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Province commits \$400 million to build a stronger Alberta

First phase includes \$100 million to address immediate housing needs

Edmonton... Alberta's municipalities will benefit from an unprecedented \$400 million investment this year from the Government of Alberta through the Municipal Sustainability Initiative that will strengthen communities across the province.

This new funding will help provide needed financial support for critical core and community infrastructure projects and include incentives to encourage collaboration and co-operation between municipalities. Part of this year's funding includes \$100 million to specifically help address immediate housing needs.

"We want to ensure that high-growth municipalities around the province are better able to anticipate and meet growth-related challenges," said Ed Stelmach, Premier of Alberta. "We have committed to an arrangement that recognizes the challenges municipalities face in providing essential services to Albertans by allocating \$1.4 billion for municipalities, phased in over the next four years."

"Municipalities have been facing significant challenges in delivering services and infrastructure to support a growing population and economy," said Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "I am confident that we are on the right path in helping municipalities achieve a predictable and sustainable revenue stream that improves the quality of life for Albertans, and contributes to a brighter future for our young people."

The Municipal Sustainability Initiative is part of Premier Ed Stelmach's commitment to provide \$1.4 billion per year by 2010-11 to help municipalities move towards a more sustainable future. The funding is a ten-year commitment and follows a report submitted to government from the Minister's Council on Municipal Sustainability in early 2007. The province is considering all the other recommendations in the Council's report and will provide a formal response.

Municipal Affairs and Housing staff will contact municipalities with details on the distribution and allocation of funding as well as comprehensive program and administrative details. Municipalities seeking more information on their funding can contact Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Government Services Division at (780) 427 2225, toll-free by first dialing 310 0000. For a complete list of funding allocated to municipalities, visit www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca.

This initiative is one of the key actions under Premier Ed Stelmach's plan to build a stronger Alberta. Other priorities for the government are to govern with integrity and transparency; manage growth pressures; provide safe and secure communities; and improve Albertans' quality of life.

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Attachments:

Details on funding guidelines; a list of municipalities and funding provided for 2007-08.

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Municipal Sustainability Initiative - funding guidelines

Financial Components

Under the Municipal Sustainability Initiative, \$400 million will be distributed among several key municipal and provincial priorities.

• 1) Capital funding:

Funding of \$250 million for capital projects is allocated mostly (approximately 95 per cent) in proportion to municipal education property tax requisitions. The remaining capital funds will be allocated through the Sustainable Investment fund designed specifically to support smaller municipalities with limited local tax bases and high local tax rates. Municipalities will be eligible for Sustainable Investment funding on the following basis:

- For urban municipalities, eligibility will be based upon equalized assessment per capita and local equalized tax rates.
- For rural municipalities, eligibility will be based upon equalized assessment per kilometre of local road and local equalized tax rates.

• Core capital:

\$125 million provided for core capital projects, including municipal roads, bridges, public transit vehicles and facilities, water and wastewater systems and facilities, storm drainage systems and facilities, emergency service vehicles (including ambulances) and facilities (fire halls, municipal police stations, emergency operations centres), infrastructure management systems and solid-waste management systems and facilities. Municipalities must devote at least 20 per cent of their core capital funding and all Sustainable Investment funding to projects that are jointly planned and/or implemented with neighbouring municipalities.

• Community capital:

\$75 million provided for community capital, including libraries; cultural and community centre facilities, and recreational facilities (swimming pools, arenas,

curling rinks, municipal administrative and public works buildings, performing arts facilities, museums, art galleries, community environmental and energy systems and facilities). Municipalities must devote at least 50 per cent of their community capital funding and all Sustainable Investment funding to projects that are jointly planned and/or implemented with neighbouring municipalities.

• **Co-ordination incentives:**

\$50 million provided for incentive funding which must be used for co-operative capital projects that are jointly planned and jointly funded by more than one municipality. A broad range of municipal capital projects and municipal capital equipment purchases will be eligible for funding under this component if the co-operative requirements are met.

