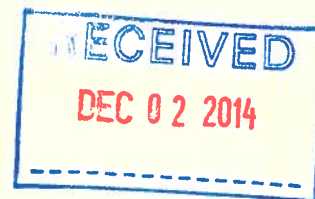




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November 24, 2014

Ms. Helen Rice
President
Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
300, 8616 51 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T6E 6E6

Dear Ms. Rice:

Thank you for forwarding your association's resolution regarding my department's input in developments adjacent to provincial highways. As Minister of Transportation, I am pleased to respond.

Alberta Transportation has a long standing policy of requiring municipalities to take responsibility for addressing impacts on provincial highway systems resulting from land use decisions and development approvals. This is because municipalities are the land use approving authorities for new developments within their boundaries.

Different developments generate different types and volumes of traffic, and the impact on the provincial highway varies. We strive to work alongside municipalities and developers to identify all impacts on provincial highways and ensure they are accounted for during initial development planning. Identifying and accounting for impacts can be challenging, particularly when developments occur in phases over several years. As details are finalized regarding successive phases of a development, the cumulative impacts of the development often need to be reassessed.

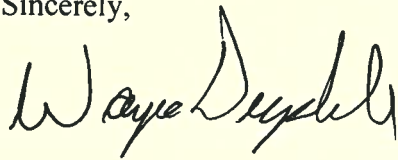
Our mandate is to ensure the safety of the public traveling on provincial highways. This means all access onto provincial highways must meet safety standards. We are currently reviewing our roadside development processes and will seek input from municipalities to ensure municipal needs are addressed. I have forwarded your concerns with this process to department staff as input for this review.

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Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Drysdale". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

Wayne Drysdale
Minister