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August 31, 2018

Ms. Denise Thompson
Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Grande Cache
PO Box 300
Grande Cache AB T0E 0Y0

Dear Ms. Thompson:

Denise

I am pleased to provide you with the following update regarding the Town of Grande Cache Viability Review and information about the final steps in the review.

Please find attached the resident mail package that you have agreed to print and mail to all town residents and property owners in the week of September 4-7, 2018.

Ministry staff are preparing for public information sessions and a vote of town electors on the question of dissolution. Three information sessions, each with the same format, will be held to briefly present the viability report and to provide residents, property owners, and community stakeholders with an opportunity to ask questions prior to the vote of town electors. I encourage town officials to attend and participate in these sessions. I have also invited Municipal District (MD) officials to attend and participate as well.

Each information session will commence with a short presentation by ministry staff regarding the options in the report and what to expect based on the vote results. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity for the public to meet and seek clarification about the two options in the report from ministry staff and participating councillors and administrations from the town and MD.

The information sessions will be held in the curling rink at the Grande Cache Recreation Centre on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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The vote will be held over two days in addition to an advance vote to provide all town electors with an opportunity to vote on the question of dissolution of the Town of Grande Cache. The vote will be conducted in accordance with the *Local Authorities Election Act* in the Métis Nations Centre, 3300 Pine Plaza, Grande Cache.

The advance vote will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and the main vote will be held on Monday, September 24, 2018, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

I would like to thank the town for contributing to the attached Town of Grande Cache Viability Review Report in such a short timeline, and for agreeing to distribute the information package to residents and other stakeholders. This assistance will help ensure we meet the timelines and complete the review and vote in a timely manner.

If you have questions regarding the viability review report, information sessions, or vote, please contact Sarah Ranson, Manager, Municipal Viability, toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-422-8325, or at sarah.ranson@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you for your assistance with this expedited process.

Sincerely,



Brad Pickering
Deputy Minister

Attachments:

- Town of Grande Cache Viability Review - Report
- Town of Grande Cache Viability Review - Information About the Information Sessions and Vote
- Notice of Advance Vote and Vote
- Voter Identification Requirements