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*Office of the Minister
MLA, Grande Prairie*

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Dear Chief Elected Official,

As you are aware, our province is facing some very challenging economic circumstances. Resource revenues are lower than they were in the early 1970s, while expenses are higher than anticipated due to the need to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This will cause financial challenges that will be felt for many years.

In light of these economic circumstances, Alberta may not be able to sustain our current levels of infrastructure and operating spending. We are already planning for Budget 2021; there will be some difficult choices the province must make to ensure Alberta's finances are sustainable over the long-term.

Having met with many municipalities recently, I understand your communities are also facing significant challenges. I will ensure your views are represented as we plan the provincial budget. In the meantime, I strongly encourage you to make certain all of your capital spending is used to support critical infrastructure that will benefit future generations of Albertans and position your community to participate in our economic recovery.

I look forward to working with you to create a sustainable and prosperous future for our province and our communities.

Sincerely,

Tracy L. Allard
Minister