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Office of the Minister  
MLA, Leduc-Beaumont

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Dear Mayors, Reeves, and local Councillors across Alberta,

I am writing to inform you that, later today, I will introduce new legislation, the *City Charters Fiscal Framework Act*, which will formalize a new capital infrastructure funding agreement with the cities of Edmonton and Calgary to replace the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) beginning in 2022-23.

This legislation is in response to the Government of Alberta's commitment in Budget 2018 to work with Alberta's two largest cities on a long-term revenue-sharing formula that would support their capital infrastructure needs. The cities of Edmonton and Calgary have worked with the province to achieve a path to balance that saw MSI funding allocations for the two cities reduced by \$152 million in Budget 2018. These reductions to the cities are also sustained each year until fiscal year 2021-22. All other municipalities have remained whole through the economic downturn and until 2021-2022, when MSI is set to expire.

With this stated, I wish to make clear the Government of Alberta recognizes all municipalities require stable, predictable, and permanent capital infrastructure funding. This is why our government committed in Budget 2018 to pursue new funding arrangements with all municipalities and why we remain engaged in continued discussions with AUMA and RMA over the coming weeks to complete a long-term, revenue-sharing agreement for municipalities for implementation in 2022-23 after MSI expires.

We were able to reach an agreement with the cities of Edmonton and Calgary through the City Charter process, and the next phase is to reach a long-term agreement with the rest of Alberta's municipalities. The infrastructure needs of Albertans in mid-sized cities, towns, villages, summer villages, MDs and counties is important and our commitment remains to form a legislated capital funding framework so that your communities can continue to build and thrive.

Yours in partnership,

Hon. Shaye Anderson  
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cc: Barry Morishita, President, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA)  
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