

Office of the Minister MLA, Edmonton - South West

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His Worship Craig Copeland Mayor City of Cold Lake 5513 - 48 Avenue Cold Lake AB T9M 1A1

Dear Mayor Copeland,

Thank you for your letter of October 9, 2019, regarding the distribution of municipal tax revenue generated by Improvement District (ID) No. 349. I understand the significance of this issue for all communities in the region, and I will keep the information you provided for consideration as negotiations on a new revenue sharing model get underway. As discussed during our September 2019 meeting, it is my expectation for the regional communities to come together to discuss future funding generated from the ID No. 349 property tax revenue.

To facilitate these discussions, I have requested Dave Hanson, MLA for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, coordinate the meeting on future ID No. 349 funding. These discussions will look at the funding generated as a whole and at future allocation methods.

Discussions on the funding will be presented with a regional focus and benefit to the communities in the area. Future allocation of property tax generated funds in ID No. 349 should promote regional equity and benefits.

My ministry will continue to assume responsibilities for governance and administration, including the requirement to establish a budget and collect taxes for ID No. 349. Until a funding model has been proposed and subsequently approved, the 2019 property tax generated revenue will not be allocated.

I look forward to the recommendations that will come from the discussions. I am requesting these recommendations be sent to my office no later than March 1, 2020.

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Yours very truly,

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Dave Hanson, MLA, Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul Kevin Nagoya, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Cold Lake