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*[This letter was sent to the Leaders / Presidents of the Political Parties running in the 2019 Provincial Election]*

**Re: Support for the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta**

We are writing you on behalf of the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA), which is one of three municipal organizations in Alberta along with the Alberta Urban Municipal Association (AUMA) and Rural Municipal Association (RMA). We are writing for two purposes:

1. To provide your association and candidates with information on our long-standing association and the value Summer Villages provide in your constituencies and Alberta, including:
  - The ASVA and the municipalities we represent are here for the long term. The association recently celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of existence.
  - The first summer village was established in 1913.
  - The desire to incorporate as a municipal entity allowed Summer Villages to define who they were and be able to self-govern in a way that better represented their community and its unique characteristics.
  - Under the Municipal Government Act, Summer Villages have the same mandate and purpose as all other Cities, Towns and Villages in Alberta. We provide similar services and require the same infrastructure as all other municipalities.
  - Summer villages play an important part in Lake Stewardship as per Alberta's Water for Life program; as all summer villages are located adjacent to lakes and/or waterbodies.



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2. To obtain your support for our organization and members and to provide you with our key issues:

Summer villages are viable and collaborate with their adjacent municipalities, and are paying their own way. Our key issues are with:

- a. MSI Base Level funding - Summer Villages are no longer seasonal municipalities. We have the same infrastructure needs as all other municipalities. We want to be treated in a fair and equitable manner as are all other municipalities.
- b. Safe Communities – ASVA and its member summer villages are concerned with rural/urban interface of crime and enforcement, and the need for an updated approach to policing and bylaw enforcement from the Alberta government.

We would appreciate a letter from your party indicating its support for our organization along with your party's response to our 2 key issues being;

- a) fair and equitable MSI funding for all municipalities including Summer Villages,
- b) a promise for improved policing and bylaw enforcement that meets the needs of summer villages.

We have attached a Fact Sheet for your distribution to your candidates.

Yours truly,

**ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER VILLAGES OF ALBERTA**

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