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His Worship Craig Wilson
Mayor, Town of Swan Hills
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Dear Mayor ^{Craig} Wilson and Reeve ^{Ken} Matthews:

Thank you for your letter of August 29, 2018, to the Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, requesting an exemption to the creation of an intermunicipal development plan (IDP) between Big Lakes County and the Town of Swan Hills.

On July 19, 2018, Ministerial Order No. MSL: 047/18 was approved, which provides an exemption from the requirement to create an IDP where the entire area along the common boundary is composed of federal or provincial Crown land, and where "...all parties to the framework agree to apply the exemption by resolution and file copies of the resolutions with the Minister within 90 days of the date each resolution is passed."

With the submission of your letter and copies of the Town of Swan Hills signed council meeting minutes of August 8, 2018, containing motion #180808, and Big Lakes County signed meeting minutes of August 22, 2018, containing motion 2018-15-405, Municipal Affairs confirms the municipalities have met the requirements for an exemption for an IDP between the Town of Swan Hills and Big Lake County as per Ministerial Order No. MSL:047/18.

Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact the Strategic Planning and Policy Branch of Municipal Affairs, toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-427-2225, or at ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,


Brad Pickering
Deputy Minister

cc: Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Bill Lewis, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Swan Hills
Roy J. Brideau, Chief Administrative Officer, Big Lakes County