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Office of the Minister



January 27, 2015

Ms. Helen Rice  
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Dear Helen:

I would like to thank you for your participation in the recent signing of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Municipal Government Act (MGA).

I consider this a significant milestone in the MGA process and I look forward to our continued cooperation and the successful conclusion of this process.

Please find a signed copy of the MOU for your records.

Sincerely,

Diana McQueen  
Minister

Thank you Helen for all  
your hard work & passion, it is  
Such a pleasure to work with you!

Attachment

**FRAMEWORK MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE  
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT REVIEW**

**BETWEEN:**

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, as represented by the  
Government of Alberta, hereinafter the "Province"**

**-and-**

**ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS AND COUNTIES, a Municipal Organization  
in the Province of Alberta, hereinafter "AAMDC"**

**-and-**

**ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION, a Municipal Organization in the Province of  
Alberta, hereinafter "AUMA"**

WHEREAS the Province, AAMDC and AUMA (collectively, the "Parties") recognize the importance of working with each other and with other stakeholders to review the *Municipal Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS the Parties agree to share their unique knowledge and understanding of municipal and provincial needs and perspectives;

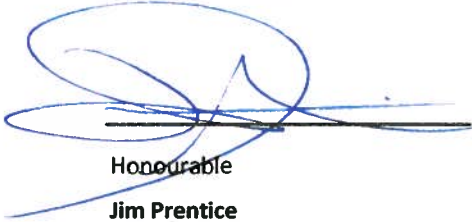
AND WHEREAS the Parties have agreed to a framework that indicates the manner in which the development of legislation will progress;

NOW THEREFORE the Parties agree to the following:

- 1.0 The *Municipal Government Act* is the expression of the Government of Alberta's relationship with municipalities and the parties' collective accountability to their municipalities, regions, and citizens.
  
- 2.0 The vision of the *Municipal Government Act* review is that,  
  
*"Alberta's municipalities are empowered to provide sound local governance to create and sustain safe and healthy communities that offer our citizens a high quality of life and that collectively enable Alberta's economic, environmental and social prosperity today and in the future."*
  
- 3.0 The parties will work jointly as outlined in Appendix 1 to develop the appropriate legislation with relevant regulations in support of this Memorandum of Understanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Memorandum of Understanding has been duly executed by the Parties on the 22 day of January, 2015.

THE PROVINCE, THE ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS AND COUNTIES, AND ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION



Honourable  
**Jim Prentice**  
Premier of Alberta



**Helen Rice**  
President of AUMA

**Al Kemmere**  
President of AAMDC



Honourable  
**Diana McQueen**  
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Appendix I to the Framework Memorandum of  
Understanding for the Municipal Government Act Review

(the “Work Plan”)

**Municipal Government Act Review – Key Milestones and Timelines**

**Overview**

Working together, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, along with the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties, and the cities of Calgary and Edmonton, will complete the review of the *Municipal Government Act* to ensure that the legislation is amended as needed to better support Albertans and their local governments. The review will focus on key issues within eight major themes:

**A. Governance and Administration**

- Theme I: Provincial-Municipal Relations
- Theme II: Accountability and Transparency
- Theme III: Governance
- Theme IV: Sustainability
- Theme V: Regional Decision-Making

**B. Assessment and Taxation**

- Theme VI: Revenues
- Theme VII: Property Assessment & Taxation

**C. Planning and Development**

- Theme VIII: Managing Growth

**Milestones and Timelines**

<b>1. Introduction of Spring 2015 Legislation</b> Introduction of legislative amendments to address the policy issues that received partner agreement during the <i>MGA</i> Review consultations.	<b>by May 2015</b>
<b>2. Introduction of Fall 2015 Legislation</b> Introduction of legislative amendments in support of more complex items considered through the <i>MGA</i> Review policy discussions.	<b>by December 2015</b>
<b>3. Completion of the of the <i>Municipal Government Amendment Act</i> Review Process</b>	<b>2016</b>