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Randy Goulden, President  
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Dear Randy Goulden:

Thank you for taking the time to meet and provide feedback to myself and my colleagues regarding SUMA's recommendations for amendments to *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*.

As you know, the legislation process requires careful consideration of many factors, including stakeholder needs and perspectives. Amending legislation requires stakeholders to spend a significant amount of time reviewing proposals, engaging membership, and preparing responses. I want to express my appreciation to you, the SUMA Board, and SUMA staff for the time and effort spent throughout the ministry's consultation processes.

In respect to municipal election dates, the Ministry of Government Relations regularly reviews the legislation governing local elections in Saskatchewan to ensure it meets the needs of municipalities and their residents.

As part of this process, recommendations from the Chief Electoral Officer and municipal associations such as SUMA, SARM and New North through are taken into consideration.

To ensure you, and municipalities across the province are aware, I want to inform you that at this time, municipal election dates will remain unchanged to maintain consistency among all municipalities in Saskatchewan. Dates for municipal elections should be as consistent as possible throughout the province. This promotes coordination, public

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awareness, and allows voters to vote for their school board at the same time as their municipal council.

If you have any questions about our legislative amendments, please contact Andrea Ulrich, Director of Legislation and Regulation, at 306-798-6092 or via email at [andrea.ulrich@gov.sk.ca](mailto:andrea.ulrich@gov.sk.ca).

Thank you again for the work you have done and SUMA's involvement to-date.  
Sincerely,



Don McMorris  
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Minister Responsible for First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs  
Minister Responsible for Provincial Capital Commission

cc: Andrea Ulrich, Director, Government Relations