



January 8, 2018

Honourable Sandra Jansen  
Minister of Infrastructure  
127 Legislature Building  
10800 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Jansen:

Each year at our annual Convention, AUMA members discuss and vote on proposed resolutions related to matters that impact municipalities, but require action by other orders of government. Enclosed for your response is the 2017 resolution that pertains to your ministry:

- AUMA Resolution 2017.E3 - Need for Hospital Expansion.

We look forward to your response to this resolution.

If you wish to review the resolutions pertaining to other ministries, they can be found on our website at: <https://auma.ca/advocacy-services/resolutions/resolutions-library>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Morishita', is written over a light grey horizontal line.

Barry Morishita  
AUMA President

cc: Honourable Sarah Hoffman, Minister of Health

Enclosure

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Government Act charges municipalities to provide and sustain a good quality of life for all citizens;

**WHEREAS** health care is an essential quality of life marker for citizens;

**WHEREAS** the Red Deer Regional Hospital plays an essential role within Alberta Health Services and the Central Alberta zone as a primary health service provider for our citizens and regional population;

**WHEREAS** Red Deer Regional Hospital is the fourth busiest hospital in ALL of Alberta and the busiest referral hospital in All of Alberta;

**WHEREAS** Red Deer has immediate access to over 81 per cent of Alberta's 4 million population within a two hour drive and is a commercial and industrial hub with an immediate trade area of 271,000 people and thus the hospital services much more than a regional population;

**WHEREAS** in a December 2015 Needs Assessment<sup>1</sup> of the Red Deer Regional Hospital, Alberta Health Services stated that:

“Programs which are operating either at or beyond capacity within the Central Zone have been targeted, analyzed and described in this Needs Assessment. These programs are as follows:

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| * Interventional and Procedural Services | * Ambulatory Care Services             |
| * Emergency Services                     | * Addiction and Mental Health Services |
| * Cardiac Science Services               | * Clinical Support Services            |
| * Maternal Child Services                | * Non-clinical Support Services” and   |

**WHEREAS** Red Deer Regional Hospital was previously identified in Government of Alberta infrastructure priorities as the 4th in a list of 17 priorities<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS** in the 2016 Alberta Health Services Multi-Year Facility Infrastructure Capital Submission<sup>3</sup>, the Red Deer Regional Hospital is no longer identified in the list of priorities and was excluded from capital funding;

**WHEREAS** strong community, physician and Red Deer Regional Hospital Foundation support for capital hospital expansion in the Central Zone has been identified;

**WHEREAS** 56% of the Hospital’s patients consistently ARE NOT FROM RED DEER;

**WHEREAS** there is a 50-60% higher mortality rate in the Central Zone due to transportation and rehabilitation issues; and

**WHEREAS** a fully functional Red Deer Regional Hospital benefits all Albertans.

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<sup>1</sup> Alberta Health Services Needs Assessment: Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre Service & Program Expansion, December `2015

<sup>2</sup> Alberta Health Services 2015 Multi-Year Facility Infrastructure Capital Submission, July 13, 2015

<sup>3</sup> 2016 Multi-Year Facility Infrastructure Capital Submission, December 2016

**IT IS THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT** the AUMA urge Government of Alberta to consider reinstating the Red Deer Regional Hospital to the capital priorities list as identified in the 2015 Capital Submission for the purpose of ensuring timely and accessible health service equity for the citizens of the Central Zone.