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Dear Chair Feth and Mr. Kobly,

Thank you for your letter of August 13, 2018, expressing support from the Alberta Chambers of Commerce for renewed, dedicated infrastructure funding. Our government acknowledges the importance of infrastructure to communities across Alberta and I am proud we have been able to maintain stable funding for municipalities through the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI).

Since the MSI launched in 2007, over \$9.5 billion in funding has been allocated for locally determined projects and activities, based on municipal priorities that fit within the general program criteria. A major portion of MSI funding has been committed to capital projects related to roads, public transit and parks, recreation and sports facilities. As part of the MSI program, municipalities also have access to \$30 million in annual operating funding for projects that support, for example, municipal viability and capacity building.

A predictable and accountable infrastructure funding mechanism is an issue of great significance, and work is underway to develop a new municipal funding framework, anticipated to be in place when the MSI ends in 2021/22.

I note your resolution also mentions the federal/provincial/municipal cost-share for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. Alberta signed a bilateral agreement with the federal government that commits the province to fund a minimum of one-third of eligible project expenditures under this program. The actual cost-share may vary according to the funding stream, recipient, and project type. Since municipalities can also use some types of provincial funding (such as MSI) as the municipal share, the total provincial contribution for some projects may exceed the federal contribution.

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With regard to your kind offer of further discussion, unfortunately, I am unable to meet at this time; however, I value the perspective of all our stakeholders, and your comments will be taken into account as we continue the work in developing the new funding framework.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shaye Anderson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Hon. Shaye Anderson
Minister of Municipal Affairs

cc: Honourable Sandra Jansen, Minister of Infrastructure