



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

September 6, 2024

Dear Mayor Copeland,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am reaching out to inform you about an important project currently being undertaken by Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors (ATEC). They are in the process of developing a resource mapping system that seeks to assess the value of commodities being transported on major roads across Alberta. The results of this initiative will likely influence future transportation investment decisions, and ATEC is offering municipalities the opportunity to ensure they are accurately represented in this work.

Upon reviewing the draft Commodity Flow Values Map, it has become evident that the representation of economic activity along Highway 28 is significantly underrepresented. The line in the graphic should be at least as thick as the one for Grande Prairie, given that our region generates a comparable level of economic output. Additionally, Highway 55 seems to be inaccurately depicted. It appears that ATEC may not have taken all the necessary data for our region into account.

As this map will likely influence policy decisions in both the public and private sectors, it is vital that we address these inaccuracies. If left uncorrected, it could negatively impact the future development and investment in our entire region.

I encourage you to review the map carefully and, if you share my concerns, contact ATEC to ensure our region's data is reflected accurately. Please feel free to reach out to Orlando Rodriguez, Director of Modelling and GIS, at orlando.rodriguez@gov.ab.ca to voice objections. It's important to be firm but respectful in your communication, emphasizing that while we may not have the same population as Grande Prairie, our region punches well above its weight in terms of economic activity and deserves to be accurately represented as such. We are not looking to be confrontational; we just want to ensure that our region is accurately represented, and we hope this feedback is taken in the spirit of collaboration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to discuss it further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Cyr".

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