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*Office of the Minister
Deputy Government House Leader
MLA, Calgary-Hays*

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Dear Residents and Property Owners of the Village of Bawlf.

The viability review conducted by the Government of Alberta for the Village of Bawlf is now complete. Information regarding the Government of Alberta's Municipal Sustainability Strategy, the viability review process, and the Village of Bawlf Viability Review Report (distributed to village residents and property owners in September 2020) may be found at www.alberta.ca/viability-reviews-for-municipalities.aspx.

A public vote on the question of dissolution for the electors of the Village of Bawlf was held on October 20 and 21, 2020, with special (mail-in) ballots also available. The question on the ballot was:

Based on the findings of the Village of Bawlf Viability Review, which of the two options below do you support for the future of Bawlf? (Select one only):

Option 1. The Village of Bawlf remains a village and implements changes to achieve viability.

Option 2. Dissolve the Village of Bawlf and Bawlf becomes a hamlet in Camrose County.

Of the 166 valid votes cast, 90 (54 per cent) supported Option 1 (remain a village), and 76 (46 per cent) supported Option 2 (dissolve). As a result of the vote, Bawlf will remain as an incorporated municipality.

Where residents vote in favor of maintaining their community as an incorporated municipality, the *Municipal Government Act* requires me to issue directives to village council, to ensure the village implements the necessary changes to achieve viability. Therefore, I have directed the village council to develop and implement an action plan to address each recommendation in the viability review report, and to develop and implement a 10-year capital plan.

For additional information, please contact Marnie Lee, Municipal Viability Advisor, toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-427-2225, or at viabilityreview@gov.ab.ca.

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I wish the Village of Bawlf and all of its residents every success in ensuring the community thrives into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ric McIver". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ric McIver
Minister

cc: Paul Wynnyk, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs
Gary Sandberg, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Services Division, Municipal Affairs
Marnie Lee, Municipal Viability Advisor, Municipal Affairs