• **2) Affordable Housing:**

\$100 million provided for affordable housing projects. The affordable housing funds will be allocated to municipalities that qualify for funding on the basis of population growth, high rental rates and low vacancy rates.

3) Conditional operating grants:

\$50 million provided. Of this amount, \$40 million will be designated for land-use planning projects that will facilitate inter-municipal co-operation, projects to plan and deliver services jointly, for projects to have one administration team provide services to two or more municipalities and for non-profit facility operating costs. The remaining \$10 million will be set aside for project-specific strategic initiatives.

Funding in Future Years

Funding of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative will be phased in from 2007 through 2010, rising to \$1.4 billion in 2010-11. It is currently proposed that the annual funding distribution upon full phase-in would be:

- \$1.1 billion for municipal capital projects (Core Capital, Community Capital and Co-ordination Incentives);
- \$100 million for Affordable Housing;
- \$100 million for Water for Life;
- \$50 million in Sustainable Investment funding to support smaller municipalities;
- \$50 million for municipal operating purposes.

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Municipal Sustainability Initiative - funding to municipalities for 2007-08

Municipality	2007- 08 Municipal Sustainability Initiative Funding
CITIES	
AIRDRIE	\$2,653,509
BROOKS	\$718,645
CALGARY	\$127,494,500
CAMROSE	\$1,313,442
COLD LAKE	\$708,535
EDMONTON	\$77,664,490
FORT SASKATCHEWAN	\$1,700,893
GRANDE PRAIRIE	\$4,499,138
LEDUC	\$1,472,932
LETHBRIDGE	\$7,396,550
LLOYDMINSTER	\$989,188

MEDICINE HAT	\$4,990,634
RED DEER	\$8,452,990
SPRUCE GROVE	\$1,799,777
ST. ALBERT	\$5,260,174
WETASKIWIN	\$575,362
Cities Total	\$247,690,759
TOWNS	
ATHABASCA	\$189,336
BANFF	\$1,650,178
BARRHEAD	\$276,834
BASHAW	\$87,809
BASSANO	\$63,107
BEAUMONT	\$772,774
BEAVERLODGE	\$139,986
BENTLEY	\$67,230
BLACK DIAMOND	\$90,903
BLACKFALDS	\$241,919
BON ACCORD	\$164,929
BONNYVILLE	\$395,318
BOW ISLAND	\$192,095
BOWDEN	\$130,640
BRUDERHEIM	\$128,697
CALMAR	\$119,018
CANMORE	\$2,370,834
CARDSTON	\$385,866
CARSTAIRS	\$186,484
CASTOR	\$99,019
CHESTERMERE	\$404,924
CLARESHOLM	\$186,313
COALDALE	\$376,607
COALHURST	\$126,082
COCHRANE	\$1,322,738
CORONATION	\$117,643
CROSSFIELD	\$176,744
CROWSNEST PASS	\$522,070
DAYSLAND	\$84,148
DEVON	\$559,703
DIDSBURY	\$283,245

DRAYTON VALLEY	\$797,759
DRUMHELLER	\$573,431
ECKVILLE	\$65,549
EDSON	\$932,383
ELK POINT	\$160,568
FAIRVIEW	\$219,327
FALHER	\$126,297
FORT MACLEOD	\$191,750
FOX CREEK	\$151,415
GIBBONS	\$99,902
GRANDE CACHE	\$257,365
GRANUM	\$42,569
GRIMSHAW	\$262,334
HANNA	\$334,295
HARDISTY	\$88,088
HIGH LEVEL	\$330,867
HIGH PRAIRIE	\$205,684
HIGH RIVER	\$916,271
HINTON	\$831,638
INNISFAIL	\$400,273
IRRICANA	\$50,561
KILLAM	\$118,474
LAC LA BICHE	\$149,031
LACOMBE	\$819,498
LAMONT	\$180,672
LEGAL	\$62,416
MAGRATH	\$169,726
MANNING	\$61,697
MAYERTHORPE	\$167,098
MCLENNAN	\$77,360
MILK RIVER	\$99,123
MILLET	\$80,444
MORINVILLE	\$295,795
MUNDARE	\$71,829
NANTON	\$149,466
OKOTOKS	\$906,056
OLDS	\$477,510
ONOWAY	\$116,060
OYEN	\$125,902

