

## Karine Keys

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**From:** Melissa Fougere <ceo@ruraldevelopment.ca>  
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**To:** Karine Keys  
**Subject:** Congratulations on Your Appointment — RDN Looks Forward to Supporting Your Community



Dear Mayor & Council,

On behalf of the **Rural Development Network (RDN)**, I would like to extend our warmest congratulations on your recent appointment. We recognize the trust placed in you by your community, and we commend your commitment to serving its residents and shaping its future.

As a not-for-profit organization based in Alberta, RDN has a long history of working alongside rural, remote, and Indigenous communities to strengthen community, social, and economic development, build local capacity, and address community-specific challenges.

We work in partnership with municipalities, Indigenous governments, community-based organizations, and post-secondary institutions to co-create solutions in areas such as:

- **Affordable housing and homelessness prevention:** including needs assessments, planning support, and help accessing funding.
- **Community development, engagement and placemaking:** supporting initiatives that build community & social cohesion, inclusion, and a sense of belonging.
- **Settlement and inclusion services:** helping newcomers integrate into rural communities and supporting workforce capacity.
- **Research, planning, and applied tools:** providing evidence-based insights, data-driven planning tools, and strategic support tailored to rural contexts.

We believe that every community is unique, and that effective solutions must be shaped by local voices. That is why RDN emphasizes collaborative, community-driven approaches.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and learn more about your community's priorities, challenges, and discuss your vision. Share any work RDN is currently doing or has done in your community in the past, and explore synergies, and collaboration opportunities in meeting both immediate needs and long-term goals.

Please feel free to contact me at [ceo@ruraldevelopment.ca](mailto:ceo@ruraldevelopment.ca) or by phone at **780-964-2736 ext 8**. More information about our programs and how we work with communities is available on our website: [ruraldevelopment.ca](http://ruraldevelopment.ca).

Once again, congratulations on your appointment. We look forward to the possibility of working together to build a stronger, more vibrant future for your community.

As the holiday season approaches, May your holidays be filled with joy, peace, and laughter, and may the year ahead bring happiness, prosperity, and endless possibilities. Happy Holidays!

Warm regards,  
**Melissa Fougere**  
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