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MLA, Leduc-Beaumont*

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Dear Residents and Property Owners of the Village of Rycroft,

The viability review conducted by the province for the Village of Rycroft is now complete. Information regarding the Municipal Sustainability Strategy, the viability review process, and the Village of Rycroft Viability Plan (distributed to village residents in November 2017) may be found on the Municipal Affairs website at: www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/viability-reviews.

Based on the input received from the public, the Village of Rycroft, and the Municipal District (MD) of Spirit River after the release of the viability plan, I made the decision to hold a public vote on May 16, 2018, for the electors of Rycroft on the matter of dissolution of the village.

The question on the ballot was:

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

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

Option 2. Dissolve the Village of Rycroft and Rycroft becomes part of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133.

Of the 221 valid votes cast, 125 (56.6 per cent) supported Option 1 (remain a village), and 96 (43.4 per cent) supported Option 2 (dissolve).

The result of the vote is for the Village of Rycroft to remain as an incorporated municipality. Based on this result, I will not be recommending the dissolution of the village to Cabinet.

To ensure the village implements the necessary changes to achieve viability, I must direct the village council and administration to take actions to ensure the viability of the village. I have directed the village to develop an action plan as to how council will address each recommendation in the viability plan. I have also directed village council and administration to develop a long-term infrastructure plan.

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My ministry will monitor the village's completion of the directives. For additional information, please contact Linda Reynolds, Municipal Viability Advisor, toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-427-2225, or at viabilityreview@gov.ab.ca.

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

Sincerely,



Hon. Shaye Anderson
Minister of Municipal Affairs

cc: Linda Reynolds, Municipal Viability Advisor, Municipal Affairs