COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

October 15, 2024

County of Vermilion River
Box 69
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Dear CAO Parkin:

RE: Request for a two (2) year extension on current Rural Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Agreement

Upon recent review of our current Rural ICF agreement with your municipality, section B.(3) states the following:

> *"it is agreed by the Municipalities that the Councils shall review at least once every five years, commencing no later than 2024, the terms and conditions of the agreement."*

At the recent meeting of Council on September 24, 2024, Council made a motion to request a two (2) year extension with each of our partners on the current ICF agreements, both urban and rural.

County Council acknowledges the importance and thus far, the successes, that these agreements have achieved collaboratively for each of our municipalities. Overall, the County feels these agreements have enhanced efficiency, improved service delivery and fostered a stronger community tie amongst municipalities. Given the positive outcomes achieved under our current ICF agreement, County Council believes extending this agreement will allow us to continue to build on our achievements and allow us time to further enhance our mutual goals.

Further, Alberta Municipal Affairs staff have indicated that they anticipate new legislation will be brought forward in the spring. Granting the extension will ensure that the next round of negotiations are completed taking into account any legislative changes.

Thank you for considering our request and if you have any concerns, or wish to discuss our request in further detail, please feel free to reach out to me at jwallsmith@county.stpaul.ab.ca or at 780-645-3301 ext. 1208.

Best regards,

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