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March 24, 2021

Mr. Reegan McCullough
Chief Administrative Officer
Sturgeon County
9613 - 100 Street
Morinville, AB T8R 1L9

Dear Mr. McCullough:

As you may be aware, the Government of Alberta has indicated the intent to conduct province wide Senate selection as well as referenda votes on issues of concern to Albertans in conjunction with the October 18, 2021 general municipal election.

Alberta Municipal Affairs is responsible for ensuring the conduct of the vote for electors residing in improvement districts, summer villages, special areas, the City of Lloydminster (Alberta side) and Indian Reserves (First Nations) as these communities do not hold municipal elections on October 18, 2021, the date when the senate and referenda votes must take place. As the department does not have sufficient resources to directly conduct these votes, we will be partnering with neighboring municipalities to ensure all Albertans have the ability to participate in the vote. Accordingly, Municipal Affairs would like to enter into an agreement with your municipality to conduct the Senate selection and referenda votes as you are the nearest municipality to the Alexander First Nation, Alexander 134.

In accepting this request, electors from the neighbouring jurisdiction would vote at your polling stations for the provincial ballots only, in conjunction with the election in your own local jurisdiction. There will be no need for separate ballot boxes for the Alexander First Nation, Alexander 134 ballots. Elections Alberta will provide ballots to your municipality, or if you use a tabulator they will provide the information to be printed on the ballot for your tabulator vendor. Elections Alberta has compiled an information sheet you may wish to review for further information, which can be accessed at www.elections.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/Senate-Information-for-Municipalities-October-2020.pdf.

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In exchange for your support of this important voting opportunity, a payment will be made to your municipality to assist with any additional costs incurred. This payment will be in addition to any payments your municipality is entitled to for conducting the provincial votes for your municipal electors. All payments will be in accordance with the provisions of the *Senate Elections Grant Regulation* and *Referendum Payments Regulation*.

Please respond to Andrew Wood at Andrew.Wood@gov.ab.ca by April 9, 2021 to confirm your willingness to hold the Senate selection and referenda votes for the Alexander First Nation, Alexander 134.

Thank you for supporting the democratic process by helping to ensure all Albertans can participate in these important decisions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Maniego'.

Cathy Maniego
Executive Director
Municipal Capacity and Sustainability Branch