

September 4, 2018

Dear Residents and Property Owners of the Town of Grande Cache:

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Town of Grande Cache viability review and information about the upcoming next steps.

In 2016, the Town of Grande Cache requested that the Minister of Municipal Affairs conduct a viability review due to the economic downturn experienced in the region and the impact on the municipality. The viability review is a legislated process set out in the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*. The review addresses the governance, finances, infrastructure and services of the municipality, and considers the relative merits of the community remaining as a stand-alone municipality versus dissolving to become part of the surrounding municipal district. The town's request for a viability review was granted.

Since that time, the town has completed a study about the condition of its assets and infrastructure, and worked with Municipal Affairs and the Municipal District of Greenview (the MD) to prepare the enclosed viability review report.

The viability review report contains information about the town, its local government, and the services the municipality provides. It also compares how the community would be governed and serviced if it were to continue as a stand-alone municipality, and how it would be governed and serviced if it were to dissolve and become part of the MD.

Although the decision to dissolve a municipality rests with the Government of Alberta, the province will not dissolve the town into the MD unless this change is supported by Grande Cache residents. In order to determine the wishes of the community, the Minister has ordered a vote of the electors.

The vote will be held in the Métis Nations Centre, 3300 Pine Plaza, Grande Cache over two days: Monday, September 24, 2018, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Tuesday, September 25, 2018, from 12 noon to 8 p.m. An advance vote will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., also in the Métis Nations Centre. The vote will be conducted in accordance with the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

The enclosed viability review report is intended to be informative. It is not intended to suggest that one option is recommended over the other, but rather to provide you with the background to make an informed choice in your vote.

Three information sessions, each with the same format, will be held to briefly present the viability review report and provide residents, property owners, and community stakeholders with an opportunity to ask questions of the town, MD, and department. 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.

Additional information about the Grande Cache viability review and other viability reviews is available at [www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/viability-reviews](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/viability-reviews). If you have questions regarding the Town of Grande Cache viability review, please contact Sarah Ranson, Manager of Municipal Sustainability, toll-free by first dialing 310-0000 then 780-427-2225 or by email at [viabilityreview@gov.ab.ca](mailto:viabilityreview@gov.ab.ca).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Sandberg', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Gary Sandberg  
Assistant Deputy Minister

Attachments:

- Town of Grande Cache Viability Review Report
- Notices of Public Information Sessions and Vote
- Notice of Advance Vote on a Question
- Notice of Vote on a Question
- Voter Identification Requirements