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January 15, 2019

Her Worship Hazel Reintjes  
Mayor, Village of Hines Creek  
PO Box 421  
Hines Creek AB T0H 2A0

Dear Mayor Reintjes,

I am pleased to invite the Village of Hines Creek to provide submissions for the 18<sup>th</sup> 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, if chosen by the review committee, 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, co-ordination and co-operation 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 an innovative practice developed by communities with less than 3,000 residents;
- Larger Municipalities – Recognizes an innovative and creative practice of larger municipalities with populations of 500,000 or greater that have a substantial resource base and who can partner with departments within the municipality's control; and
- 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, if chosen by the review committee, recognizes the best submission from the other categories.

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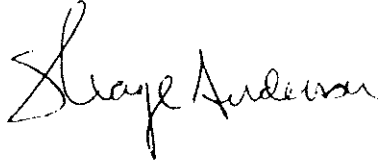
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Further details regarding eligibility and submission requirements may be found on the Municipal Excellence Awards webpage at [www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/1595](http://www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/1595). The deadline for submission is March 29, 2019.

Should you have any questions regarding the Municipal Excellence Awards, please contact the Municipal Excellence Team, at 780-427-2225, or by email at [menet@gov.ab.ca](mailto:menet@gov.ab.ca).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shaye Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shaye Anderson  
Minister of Municipal Affairs