, and development decisions – all of which are factors businesses consider when deciding where and when to invest. Municipalities can contribute to Alberta’s economic recovery by creating an environment where processes are clear and consistent; where decisions are made quickly and transparently; and where there are no unnecessary barriers to realizing our province’s potential.

Thank you for your commitment to work with us in ensuring Alberta’s future prosperity.

Tracy L. Allard
Minister

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