

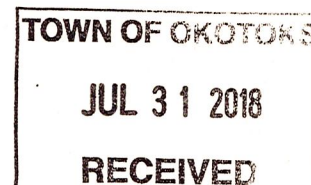


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MLA, Leduc-Beaumont

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July 25, 2018

His Worship William (Bill) Robertson
Mayor
Town of Okotoks
PO Box 20
Okotoks AB T1S 1K1



Dear Mayor Robertson,

As you are aware, recent changes to the *Municipal Government Act* will require all municipalities to create intermunicipal collaboration frameworks (ICF) and intermunicipal development plans (IDP) with their neighbours. This work reflects our mutual priority of ensuring all Albertans benefit from the efficient delivery of local services and effective co-ordination of development, and I am pleased to see the progress already made.

The two-year period set out in legislation to accomplish this task is challenging, but I am confident the existing legacy of intermunicipal co-operation has placed us in a position to be successful. I am nevertheless aware of some specific challenges that can be addressed at this time, and gratefully acknowledge the practical solutions that have been proposed during discussions with the municipal associations, the administrative associations, and municipalities.

As a result of these discussions, I have signed Ministerial Order No. MSL:047/18 (attached), which makes the following changes:

- Exempts parties from the requirement to create an IDP where the entire area along one or both sides of the common boundary between the parties is composed entirely of federal or provincial Crown land. This change recognizes the limited value in the creation of an IDP where development is restricted.
- Extends the timeline by one year (to April 1, 2021) for all ICFs and IDPs between municipal districts, special areas, improvement districts, or rural specialized municipalities. This change will allow rural municipalities to focus their efforts on working with their urban neighbours during the initial two-year period.

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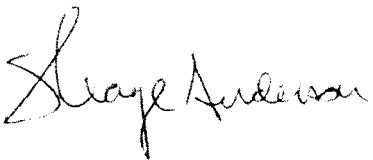
- Extends the timeline by one year (to April 1, 2021) for all ICFs and IDPs between municipalities that are members of the same growth management board (GMB). This change will allow GMB member municipalities to harmonize their ICFs and IDPs with their growth and service plan, and provide an opportunity to address through an ICF or IDP any matters not addressed in a growth or servicing plan.
- Extends the timeline by one year (to April 1, 2021) for all ICFs and IDPs between a municipality that is a member of a GMB, and a municipality that is not a member of the GMB, but is located within the boundaries of the member municipality. This change will allow GMB member municipalities to create their ICFs and IDPs within the context of their growth and servicing plan.

In each case, all parties to a framework or plan must agree to apply the exemption or extension by council resolution, and the resolution must be filed with the Minister within 90 days of the date the resolution is passed.

In the event other circumstances arise that are beyond your control, I will consider specific requests for an exemption or time extension. However, based on the importance of this work to all Albertans, I encourage you to make every effort to work with your neighbours and to meet the legislated timelines.

I trust these changes will provide some practical efficiencies as we work toward improved intermunicipal solutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shaye Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shaye" being more prominent than the last name "Anderson".

Hon. Shaye Anderson
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Attachment: Ministerial Order No. MSL:047/18

cc: Elaine Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Okotoks



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MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. MSL:047/18

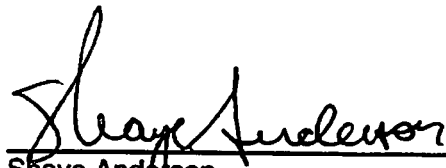
I, Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to Sections 605 and 631 of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*, make the following order:

- 1) Two or more councils of municipalities that have common boundaries where the entire area along one or both sides of the common boundary is composed entirely of federal or provincial crown land are exempt from the requirements of Section 631 of the *MGA* on the condition that all parties to the framework agree to apply the exemption by resolution and file copies of the resolutions with the Minister within 90 days of the date each resolution is passed.
- 2) That the time for an intermunicipal collaboration framework to be created pursuant to Section 708.28(1) of the *MGA* or an intermunicipal development plan to be adopted pursuant to Section 631(3) of the *MGA* is April 1, 2021, where the framework or plan is between municipalities that are municipal districts or specialized municipalities referred to in Section 77 of the *MGA* (excluding the Municipality of Jasper), improvement districts referred to in Section 581 of the *MGA*, or special areas as defined in Section 1 of the *Special Areas Act*, and on the condition that all parties to the framework agree to apply the extension by resolution and file copies of the resolutions with the Minister within 90 days of the date each resolution is passed.
- 3) That the time for an intermunicipal collaboration framework to be created pursuant to Section 708.28(1) of the *MGA* or an intermunicipal development plan to be adopted pursuant to Section 631(3) of the *MGA* is April 1, 2021, where the framework or plan is between municipalities that are members of the same growth management board established pursuant to Section 708.02 of the *MGA* before April 1, 2018, and on the condition that all parties to the framework agree to apply the extension by resolution and file copies of the resolutions with the Minister within 90 days of the date each resolution is passed.

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- 4) That the time for an intermunicipal collaboration framework to be created pursuant to Section 708.28(1) of the *MGA* or an intermunicipal development plan to be adopted pursuant to Section 631(3) of the *MGA* is April 1, 2021, where the framework or plan is between a municipality that is a member of a growth management board established pursuant to Section 708.02 of the *MGA* before April 1, 2018 and a municipality that is not a member of the growth management board but is located entirely within the boundaries of the member municipality, and on the condition that all parties to the framework agree to apply the extension by resolution and file copies of the resolutions with the Minister within 90 days of the date each resolution is passed.
- 5) That the time for an arbitrator to create an intermunicipal collaboration framework or an intermunicipal development plan pursuant to Section 708.36(1)(a) of the *MGA* is April 1, 2022, where the time to create the framework or adopt the plan is modified by this Order.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, this 19th day of July, 2018.


Shaye Anderson
Minister of Municipal Affairs