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**Regional Leaders Call on Community to Support Each Other During COVID-19 Response:
Joint Statement from Mayor Clayton, Reeve Beaupre, Mayor Potter, Mayor Rycroft and Reeve Smith**

City of Grande Prairie Mayor Jackie Clayton, County of Grande Prairie Reeve Leanne Beaupre, Town of Sexsmith Mayor Kate Potter, Town of Beaverlodge Mayor Gary Rycroft and M.D. of Greenview Reeve Dale Smith are calling on community members to be supportive in COVID-19 response as Alberta case numbers become the highest per capita in Canada and our local health system is reaching a critical point.

“Across the region, we urge all of our community members to continue to support each other in the face of challenge and do their part in the mutual effort to combat COVID-19.

We understand this is a very difficult time for our citizens and all Albertans. We know that the Peace Region is built on grit and resiliency and now, more than ever, we need to be there for one another. We also remind everyone to continue to reach out with generosity and compassion to lend a helping hand to a neighbour, check in on friends and family, and support local businesses.

Residents are strongly urged to continue to follow the advice of our health experts and follow provincial health orders so we can protect our families, friends and neighbours and reduce the burden on our health care and emergency response systems.

Everyone has a role in ending the pandemic. We call on each and every one of our citizens to do their part to keep one another safe and ease the pressure on those who are on the front lines of the pandemic.”

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