PEACE RIVER	\$611,737
PENHOLD	\$102,268
PICTURE BUTTE	\$183,051
PINCHER CREEK	\$239,255
PONOKA	\$340,871
PROVOST	\$153,929
RAINBOW LAKE	\$84,113
RAYMOND	\$318,810
REDCLIFF	\$278,587
REDWATER	\$140,064
RIMBEY	\$118,159
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	\$564,022
SEDGEWICK	\$96,125
SEXSMITH	\$106,840
SLAVE LAKE	\$643,310
SMOKY LAKE	\$112,943
SPIRIT RIVER	\$122,120
ST. PAUL	\$346,549
STAVELY	\$50,077
STETTLER	\$288,387
STONY PLAIN	\$886,036
STRATHMORE	\$908,936
SUNDRE	\$147,948
SWAN HILLS	\$183,197
SYLVAN LAKE	\$799,646
TABER	\$567,440
THREE HILLS	\$392,490
TOFIELD	\$117,244
TROCHU	\$115,990
TURNER VALLEY	\$106,022
TWO HILLS	\$106,097
VALLEYVIEW	\$210,549
VAUXHALL	\$98,513
VEGREVILLE	\$388,584
VERMILION	\$297,433
VIKING	\$119,936
VULCAN	\$137,646
WAINWRIGHT	\$283,032

WEMBLEY	\$128,014
WESTLOCK	\$333,296
WHITECOURT	\$595,797
Towns Total	\$34,904,739
VILLAGES	
ACME	\$75,268
ALBERTA BEACH	\$72,353
ALIX	\$52,684
ALLIANCE	\$17,486
AMISK	\$17,326
ANDREW	\$48,696
ARROWWOOD	\$18,674
BARNWELL	\$45,638
BARONS	\$29,460
BAWLF	\$29,076
BEISEKER	\$67,037
BERWYN	\$50,602
BIG VALLEY	\$34,439
BITTERN LAKE	\$9,303
BOTHA	\$17,887
BOYLE	\$56,757
BRETON	\$57,996
CARBON	\$55,673
CARMANGAY	\$25,279
CAROLINE	\$59,713
CEREAL	\$15,350
CHAMPION	\$34,024
CHAUVIN	\$40,770
CHIPMAN	\$24,380
CLIVE	\$62,078
CLYDE	\$45,283
CONSORT	\$74,819
COUTTS	\$40,970
COWLEY	\$23,668
CREMONA	\$31,711
CZAR	\$20,290
DELBURNE	\$82,168
DELIA	\$22,776
DERWENT	\$9,888

DEWBERRY	\$18,864
DONALDA	\$21,596
DONNELLY	\$36,826
DUCHESS	\$42,603
EDBERG	\$13,543
EDGERTON	\$40,832
ELNORA	\$28,146
EMPRESS	\$16,073
FERINTOSH	\$17,278
FOREMOST	\$59,289
FORESTBURG	\$93,081
GADSBY	\$3,729
GALAHAD	\$14,385
GIROUXVILLE	\$30,532
GLENDON	\$45,039
GLENWOOD	\$9,952
HALKIRK	\$11,273
HAY LAKES	\$20,789
HEISLER	\$16,325
HILL SPRING	\$21,116
HINES CREEK	\$43,369
HOLDEN	\$36,525
HUGHENDEN	\$22,442
HUSSAR	\$20,562
HYTHE	\$79,517
INNISFREE	\$22,575
IRMA	\$48,087
KINUSO	\$23,069
KITSCOTY	\$60,468
LINDEN	\$46,002
LOMOND	\$17,640
LONGVIEW	\$20,543
LOUGHEED	\$23,835
MANNVILLE	\$69,919
MARWAYNE	\$54,856
MILO	\$13,479
MINBURN	\$7,788
MORRIN	\$23,760
MUNSON	\$21,688

