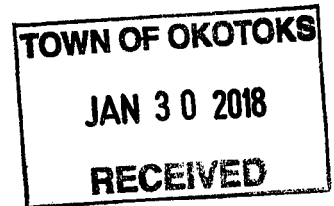




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January 24, 2018

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

Dear Mayor Robertson,

I am pleased to invite the Town of Okotoks to provide submissions for the 17th annual Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence, which formally recognizes 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 in Alberta.

An independent review committee, comprised of representatives from various municipal associations, will recommend award recipients in five categories and one award for outstanding achievement:

- Innovation – Recognizes a leading practice embodying the first use of an idea in a municipal context in Alberta (municipalities with a population of less than 500,000).
- Partnership – Recognizes a leading municipal practice involving consultation, coordination, and cooperation with other municipalities, jurisdictions or organizations (municipalities with a population of less than 500,000).
- Safe Communities – Recognizes a leading practice focused on making municipalities safer through prevention and enforcement (municipalities with a population of less than 500,000).
- Smaller Municipalities – Recognizes the innovative practices developed by communities with less than 3,000 residents.
- Larger Municipalities – Recognizes the innovation and creativity of larger municipalities with populations of 500,000 or greater that have a substantial resource base and that can partner with departments within the municipality's control.
- Outstanding Achievement – Recognizes a municipality or municipal partnership that has helped to inspire action and change that has benefited local government practice in Alberta. This award, chosen by the review committee, recognizes the best submission from the other categories.

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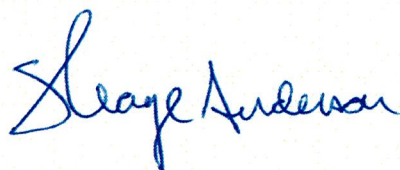
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The submission form and additional details may be found on the Municipal Excellence Network website at www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/mc_municipal_excellence.cfm. The submission deadline is **March 31, 2018**.

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

If you have any questions regarding the Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence, please contact the Municipal Excellence Team at 780-427-222, or menet@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "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