

May 17, 2017

320 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB
Canada T5K 2B6

Dear: Honourable Minister Mason:

RE: Reynolds-Alberta Museum Project Procurement

The Wetaskiwin Regional Chamber of Commerce was pleased to see that the 2017 Provincial Budget's Capital Plan announced a \$40 million Reynolds-Alberta Museum expansion project. The Chamber, in our role as the voice of business, requests that this provincial contract favour local businesses for labour and materials required. As this is the largest construction project in the Wetaskiwin region's history, the benefits to the local economy would be significant and vital in the recovering economic climate.

Our business community comprised of three municipalities is home to many capable industrial and commercial construction companies and suppliers willing and able to do this work. In fact, the museum's most recent projects: 70,000 sq. ft. of storage facilities were completed 100% locally, on-time and on-budget. These projects were a tremendous boost for the local economy as well as the community as a whole.

The Chamber, and our partners, are confident that a majority-local procurement would achieve many of the government's mandates, as it would provide many cost savings, reduce carbon emissions, and overall environmental impact.

The Chamber appreciates that the government is currently reviewing its procurement policy with the goals of providing opportunities for employment and training, and benefits to local Alberta economies. We also understand that this request must be compliant with current trade agreements. We thank you for your consideration and anticipate a positive announcement for the Wetaskiwin region.

If you would like additional information and/or a meeting, please contact the undersigned 780.312.0657.

Sincerely yours,



Wayne DiLallo, President of the Board,
Wetaskiwin Regional Chamber of Commerce

cc: Hon. Minister Miranda
cc: Hon. Minister Anderson
cc: Hon. Minister Bilous
cc: MLA Hinkley
cc: Alberta Chamber of Commerce President & CEO, Ken Kobly
cc: Wetaskiwin Regional Chamber of Commerce Management team