MYRNAM	\$29,425
NAMPA	\$41,080
NEW NORWAY	\$28,331
NEW SAREPTA	\$41,608
NOBLEFORD	\$57,572
PARADISE VALLEY	\$14,999
ROCKYFORD	\$43,944
ROSALIND	\$19,953
ROSEMARY	\$37,679
RYCROFT	\$65,959
RYLEY	\$48,119
SANGUDO	\$38,900
SPRING LAKE	\$23,726
STANDARD	\$26,972
STIRLING	\$87,441
STROME	\$26,208
THORHILD	\$49,584
THORSBY	\$54,772
TILLEY	\$41,708
VETERAN	\$27,870
VILNA	\$25,805
WABAMUN	\$75,625
WARBURG	\$56,754
WARNER	\$41,458
WASKATENAU	\$25,617
WILLINGDON	\$26,873
YOUNGSTOWN	\$17,731
Villages Total	\$3,662,630
SUMMER VILLAGES	
ARGENTIA BEACH	\$36,456
BETULA BEACH	\$4,146
BIRCH COVE	\$3,770
BIRCHCLIFF	\$55,767
BONDISS	\$16,669
BONNYVILLE BEACH	\$8,240
BURNSTICK LAKE	\$6,752
CASTLE ISLAND	\$3,536

CRYSTAL SPRINGS	\$33,951
GHOST LAKE	\$14,785
GOLDEN DAYS	\$47,096
GRANDVIEW	\$42,990
GULL LAKE	\$28,992
HALF MOON BAY	\$15,449
HORSESHOE BAY	\$5,016
ISLAND LAKE	\$22,244
ISLAND LAKE SOUTH	\$6,759
ITASKA BEACH	\$18,931
JARVIS BAY	\$40,326
KAPASIWIN	\$8,437
LAKEVIEW	\$2,820
LARKSPUR	\$6,197
MA-ME-O BEACH	\$40,497
MEWATHA BEACH	\$14,047
NAKAMUN PARK	\$10,365
NORGLLENWOLD	\$70,639
NORRIS BEACH	\$13,064
PARKLAND BEACH	\$21,413
PELICAN NARROWS	\$15,399
POINT ALISON	\$5,142
POPLAR BAY	\$40,853
ROCHON SANDS	\$17,009
ROSS HAVEN	\$16,847
SANDY BEACH	\$22,725
SEBA BEACH	\$36,467
SILVER BEACH	\$34,600
SILVER SANDS	\$15,943
SOUTH BAPTISTE	\$6,935
SOUTH VIEW	\$7,051
SUNBREAKER COVE	\$48,938
SUNDANCE BEACH	\$23,890
SUNRISE BEACH	\$11,087
SUNSET BEACH	\$10,479
SUNSET POINT	\$22,414

VAL QUENTIN	\$14,395
WAIPAROUS	\$10,208
WEST BAPTISTE	\$10,103
WEST COVE	\$13,636
WHISPERING HILLS	\$13,185
WHITE SANDS	\$19,757
YELLOWSTONE	\$9,918
Summer Villages Total	\$1,026,335
MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS AND COUNTIES	
ACADIA NO. 34, M.D. OF	\$67,188
ATHABASCA NO. 12, COUNTY OF	\$763,635
BARRHEAD NO. 11, COUNTY OF	\$545,538
BEAVER COUNTY	\$738,221
BIG LAKES, M.D. OF	\$1,058,913
BIGHORN NO. 8, M.D. OF	\$375,199
BIRCH HILLS COUNTY	\$269,613
BONNYVILLE NO. 87, M.D. OF	\$1,425,831
BRAZEAU COUNTY	\$1,511,441
CAMROSE COUNTY	\$653,007
CARDSTON COUNTY	\$393,125
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY	\$612,381
CLEARWATER COUNTY	\$2,623,417
CYPRESS COUNTY	\$2,574,692
FAIRVIEW NO. 136, M.D. OF	\$221,358
FLAGSTAFF COUNTY	\$869,771
FOOTHILLS NO. 31, M.D. OF	\$2,570,884
FORTY MILE NO. 8, COUNTY OF	\$546,998
GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1, COUNTY OF	\$2,103,416

