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Mr. Barry Morishita  
President  
Alberta Urban Municipalities Association  
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Dear Mr. Morishita:

Thank you for your January 8, 2018 letter regarding AUMA Resolution 2017.B8.

The Government of Alberta supports active modes of transportation, as they increase the health of Albertans and lower greenhouse gas emissions. We are committed to creating a transportation system that is safe, secure, and strives for zero deaths and serious injuries. Research shows a variety of strategies can change behaviours and achieve these goals, such as education and awareness, community engagement, enforcement, legislation, new technologies, and infrastructure improvements.

Under the *Traffic Safety Act*, a local road authority (i.e., a municipality) can pass bylaws for roads under its direction, control, and management, providing the bylaws are consistent with the Act. Additionally, the *Municipal Government Act* authorizes municipalities to pass bylaws respecting "the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property." Together, this legislation allows municipalities to pass bylaws requiring youth to use helmets for wheeled activities. For example, the City of St. Albert passed a bylaw requiring children under 12 to wear a helmet while skateboarding, in-line skating, or using non-motorized scooters.

Alberta Transportation regularly reviews transportation safety legislation, and AUMA's resolution will be helpful in informing future reviews as we consider how best to ensure the safety of all Albertans.

I appreciate you taking the time to share AUMA's resolutions with me.

Sincerely,



Brian Mason  
Minister