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Honourable Tracy Allard
Minister of Municipal Affairs
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Email to: minister.municipalaffairs@gov.ab.ca

Dear Minister Allard:

Re: Edmonton Metropolitan Regional Transit Services Commission – Implications of Amendments to *Municipal Government Act*

Firstly, on behalf of the Interim Board for the Edmonton Metropolitan Regional Transit Services Commission (RTSC), thank you again for the continued support of the Government of Alberta, especially the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, on the formation of the RTSC.

Once formally established, the RTSC stands to save the region \$2.2 million annually, while also providing for enhanced transit services provision throughout the region, thereby improving the competitiveness of our economic position, and assisting in economy recovery.

The purpose of my letter is to advise you that in consultation with Municipal Affairs' staff, and a review of the amendments of Part 15.1 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Interim Board of the RTSC wishes to ensure the Commission is established on the best possible legal foundation.

As such, as decided at the Interim Board's November 19th meeting, the Interim Board will be asking our respective member Councils to adopt new resolutions through the month of December that comply with the new Part 15.1, made possible by *Bill 22: Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act*. Our review of the amendments and subsequent recommendation was that even if you are prepared to issue a Ministerial Order based on the original Council motions provided under the original application, prior to Bill 22, member Councils should adopt new resolutions that comply with the new Part 15.1, and re-submit them to you.

Advertising requirements under Section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act* will be met, and the new resolutions from member municipalities will confirm:

- The intention to join the Commission;
 - The legal name of the Commission (as previously confirmed with the Ministry);
 - List all members of the Commission (the eight municipalities that currently form the application);
- and,



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- List the Board of Directors and the Chair of the Commission (as previously confirmed with the Ministry).

We do not anticipate any changes to the information you have already been provided and are working with as a result of these new resolutions. At this stage, the resolutions will simply reflect the pre-existing consensus of the members and conform to the new requirements of Part 15.1.

The RTSC Interim Board has been advised by our legal counsel that these new resolutions should be submitted to you prior to the issuance of a Ministerial Order. In this respect, we wish to request you withhold issuing a Ministerial Order until the end of December 2020 for this to be completed.

Thank you in advance for your continued support, and we look forward to our sustained collaboration on this file. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach me directly via email at wbrodhead@stalbert.ca.

Sincerely,



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Councillor, City of St. Albert

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