GREENVIEW NO. 16, M.D. OF	\$2,611,199
KNEEHILL COUNTY	\$773,353
LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY	\$679,724
LACOMBE COUNTY	\$1,819,887
LAKELAND COUNTY	\$962,375
LAMONT COUNTY	\$575,135
LEDUC COUNTY	\$1,954,135
LESSER SLAVE RIVER NO. 124, M.D. OF	\$756,252
LETHBRIDGE, COUNTY OF	\$833,605
MINBURN NO. 27, COUNTY OF	\$556,947
MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY	\$1,807,743
NEWELL NO. 4, COUNTY OF	\$2,103,799
NORTHERN LIGHTS NO. 22, M.D. OF	\$757,277
NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY	\$764,382
OPPORTUNITY NO. 17, M.D. OF	\$1,089,363
PAINTEARTH NO. 18, COUNTY OF	\$443,778
PARKLAND COUNTY	\$2,368,860
PEACE NO. 135, M.D. OF	\$190,778
PINCHER CREEK NO. 9, M.D. OF	\$355,997
PONOKA COUNTY	\$879,149
PROVOST NO. 52, M.D. OF	\$937,745
RANCLAND NO. 66, M.D. OF	\$165,547
RED DEER COUNTY	\$2,139,880
ROCKY VIEW NO. 44, M.D. OF	\$4,862,988
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY	\$865,493

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY	\$448,858
SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, M.D. OF	\$285,445
SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133, M.D. OF	\$155,054
ST. PAUL NO. 19, COUNTY OF	\$692,689
STARLAND COUNTY	\$458,179
STETTLER NO. 6, COUNTY OF	\$692,957
STURGEON COUNTY	\$1,757,692
TABER, M.D. OF	\$988,758
THORHILD NO. 7, COUNTY OF	\$353,942
TWO HILLS NO. 21, COUNTY OF	\$367,816
VERMILION RIVER NO. 24, COUNTY OF	\$966,263
VULCAN COUNTY	\$654,353
WAINWRIGHT NO. 61, M.D. OF	\$1,167,619
WARNER NO. 5, COUNTY OF	\$470,922
WESTLOCK COUNTY	\$651,664
WETASKIWIN NO. 10, COUNTY OF	\$1,072,774
WHEATLAND COUNTY	\$1,461,258
WILLOW CREEK NO. 26, M.D. OF	\$505,804
WOODLANDS COUNTY	\$943,674
YELLOWHEAD COUNTY	\$2,897,149
M.D. & County Total	\$68,172,889
SPECIALIZED MUNICIPALITIES	
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO	\$4,384,712
STRATHCONA COUNTY	\$9,716,864
MACKENZIE COUNTY	\$1,282,748

JASPER, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$638,655
Specialized Municipality Total	\$16,022,979
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL AREAS	
I.D. NO. 12 (JASPER NATIONAL PARK)	\$25,910
I.D. NO. 13 ELK ISLAND	\$4,519
I.D. NO. 24 WOOD BUFFALO	\$2,352
I.D. NO. 4 WATERTON	\$68,232
I.D. NO. 9 BANFF	\$401,809
KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	\$140,225
SPECIAL AREAS (2, 3 AND 4)	\$2,577,641
I.D./Special Areas Total	\$3,220,688
METIS SETTLEMENTS	
BUFFALO LAKE	\$39,517
EAST PRAIRIE	\$38,442
ELIZABETH	\$35,475
FISHING LAKE	\$17,931
GIFT LAKE	\$51,385
KIKINO	\$44,247
PADDLE PRAIRIE	\$32,121
PEAVINE	\$39,861
Metis Settlement Total	\$298,979
Total Funding Allocated by Formula	
	\$374,999,998
Funding Allocated by Project:	
Strategic operating initiatives	\$10,000,000
Affordable Housing (to match federal funds)	\$15,000,000
Total	\$399,999,998

Note: \$2 variance from \$400 million due to rounding

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