



March 1, 2022

Honourable Don McMorris, Minister of Government Relations  
Ministry of Government Relations  
1855 Victoria Avenue  
Regina, SK S4P 3T2

Dear Sir:

**Re: Resolution of Council – Addendums to Municipal District of Prairieview Application**

The following resolution that was passed at the February 22, 2022 regular council meeting of the RM of Edenwold No. 158:

**Res. No:** Addendums to Municipal District of Prairieview Application  
**2022/172** **Moved By:** Councillor Strudwick

THAT we hereby authorize the Administrator to sign Addendum "A" and Addendum "B", as presented, and submit the documentation to the Ministry of Government Relations to be added to the Municipal District of Prairieview application.

**CARRIED**

Enclosed are the following documents jointly signed by the Administrators of the RM of Edenwold and the Village of Edenwold:

- 1) Addendum "A": Request to amend *The Municipalities Regulations* to allow the MD of Prairieview sub-class authority and access to all taxation tools available to cities;
- 2) Addendum "B": Request that the MD of Prairieview's head of council be called 'Mayor'.

Also enclosed is the RM of Edenwold's 2020 Audited Financial Statement. We will forward the 2021 Audited Financial Statement once we receive same from our auditors.

We trust the above is satisfactory but please feel free to contact our office should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. Zaharia".

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March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

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Dear Sir:

**Re: Resolution of Council – Addendums to Municipal District of Prairieview Application**

The following resolution was passed by electronic means and recorded on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, will be included and form a part of the formal minutes of the upcoming regular scheduled council meeting to be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022:

Electronic Email Motion: Addendums to Municipal District of Prairieview Application  
**Moved By: Mayor Dean Josephson**

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**CARRIED**

Enclosed are the following documents jointly signed by the Administrators of the RM of Edenwold and the Village of Edenwold:

- 1) Addendum "A"; Request to amend *The Municipalities Regulations* to allow the MD of Prairieview sub-class authority and access to all taxation tools available to cities;
- 2) Addendum "B"; Request that the MD of Prairieview's head of council be called 'MAYOR'.

Also enclosed is the Village of Edenwold's 2020 Audited Financial Statement. We will forward the 2021 Audited Financial Statement once received from our Audit firm.

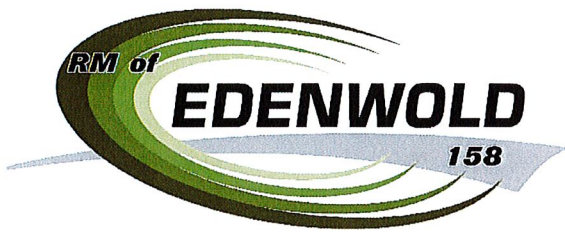
Thank you for your attention to the matter;

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine Galbraith".

**Christine Galbraith,  
Administrator.**

/c/g Encl.



February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Hon. Don McMorris, Minister of Government Relations  
Room 306, Legislative Building  
2045 Legislative Drive, Regina S4S 0B3

**Re: Request to amend *The Municipalities Regulations* to allow the MD of Prairieview sub-class authority and access to all taxation tools available to cities**

We are writing this letter to request that the Ministry of Government Relations amend *The Municipalities Regulations*, 2006, to allow the Municipal District (MD) of Prairieview to create sub-classes as outlined in Section 254 of the *Cities Act*, 2002. We are also requesting that the Ministry grant the MD of Prairieview access to all taxation tools available to cities.

Sub-class authority will allow the MD of Prairieview to encourage beneficial forms of development through taxation. For example, multi-unit residential properties, as a sub-class of residential, may have reduced tax rates to promote construction. This would encourage a variety of residential options and provide residents diversity in their housing choices and seniors with the opportunity to stay longer in their community as they 'downsize.' Sub-classes can also benefit business. As a sub-class of commercial, recreational facilities may have reduced tax rates. This would encourage recreation companies to locate within the municipality while also providing residents and visitors new opportunities to participate in recreation. Sub-class authority allows the MD of Prairieview to sustainably manage its finances and encourage specific forms of development that have a positive benefit for residents and business owners.

Additional taxation tools will provide the MD with improved means to manage municipal taxation. For example, tax phase-in plans, outlined in Section 260 of the *Cities Act*, will allow the MD to gradually increase property taxes due to reassessment. This would reduce the immediate economic 'shock' for property owners after reassessment while also allowing the municipality to maintain a fair, competitive, and viable business environment. This tax tool, among others, can help balance resident and municipal economies and benefit the MD of Prairieview by providing new ways of managing taxation.

Sub-classes and new taxation tools will provide the MD of Prairieview with additional options to strengthen long-term economic sustainability. They have been tested within other municipalities and will further support the MD of Prairieview as it strives to grow as a progressive, forward-thinking, and economically welcoming municipality.

Sincerely,

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**Re: Request that the MD of Prairieview's head of council be called 'Mayor'**

We are writing this letter to request that the Ministry of Government Relations recognize the head of council for the new Municipal District (MD) of Prairieview as Mayor. Due to the historic nature of creating Saskatchewan's first municipal district, the Rural Municipality of Edenwold No. 158 and the Village of Edenwold believe the Ministry should consider the use of 'Mayor' for the new municipality.

Mayor is an established title for local government. As the leader of council, the Mayor has a special role in representing residents. They do not represent a specific area but instead the municipality as a whole. As a creation of both a rural and urban municipality, the new MD of Prairieview must foster connections between communities. The Mayor can take on this role in representing all residents, no matter where they are from within the region.

Mayor is frequently used by municipalities that feature both urban and rural communities. Reviewing titles from similar municipalities, the head of council is often called 'Mayor.' Best-practice research indicates that the title is appropriate for municipalities featuring a diversity of development types – as in the future MD of Prairieview. The title of 'Mayor' is thus appropriate and supported by other municipal structures from across Canada.

As the creators of the first municipal district in the province, the current Councils of the RM of Edenwold and Village of Edenwold take pride in representing residents during this transformative period. Both Councils have considered governance within the future municipality and have chosen the title of 'Mayor' for the head of the MD council. The new MD council will include division councillors, featured in rural government, and a mayor, featured in urban government. This combination of rural and urban forms the foundation of the MD structure, and an approach that blends these systems has strongly influenced this decision. The Councils of the RM of Edenwold and Village of Edenwold are proud to have made this decision and look forward to the province's first municipal district, the Municipal District of Prairieview, being led by a Mayor.

Sincerely,

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