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Office of the Minister

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MLA, Calgary-Hays

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Dear Residents and Property Owners of the Town of Manning:

The viability review conducted by the Government of Alberta for the Town of Manning is now complete. Information regarding the Municipal Sustainability Strategy, the viability review process, and the Town of Manning Viability Review Report (distributed to town 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 Town of Manning was held on October 28 and 29, 2020, with special (mail-in) ballots also available. The question on the ballot was:

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

Option 1. The Town of Manning remains a town and implements changes to achieve viability.

Option 2. Dissolve the Town of Manning and Manning becomes a hamlet in the County of Northern Lights.

Of the 367 valid votes cast, 324 (88 per cent) supported Option 1 (remain a town), and 43 (12 per cent) supported Option 2 (dissolve). As a result of the vote, Manning will remain as an incorporated municipality.

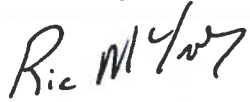
Where residents vote in favour of maintaining their community as an incorporated municipality, the *Municipal Government Act* requires me to issue directives to town council, to ensure the town implements the necessary changes to achieve viability. Therefore, I have directed the town council to develop 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 Town of Manning 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