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Office of the Minister
Deputy Government House Leader
MLA, Calgary-Hays

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Dear Chief Elected Official:

I am pleased to invite your municipality to provide submissions for the 20th annual Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence, which formally recognize excellence in local government practices and promotes knowledge-sharing among municipalities. These awards offer an opportunity to recognize the truly great work happening in local governments across Alberta.

For the 2021 program, submissions will be accepted in the following categories:

Partnership **(open to all municipalities)**
Award will be given for a leading municipal practice involving regional co-operation. This could involve consultation, co-ordination, and co-operation with other municipalities, agencies, non-profit organizations, community groups, and other orders of government. Submissions may be joint or individual, and consideration will be given to partnerships with formal agreements that ensure continuing co-operation and shared benefits.

Building Economic Strength **(open to all municipalities)**
Award will be given for an innovative initiative involving the municipality and business community that addresses a challenge affecting community economic strength.

Service Delivery Innovation **(open to all municipalities)**
Award will be given for an innovative initiative that improves the delivery or reduces the cost of a program or service through a more efficient process or through an alternate delivery approach.

Enhancing Community Safety **(open to all municipalities)**
Award will be given for an innovative initiative that engages the community to address a safety issue. This could involve crime prevention, infrastructure enhancements (e.g., lighting, accessibility, traffic calming measures), and community services initiatives.

Smaller Municipalities **(open to municipalities with populations less than 5,000)**
Award will be given for a municipal initiative that demonstrates leadership, resourcefulness, and/or innovation to better the community.

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Further details about eligibility and submission requirements are available on the Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence website at www.alberta.ca/ministers-awards-for-municipal-excellence.aspx. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2021.

Should you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the Municipal Excellence Team, at 780-427-2225 or municipalexcellence@gov.ab.ca.

I encourage you to share your success stories, and I look forward to celebrating these successes with your communities.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver
Minister