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His Worship Tyler Gandam
President
Alberta Municipalities
300, 8616 - 51 Avenue NW
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Dear Mayor Gandam:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding Alberta Municipalities' 2024 Resolution C5 on Doubling Speed Fines in Playground Zones and School Zones. As the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, I am pleased to provide the following information.

I share your concerns about vulnerable road users and the importance of reducing safety incidents in school and playground zones. After consulting with my colleague, the Honourable Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice, I can provide the following information.

Currently, penalties for exceeding the speed limit in a school or playground zone may include fines, demerit points, licence suspension, and even incarceration. Specified penalty fines range from \$81 to \$495 (this amount includes a 20 per cent surcharge for the Victims of Crime and Public Safety Fund. Demerit points range from two to six, depending on how many kilometres over the speed limit the driver is convicted of travelling. For example, a driver convicted of exceeding the speed limit by 10 kilometres per hour faces a \$110 fine and two demerit points. Drivers charged with exceeding the speed limit by more than 50 kilometres per hour may be required to appear before a justice and, if convicted, could face a fine of up to \$2,400 and/or incarceration for up to six months, as well as a driver's licence suspension of up to three months—or six demerit points if no suspension is ordered.

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My department has noted this resolution and will share Alberta Municipalities' 2024 Resolution C5 with relevant departments for any future reviews of provincial traffic fine offences.

Thank you again for sharing this resolution with my office. Safety on Alberta's roads remains a top priority for my department, and I look forward to continued collaboration with Alberta Municipalities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Devin Dreeshen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Devin" and last name "Dreeshen" clearly distinguishable.

Honourable Devin Dreeshen, ECA
Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

cc: Honourable Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice