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September 30, 2022

Mayor Thomas Schmidt Village of Halkirk PO Box 126 Halkirk AB TOC 1M0

Dear Mayor Schmidt and Council:

Thank you for the Village of Halkirk's letter of August 31, 2022, submitting the action plan and 10-year capital plan, as well as supporting documents, required under Ministerial Order No. MSD:023/22.

On behalf of the Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, I am pleased to advise that the village's submission satisfies the requirements for Directive 2. In particular, I note council has made difficult, but necessary, decisions regarding revenue generation to pay for major projects and has thoughtfully prioritized projects. I acknowledge the village is postponing roadway replacement, while increasing the annual repair and maintenance budget to mitigate the situation.

It is commendable the village has already made significant progress toward implementing many of the recommendations from the action plan.

Directive 3 requires the annual submission of progress reports on the action plan and 10-year capital plan for the next five years. I look forward to receiving these annual progress reports, with the first due on June 1, 2023.

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If you have any questions, please contact Roy Bedford, Municipal Viability Advisor, Municipal Affairs, toll-free by first dialing 310-0000, then 780-422-8342, or at roy.bedford@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

Brandy Cox

Deputy Minister

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