

December 16, 2015

Hon. Danielle Larivee
Minister of Municipal Affairs, Minister of Service Alberta
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Minister Larivee:

The Alberta Chamber of Commerce would like to express our appreciation that Deputy Ministers Brad Pickering and Tim Grant attended our annual Deputy Minister's Dinner on November 24. Guests and our members, community chambers from around the province, heard a clear and important message that evening: the Province is looking to partner with Alberta's business community to make Alberta a better place to live and work.

In the interest of developing that partnership, we want to meet with you to discuss some of our members' issues and solutions relating to the growth and sustainability of Alberta's municipalities. Municipally-based infrastructure is essential for the sustainable growth of Alberta's municipalities and maintaining a high quality of life in communities throughout the province. As the job creators in Alberta, our members are sensitive to the competitiveness of tax jurisdictions in communities. Their ability to sustain and grow is also a primary contributor to quality of life and the funding for municipal infrastructure needs to be done in a manner that does not undermine the competitiveness of business.

Our federation, representative of communities large and small throughout the province, sees opportunities for enhancing municipal financial planning structures. If your schedule would allow for us to meet and discuss sustainable growth of municipalities and among the business community, Ken Kobly, our President and CEO, may be reached on his cell phone at 780.975.1659 or by email at kkobly@abchamber.ca. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Carman R. McNary, Q.C.
Chair



Ken Kobly, FCGA
President and CEO

CC: Deputy Minister Brad Pickering, Municipal Affairs