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Subject: Provincial Priorities Act and Municipal Sector Update

Dear Chief Elected Officials:

I am following up on the February 27, 2025, letter you received regarding the *Provincial Priorities Act (PPA)* to provide further clarity on the newly enacted legislation and the intake process that all municipalities and designated municipal entities will be subject to as of April 1, 2025.

The *PPA* supports the Government of Alberta in pushing back against overreach by the federal government. The Act was passed last spring and will come into force on April 1, 2025, at the same time as the supporting regulation. This legislation aims to strike a careful balance between respecting Alberta's jurisdiction and maintaining access to federal dollars for provincial entities.

Regardless of the monetary value of the agreement, municipalities and designated municipal entities will need to submit information to Municipal Affairs (MA) on all new agreements with the federal government, agreement amendments, and agreement renewals, along with a copy of the agreement. Agreements eligible for an exception to provincial approval under the *PPA* must still be submitted to MA in order for the exception to apply.

Additionally, municipalities and designated municipal entities will need to fill out and submit a short intake form to accompany the agreement. The intake form will collect information such as the value of the agreement, entities involved, agreement start and execution dates, and other relevant information. Chief administrative officers (CAOs) will be advised when the form is available on the municipal [PPA website](#).

Upon receipt of your agreement and the intake form, MA will forward them to the appropriate lead ministry, and that ministry will be responsible for the review and approval of the agreement. Time-sensitivity will be considered if indicated in the intake form.

Agreements will be reviewed and evaluated based on alignment with the priorities of the province and consideration of whether the agreement oversteps into areas of provincial jurisdiction and/or places unacceptable restrictions on the ability of Alberta to implement its own policies and programs.

You are encouraged to review the attached fact sheet or visit the municipal [PPA website](#). Additionally, CAOs have been invited to attend two webinars where more information on this process will be provided. One webinar was completed on March 26, and another webinar is scheduled for April 3, 2025.

I look forward to working together to ensure Alberta municipalities maintain access to federal dollars while protecting areas of provincial jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver
Minister

Attachment: *Provincial Priorities Act* Municipal Sector Fact Sheet