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If you require any additional information, please contact our Chief Administrative Officer Sheila Kitz at (780) 645-3301 Ext. 208.

Respectfully,



Steve Upham, Reeve
County of St. Paul



Lorne Young, Mayor
Town of Elk Point

May 24, 2018

Mr. Lorne Young, Mayor Town of Elk Point
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Dear Mayor Young:

As you may be aware, there have been some changes to the way patients access Alberta Health Services' (AHS) provincial mobile lab services.

I would like to offer some more information about these changes and the way they are being implemented in the St. Paul area.

AHS offers mobile blood collection services to people who are unable to travel to a hospital for outpatient laboratory collection. This has always been the case, however having family physicians complete and submit an eligibility criteria form for this service is new, as of May 1. This new process is being implemented province-wide.

Patients in St. Paul currently utilizing this service were notified of this change in process on May 2, 2018.

There have been concerns raised by of some residents at Sunnyside Manor about this change and we want to assure you that anyone, including those living at Sunnyside Manor, who needs this service will continue to have access to it. We are not reducing services - we are simply implementing a process for patients to follow in order to access it.

If it is determined that an individual needs this level of service, their physician will complete and submit an eligibility criteria form to AHS, who will work with the patient to ensure they receive the services they need. Submitting an eligibility criteria form will help ensure that those who actually need the service continue to have access to it. Patients are encouraged to work closely with their family physician to ensure they are receiving the right level of care.

This change is not being implemented to inconvenience anyone; it's being implemented to ensure that our resources are being used responsibly and to best meet the needs of all Albertans, no matter where they live. AHS Laboratory Services is available to provide mobile blood collection to anyone in the St. Paul area who qualifies for it, including those living at Sunnyside Manor, patients at Extencare St. Paul and individuals living in the community.

While this new process may be a change for some people, we hope everyone can understand that others need this service as well and that this change will help keep it sustainable. We will continue to work with the management and their clients at Sunnyside Manor to ensure they have all the information and supports they need during this time of change.

We have to utilize our staff and resources in a responsible manner and cannot offer this service to those who do not truly need it.

Offering mobile blood collection services helps keep those who need it safe in their home and from having to make an unnecessary trip to the hospital on their own. We trust Albertans and physicians to work with us to ensure everyone is receiving the care they need.

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For those who need it, the outpatient collection site at the St. Therese - St. Paul Healthcare Centre is open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. There are several precautions residents can take to help avoid getting sick when visiting the hospital. This includes getting their influenza immunization, practising proper hand hygiene and wearing a face mask when in a waiting room.

We'd like to thank everyone for their understanding during this time and look forward to continuing to offer mobile blood collection services to St. Paul and area residents.

If you have any questions about this change in process or would like more information about this service, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



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Summer 2018 Municipal Leaders' Caucus
June 12, 13, and 14, 2018
Regal Room One
Camrose Resort Casino, 3201-48 Avenue, Camrose
Subject to Change

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7:00 a.m.	Registration opens; hot buffet breakfast available to 8:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.	President's Opening Remarks
8:05 a.m.	Welcome from the Mayor of the City of Camrose
8:15 a.m.	President's Report
8:45 a.m.	AUMA Board Panel
9:15 a.m.	<p>Session 1 - Indigenous Reconciliation: Municipal Calls to Action</p> <p>This session will highlight the outcomes of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and how municipalities have been asked to support the process of reconciliation. The session will feature presentations by municipalities that are actively taking steps to build relations with Indigenous communities and offer education on Indigenous history and culture to help advance reconciliation.</p>
10:15 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	<p>Session 2 - Municipal Government Act: Tools and Next Steps</p> <p>Learn about the latest resources available to help municipalities implement new MGA requirements, and provide input on advocacy related to MGA regulations and documents, e.g. the Determination of Population Regulation and the Municipal Census Manual. (Note: exact topics will depend on the timing of Municipal Affairs' work on these regulations.)</p>
11:30 a.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	<p>Session 3 – Managing Crime in Your Municipality</p> <p>Municipalities of all sizes struggle with managing crime. Sometimes increased police funding can address this issue, help but this presentation will look at best practices and municipal solutions beyond police funding.</p> <p>Day 3: There is no doubt that municipalities are key to success in preventing crime. The City of Grande Prairie has been proactive in this area since 2004. Karen Gariepy, Crime Prevention Manager for the City of Grande Prairie, will speak on what is crime prevention, the types of crime prevention, the City's history in establishing the department, challenges along the way, and current successful programs and initiatives.</p>
1:30 p.m.	<p>Session 4 - Municipal Climate Change Action Centre: Grants for Municipalities by Municipalities</p> <p>Over the next few years, the MCCAC will be rolling out programs related to renewable energy, community generation, greening community infrastructure, greening municipal infrastructure, and renewable energy for skills. Learn more about the grants and expertise that the MCCAC offers, and provide input on its program delivery.</p>
2:30 p.m.	Break

2:45 p.m.	Session 5 - Tracking Cannabis-Related Costs With cannabis legalization on the horizon, it is crucial that municipalities are able to track the costs associated with legalization in a consistent manner. This working session will support the development of a common tracking template so that municipalities can demonstrate the fiscal impact of legalization, and advocate for the appropriate resources to offset these costs. (Note: a draft template will be circulated prior to Caucus so that delegates can obtain feedback from staff to inform the session discussion.)
3:45 p.m.	President's Closing Remarks